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UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting e-mails 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.

According to the 1965 National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act, “The term ‘humanities’ includes, but is not limited to, the study of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism and theory of the arts; those aspects of the social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life.”

You may apply for a ceiling amount of up to \$10,000. Applicants whose projects respond to [“A More Perfect Union”](#): NEH Special Initiative Advancing Civic Education and Commemorating the Nation’s 250th Anniversary may request up to \$15,000 for planning activities; up to \$10,000 of that request may be for standard PAG activities. The period of performance is up to eighteen months, with a start date of September 1, 2021. Cost sharing is not required in this program. Applicants may, however, use voluntary cost sharing for projects in which the total costs exceed the amount awarded by NEH.

Additional details can be found at <https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-assistance-grants-smaller-institutions>. The deadline for full proposals is January 14, 2021.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal to this solicitation, please send a statement of interest with a tentative project title, name(s) and department(s) of all personnel, and a brief description (200 words) by **noon, Monday, November 2, 2020** via e-mail to limited@unm.edu. Please add the following to the subject line: **NEH Preservation – your name**. 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.

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