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Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: NEH Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions

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UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting statements of interest for the NEH Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions funding opportunity. Organizations are limited to submit **one proposal**, but distinct collecting entities of a larger organization may apply under this announcement, such as the library and museum of a university or two historic sites within a historical society.

Preservation Assistance Grants (PAG) help small and mid-sized institutions, including colleges and universities, improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. These may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials.

The NEH is especially interested in supporting projects that advance humanities-related work in the following areas. It also encourages projects that include Native American organizations and communities as applicants and project partners.

**American Tapestry--Weaving Together Past, Present, and Future** is a wide-ranging special initiative that leverages the humanities to tackle some of the most pressing challenges of our time: strengthening our democracy, advancing equity for all, and addressing our changing climate. This initiative encourages projects that elevate the role of civics in schools and public programs, advance knowledge of the country's history and political institutions, and examine threats to its democratic principles. The initiative also encourages projects that explore the untold stories of historically underrepresented groups and build capacity at cultural and educational institutions to benefit underserved communities. Finally, the initiative welcomes projects that promote research into the historical roots and cultural effects of climate change and support the cultural and educational sectors in building climate resilience.

**United We Stand--Connecting Through Culture:** Hate must have no safe harbor in America, especially when that hate fuels the kind of wanton violence we've seen in Oak Creek, Pittsburgh, El Paso, Poway, Atlanta, and Buffalo to name only a few. When ordinary Americans cannot participate in the basic activities of everyday life--shopping at the grocery store or praying at a house of worship--without the fear of being targeted and killed for who they are, our security, as well as democracy, are at risk. As a part of this initiative, NEH encourages humanities projects that further our understanding of the nation's racial, ethnic, gender, and religious diversity; examine the sources of hate and intolerance in the United States; and explore progress towards greater inclusiveness.

**Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative:** As a part of its partnership with the Dept. of the Interior, the NEH encourages projects that further public understanding and knowledge of the Federal Indian boarding school system. From 1819 through the 1970s, the US government operated a system of schools for Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children premised on a policy of coerced cultural assimilation. Native children were forcibly separated from their families and sent to federal Indian boarding schools, where they were frequently subject to harsh treatment and abuse. Many students died; others never were returned to their families and communities. Many were also deprived of their cultural inheritance. The NEH encourages projects that document and explore the history of the federal Indian boarding schools, as well as projects that contribute to Native and Indigenous cultural and language revitalization.

**This is a Limited Competition. Each institution may submit 1 (one) application.** You may request up to \$10,000. This includes the sum of direct and indirect costs. You may request a 12 to 18 month period of performance with a start date between September 1 and December 1, 2024.

Full details can be found at [www.neh.gov/sites/default/files/inline-files/PAG%20NOFO%202024.pdf](http://www.neh.gov/sites/default/files/inline-files/PAG%20NOFO%202024.pdf).

**Preservation Assistance Grant Webinar: Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 @ 2pm ET (Noon MT);** to register, go to <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/a43df1b1-c62a-4871-8f5e-76874c8c7e7d@93b06459-c77d-44b6-af7f-e813cddcdcc3>. **The deadline for full proposals is January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

If interested in submitting a proposal to this solicitation, please submit a 200-word statement of interest with a tentative project title along with name(s) and department(s) of all personnel, by **NOON November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023** via UNM's InfoReady portal <https://unm.infoready4.com/>. Based on the number of responses received, the Limited Competition Management Team may announce a call for preproposals.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu).

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