

UNM JOINT HSC+Main Limited Competition Announcement

Dear UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting statements of interest and pre-proposals for the **Albuquerque Community Foundation (ACF)** limited competition. ACF provides support for programs serving residents in Bernalillo, Sandoval, Torrance and Valencia counties. ACF has one grant cycle for all program areas: Arts and Culture, Education, Environmental and Historic Preservation, Economic and Workforce Development, Health, Human Services, and Animal Welfare. UNM may submit one application in two different fields of interest for a total of **two** applications. Applications are anticipated to open in late January and close in late March. All grants awarded will be General Operating grants. *This means funding will be unrestricted and grantees may use the funds as needed throughout the year.* Specific project-based grants will not be accepted for 2026. Rather, please describe the work, goals and impact of the program or department for which you are requesting funding. ****Please note that this funding opportunity is not intended for medical, academic or scientific research. Rather, it supports activities intended to address the needs of communities.**** The UNM Foundation will act as the applicant for this opportunity. ACF considers Main Campus and HSC a single institution.

Note: The ACF has not yet posted their new/updated 2026 guidelines. Requirements are subject to change when the updated sponsor guidelines are released.

Sponsor: ACF

Opportunity Title: Albuquerque Community Foundation Grant Program

Sponsor Due Date(s): March 27, 2026 (anticipated)

Award Range: \$10,000 - \$20,000. Indirect costs are not allowable.

Number of Submissions Allowed from UNM: Two (2) total: one proposal in two different fields of interest.

Solicitation: <https://abqcf.org/grants/#grant-priorities>

Albuquerque Community Foundation Fields of Interest:

- **Arts and Culture:** Arts & Culture grants will support creative arts education for youth (K-12), enhancing cultural arts, and theater and/or dance.
- **Education:** Education grants fund literacy education for K-12, early childhood education and after school programs; addressing adult literacy, vocational/career training and programs to benefit seniors; learning experiences for those with special needs and skills-based education programs.
- **Environmental and Historic Preservation:** Grants in this field of interest support preservation of the environment, wildlife and historic buildings.
- **Economic and Workforce Development:** Grants support intentional, inventive efforts to ensure community wealth building for under-resourced populations, including working towards ensuring a robust local economy; contributing to progress for entrepreneurs and the state's workforce; and providing innovative support systems for entrepreneurs.
- **Health:** Health grants include providing emergency care/services, addressing food insecurity; mental and behavioral health needs, general healthcare needs including home healthcare and hospice, and supporting dental needs.
- **Human Services:** Human Services grants will aid individuals as they transition to more self-sustainable lifestyles with an emphasis on fostering self-sufficiency and nurturing families, specific to supporting underserved populations.

- **Animal Welfare:** Grants in this area support diverse programs related to animal needs, including animal welfare (i.e. basic animal health), education and training on how to care for animals (including education about wildlife and ecosystems), and programs involved in the training and certification of service animals.

Criteria and Priorities for Applicants:

- Well-established organizations with a proven track record providing services benefiting people in Greater Albuquerque's Creative Economy
- Clearly and specifically aligned with one of the Foundation's Fields of Interest
- Have clearly defined organizational goals and measurable program outcomes and outputs
- Build on community, regional and organizational assets and strengths
- Organizations should demonstrate their ability to work with other partners to identify community needs and gaps in services

Limited Comp. Instructions: We will be conducting a two-step internal competition to ensure we have a review committee in place by the pre-proposal deadline. You must complete both steps if you are interested in participating. *This sponsor considers Main Campus and HSC a single institution. The same submission process will be used for applications from Main Campus and HSC.*

Limited Comp. STEP 1: Required SOI Due Date: **NOON on November 3, 2025** (for planning purposes)

Limited Comp. STEP 2: Pre-proposal Due Date: **NOON on November 10, 2025**

STEP ONE: Please submit your ~100-word **statement of interest** with a tentative title, program area you are addressing and a brief description of the activities via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). This is a required step, and no late submissions will be considered. Note that SOIs will NOT be scored; we require them to assist us in forming a review committee.

STEP TWO: Please submit your 2-page pre-proposal, draft budget overview and an abbreviated PI CV via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). You will receive an email when the InfoReady competition has been converted from the SOI application to the pre-proposal application, but you may work on your documents outside the system before that. No late submissions will be considered.

The preproposal should include the program area you are addressing, (1) a brief description of the activities and/or programs of your organization including (2) the community need or issues addressed by your work and (3) the population(s) who benefit and (4) describe how a grant will complement these services and assist in achieving organizational and/or program goals. Since ACF will not pay indirect costs, do not include F&A in your draft budget.

Should you have any questions please contact us at limited@unm.edu. If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact HSC Limited Competition at HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu for more information.