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- 1. Decide whether you want to direct your grant recommendation to the general Fall grant pool, to a specific proposal, to the Community Leadership Fund, or all three.
- 2. Fill out the Donation Request Form on page 33 indicating your choices.
- 3. Fax your signed Donor Request Form to 505-988-1829 by Thursday, October 31, 2013.

If you are interested in learning more about any of the enclosed grant proposals, please contact Christa Coggins by phone at 505-988-9715 ext 7002 or by email: ccoggins@santafecf.org

# Giving Together Fall Grant Round 2013

## Opportunities to Make a Difference Now

The Santa Fe Community Foundation's *Giving Together* program enhances our ability to support nonprofits throughout northern New Mexico by awarding grants that promote positive social change by: **improving the health of underserved residents** of our region, improving access to **affordable healthy food**, strengthening the delivery of **homelessness services**; increasing **public engagement in the arts**; supporting **animal welfare** in the region; and to increase the capacity and reach of the **Community Leadership Fund**.

In this Fall Grant Round we received 102 proposals requesting \$940,000 to support our region's nonprofit work in these areas. The proposals included here have met our basic due diligence.

As a Fundholder\*, there are two ways for you to make grants of \$250 or more: through your Fund or through a personal donation. There are three ways to direct your grants:

- To the general pool to be awarded through the competitive grants process;
- To one or more specific proposals in the catalogue; or
- To the Community Leadership Fund.

Grant awards will be announced in November and contributing Donor Advisors will be acknowledged.

We hope you enjoy learning about these opportunities as you think about your own grantmaking. Supporting proposals through this process allows you and us to stretch our resources further and fund more projects than would otherwise be possible. Through *Giving Together* we can have a greater impact on our communities by insuring that the much needed services and resources provided by these nonprofits get delivered to those who need them.

\*You need to have a fund with SFCF to be able to make grants through the catalogue, or you can make Giving Together pass-through grants for a fee of \$200 or 2% of the value of the grant, whichever is larger.

\*\*Proposals designated as LGBTQ have been submitted to the Envision Fund, formerly called the Lesbian and Gay Community Funding Partnership.

# Grant Proposals: **Animal Welfare**

## **Animal Protection of New Mexico**

Requested: \$15,000

| Animal Welfare

**Mission:** To advocate the rights of animals by affecting systemic change, resulting in the humane treatment of all animals.

**Proposal:** APNM seeks funds to improve the community and its animals through effective programs and public awareness campaigns designed to create measurable impact for individual animals and on a systemic level statewide.

Staff Comments: In 2011, law enforcement agencies identified 21,368 victims of domestic violence in New Mexico. No data is currently kept on the animals involved in these incidents, but studies have shown that 18 to 48% of battered women delay leaving abusive situations out of fear for the safety of their animals.

#### Horse Shelter

Requested: \$10,000

| Animal Welfare

**Mission:** To serve as a sanctuary for New Mexico's abandoned, abused and neglected horses. Rescued horses are rehabilitated and adopted out whenever possible to environments that support their well-being.

**Proposal:** Funds will enhance the Shelter's capacity to help more abused and abandoned horses through support of the adoption program; increase and expand their community outreach program and resources; and improve their facilities and add run-in shelters to all paddocks.

**Staff Comments:** Calls to the Shelter from the public wanting information, reporting abuse cases or possible poor living conditions, and calls from horse owners seeking help have tripled in the last year.

The ♦ symbol indicates that a nonprofit has received discretionary grants from SFCF within the past three years.

## **People for Native Ecosystems**

Requested: \$5,000

| Animal Welfare

**Mission:** To protect and maintain Santa Fe's imperiled population of Gunnison's Prairie Dogs and to restore and preserve their native ecosystem through programs of community stewardship.

**Proposal:** Funds will support reintroduction of Gunnison's Prairie Dogs to the Galisteo Basin Preserve. The Preserve is a 13,200-acre land conservation and community development project.

**Staff Comments:** Although the primary beneficiaries of this project will be over a hundred Prairie Dogs, Burrowing Owl, Swift Fox, Tiger Salamander and other species will benefit as well.

## Santa Fe Animal Shelter and Humane Society

Requested: \$15,000

| Animal Welfare

**Mission:** To reduce animal suffering by curbing overpopulation, teaching compassion, and supporting healthy relationships between people and animals.

**Proposal:** For dogs with kenneling-related negative behaviors, the Shelter seeks funds for an outdoor training facility including outdoor dog living areas, equipment for mental stimulation, and a simulated home environment for transition to indoor living.

**Staff Comments:** Currently, the Shelter is unable to meet the demands of dogs with kenneling-related negative behaviors which make up most of the 10% of unadoptable animals annually.

## Santa Fe Raptor Center

Requested: \$5,000

| Animal Welfare

**Mission:** To rescue, rehabilitate and release all native and migrating wild birds, with a special emphasis on birds of prey. The Center provides guardianship for non-releasable birds as educational ambassadors.

**Proposal:** Funds will help feed, care for, and house native and migrating bird species that come to the Center as a result of injury or as orphans. SFRC cares for songbirds, waterfowl, and raptors with the goal of releasing them to the wild when they are healed.

Staff Comments: SFRC has 70-100 educational programs annually, with a focus on children's venues. National Wildlife Federation reports that schools with environmental education programs score higher on standardized tests in math, reading, writing and listening.

## Sky Mountain Wild Horse Sanctuary

Requested: \$5,000

| Animal Welfare

**Mission:** To foster humane treatment of wild horses and a conservation ethic through providing sanctuary for mustangs and humane, innovative, science-based management for mustangs in the wild.

**Proposal:** Funds will be used to provide sanctuary for more wild horses, deepen partnerships, treat mustangs with contraception, shift policy to keep more mustangs free, and share our humane vision for wild horses.

**Staff Comments:** According to the latest estimates, there are 75,000 feral and wild horses in the nation, and the numbers are growing. They have no owners, and many of them are believed to be native to the West.

## Street Homeless Animal Project

Requested: \$5,000

| Animal Welfare

**Mission:** To assist the street homeless community of Santa Fe county by providing spay/neuter access, veterinary care (including surgery), and food and supplies for their companion animal.

**Proposal:** The Project seeks funds to expand their capacity and volunteer base so they can meet the health and safety needs of the companion animals of the street homeless in Santa Fe.

**Staff Comments:** There are currently no other programs dedicated to supporting the companion animals of Santa Fe's homeless population.

#### WildEarth Guardians

Requested: \$5,000

| Animal Welfare

**Mission:** To protect and restore the wildlife, wild places, and wild rivers of the American West.

**Proposal:** Guardians seeks funds for their work to pass legislation to significantly restrict trapping and poisoning on public lands in New Mexico. Traps and poisons are unselective, cruel, dangerous, archaic, and harmful to wildlife, people, and pets.

**Staff Comments:** Over the last few years, the hunting quotas on bears and cougars have increased to unsustainable levels, while conservation regulations have been loosened, leading to an increased use of traps.

### Wildlife Center

Requested: \$10,000

Animal Welfare

**Mission:** To conserve and restore native wildlife and their habitats through action-oriented education, promotion of public awareness, strategic partnerships, and responsible wildlife rehabilitation.

**Proposal:** Based in Española, the Wildlife Center requests funds to support the care and feeding of injured, orphaned, and ill wildlife, and the dissemination of information to the public who have wildlife encounters.

**Staff Comments:** Ongoing drought and fire continue to push wildlife into residential areas and the Center receives over 800 animals each year, some rescued unnecessarily.

# Grant Proposals: **Arts**

#### **516 ARTS**

Requested Amount: \$10,000

| Arts

**Mission:** To connect the arts and audiences; offer artists in all media opportunities to create, interpret, and present their work; present innovative interdisciplinary education programs; and actively partner in developing New Mexico's cultural landscape.

**Proposal:** Funds will support 2014 exhibitions and programming, including Digital Latin America, an international partnership, major exhibition, and event exploring cultural and technological exchanges of art and ideas between Latin America and the Southwest U.S.

Staff Comments: 516 ARTS is an independent, nonprofit arts and education organization operating a museum-style gallery in the center of Downtown Albuquerque at 516 Central Avenue between 5th and 6th Streets.

## **Arts of Nature**

Requested Amount: \$5,000

Arts

**Mission:** To re-establish a balanced interchange with the natural world, both in individuals and communities, through immersive nature education, celebratory arts and advocacy work.

**Proposal:** Arts of Nature serves low-income and underserved communities in the process of building art installations and other props. Seasonal projects will be displayed by the artists during outdoor community festivals at the Railyard Park in 2014.

**Staff Comments:** Arts of Nature aims to develop an organic community model for effectively addressing an underlying disparity between modern, technology-centered lifestyles and the natural world.

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#### **ARTsmart**

#### Requested Amount: \$10,000

**Mission:** To connect disparate peoples, ideas, and places, and collectively celebrate the best in our world and in ourselves through the creation and diffusion of community video filmmaking.

Arts

**Proposal:** ARTsmart seeks funds for programs varying from visiting artist programs for elementary through high school to ArtFeast where student-produced art is sold with a 50/50 split between students and teachers.

**Staff Comments:** ARTsmart provides high-risk children ages 5-12 at low-income Santa Fe Public Schools and Zona del Sol with access to free, after-school, high quality visual arts learning.

#### **ARTsmart**

#### Native American Endowment Fund

Requested Amount: \$10,000 | Arts

**Mission:** To empower and transform lives by teaching art making, literacy, and life skills in an innovative learning environment. We believe that the visual arts help youth to discover more about themselves, their worth, and their talents.

**Proposal:** ARTsmart seeks funds for an after-school program in Santa Clara Pueblo Day School with a Tewa language component, providing a safe and structured extended learning day rich in visual arts learning as well as the opportunity for increased exposure to the language.

**Staff Comments:** The Santa Clara Pueblo community has identified after-school programming as a critical need.

#### **Avanti Arts and Education**

Requested Amount: \$5,000

Arts

**Mission:** To challenge students academically, socially and spiritually with intellectual studies, creative expression and manual work tied to experiential learning, incorporating values supporting diversity and preservation, local economies, farming, and renewable energy.

**Proposal:** Avanti seeks funds for their school-based, contest-oriented, online film festival that empowers young people by helping to develop student-made video art and by providing young artists with a platform for sharing ideas with a broader community audience.

**Staff Comments:** Currently, area youth can share videos with family and friends at school, but no site exists for youth video-sharing. YouTube, Facebook, and Vimeo are not always safe.

## **Axle Contemporary**

Requested Amount: \$5,000

**Arts** 

**Mission:** To bring art to the streets in our mobile gallery and other public exhibitions. We exhibit visual, performance, and literary arts. We are a facilitator for artists to explore inventive and socially engaged approaches to exhibition.

**Proposal:** Axle Contemporary seeks funds to produce and exhibit contemporary New Mexico art on the streets of Santa Fe in its mobile gallery and other unusual public places.

**Staff Comments:** Based in Santa Fe, Axle Contemporary takes creative work to people where they live, shop, learn, and congregate, and serves to honor and encourage artistic experience and self-expression.

#### CENTER

Requested Amount: \$10,000 | Arts

**Mission:** To honor, support, and provide opportunities to gifted and committed photographers. The programs and awards administered by CENTER offer education, recognition, exhibition, and exposure to fine art and documentary photographers.

**Proposal:** Based in Santa Fe, CENTER seeks funding to provide free, public community projects, educational and interpretative programming, as well as exhibitions across the city.

**Staff Comments:** In 2014, CENTER will celebrate its 20-year anniversary with a citywide photo-festival featuring exhibitions, community arts projects, gallery tours, symposia and more. CENTER exposes outstanding fine art and documentary photography to broad audiences.

## **Center for Contemporary Arts**

Requested Amount: \$5,000 | Arts

**Mission:** To create, maintain, and promote a vibrant regional gathering place for the presentation of diverse and challenging contemporary art forms and ideas through interdisciplinary programs and educational outreach.

**Proposal:** CCA seeks funds to bring Santa Fe public high school students to its exhibition, *Atomic Surplus*, which details the history and impact of the atomic bomb. Students will watch one of two films, *Dr. Strangelove* or *Atomic Cafe*, with context provided by scholars.

**Staff Comments:** Lectures for high school students will be provided by Lois Rudnick, Professor Emerita of American Studies at UMass Boston.

## **Cornerstones Community Partnerships**

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Arts

**Mission:** To preserve architectural heritage and community traditions at 300+ locations in New Mexico and the greater Southwest. Historic preservation is a tool for youth training, community revitalization and the affirmation of cultural values.

**Proposal:** Funds will support the summer 2014 Youth Internship Program which teaches New Mexico youth, the majority of whom are low-income, the hands-on knowledge and traditional building skills needed to preserve historic buildings in their community.

Staff Comments: Many New Mexico youth are forced to leave small, rural communities to find employment in cities, separating them from important cultural traditions and time-honored practices, including vernacular construction techniques.

#### Creative Santa Fe

Requested Amount: \$15,000

Arts

**Mission:** To strengthen Santa Fe's creative economy and enhance the quality of life for citizens and visitors through collaboration and innovation.

**Proposal:** Creative Santa Fe seeks funds for current initiatives: affordable live/work space and shared resource center for artists and creative individuals, and improving Santa Fe's physical infrastructure using arts and cultural assets to create a more connected and pedestrian-friendly city.

Staff Comments: A recent affordable housing survey in Santa Fe identified the need for housing in the \$500/month range. The live/work space will meet that gap, retain local youth, and add new products, jobs, and vibrancy to Santa Fe's creative economy.

## **Dancing Earth Creations**

Requested Amount: \$5,000

Arts

**Mission:** To encourage and revitalize the ecological awareness, cultural diversity, and wellness of all peoples through indigenous dance expressions rooted in the spirit of America's first peoples and the land.

**Proposal:** Funds support Living Arroyo, a dance-based eco-performance in the arroyo of the Santa Fe Botanical Garden. Developed through four seasons of ecological and cultural exploration, the project will revitalize awareness and spirit of the Santa Fe watershed.

**Staff Comments:** This project aims to strengthen and encourage traditional indigenous wisdom in the honoring of water and watershed ecology.

#### El Museo Cultural de Santa Fe

Requested Amount: \$10,000

Arts

**Mission:** To preserve, promote, protect, and enhance the traditions and arts of the Hispanic Culture in New Mexico with emphasis on nurturing continuation of the cultural and artistic practices among the Hispanic population, particularly among its youth.

**Proposal:** Funds will sustain the preservation and promotion of the Hispanic cultural heritage of Santa Fe and northern New Mexico through programs of El Museo and its existence as a Hispanic cultural center and community resource.

**Staff Comments:** El Museo provides an environment in which the broader community can experience the culture and values reflected in the long history of Hispanic settlement of the area.

## Española Valley Fiber Arts Center

Requested Amount: \$10,000

♦ | Arts

**Mission:** To preserve and promote the rich textile heritage of northern New Mexico by providing learning and teaching experiences for all ages and backgrounds, and by providing encouragement and training towards economic sustainability in the fiber arts.

**Proposal:** The Center seeks support for their year-round classes in all aspects of weaving, spinning, dyeing, knitting, embroidery, and other techniques. Many classes are taught by recognized masters in their field, and they offer instruction in Northern New Mexican traditions such as Chimayó-style weaving, Jerga, and Colcha embroidery.

**Staff Comments:** Wool processing capacity in New Mexico is scarce with one mill, Mora Spinning Mill, capable of transforming fleeces to fiber for handspinners or yarn for weavers or knitters.

## Family YMCA

Requested Amount: \$10,000

Arts

**Mission:** To build individual, family and community strength through partnerships by focusing on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

**Proposal:** The YMCA's Española Teen Center seeks support for hands-on projects in sculptural welding, bike building, diorama creation of local landmarks, farm-to-plate growing and cooking, audio engineering, mural design, jewelry making, and woodworking.

**Staff Comments:** The Rio Arriba County high school dropout rate is 7.6% compared to the state average of 4.6%, and 13% dropout at the middle school level. Teen youth engagement is a stated priority in the Española and the county.

## Georgia O'Keeffe Museum

#### Requested Amount: \$10,000

Arts

**Mission:** Dedicated to the artistic legacy of Georgia O'Keeffe, her life, American Modernism, and public engagement. The Museum's exhibitions, Research Center, and outreach programs serve and inspire diverse audiences.

**Proposal:** GOKM's Art & Leadership Program for Girls & Boys, ages 11-13, seeks funds for multidisciplinary art programs and art making to support students in exploring their creativity and developing life-skills including problem-solving, and goal-setting.

**Staff Comments:** The Art & Leadership Program offers enriched arts education programming for students who show core interest and promise in the arts and whose educational and home backgrounds are unlikely to foster that potential.

## **High Road Artisans**

#### Requested Amount: \$5,000

Art

**Mission:** To enhance the economic viability of the artists and artisans in the rural communities along the High Road to Taos in northern New Mexico through educational and promotional opportunities.

**Proposal:** Funds support promotion of artists in remote mountain villages on the High Road to Taos. HRA's annual studio tour provides essential income for artists, and grants cover many of the tour's expenses.

**Staff Comments:** The Tour began as an economic development project through La Jicarita Enterprise Community, a federal program targeting economically challenged areas. HRA continues to meet that challenge by enabling artists to earn incomes and continue to reside in these communities.

## **Lensic Performing Arts**

#### Requested Amount: \$15,000

Arts

**Mission:** To enrich lives by bringing diverse art and people together. Through accessible and affordable programming, The Lensic presents and supports local and national artists and serves as a center for community, youth and education events.

**Proposal:** To increase access to art and education programs that bring residents together to celebrate common heritage and build understanding among diverse cultures. LPAC seeks funds for subsidies for ticket prices, production and rental costs, and free education programs.

Staff Comments: The Lensic's Community Sponsor Program offers technical assistance, box office management and marketing, and public relations services. Since 2003 the program has helped over 160 nonprofits raise more \$1.7 million through events at The Lensic.

## Millicent Rogers Museum

#### Requested Amount: \$10,000

| Arts

**Mission:** To share and celebrate the arts and cultures of the Southwest.

**Proposal:** The Museum seeks funds to produce a major, 6-month exhibition, "Fred Harvey and the Making of the American West." Harvey and his unique partnership with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad created the enduring image of the American West and "introduced America to Americans."

**Staff Comments:** Based in Taos, the Museum works to increase pride and multicultural understanding by telling the unique cultural stories of the area.

## Music at Angel Fire

#### Requested Amount: \$15,000

Arts

**Mission:** To bring the highest standard of artistic excellence in the chamber music repertoire and to broaden the availability and access of the performing arts to the underserved communities and schools of northern New Mexico through its program services.

**Proposal:** Music at Angel Fire seeks funds for their Chamber Music Festival which provides access to the arts through concert performances and educational outreach across northern New Mexico, serving San Miguel, Mora, Colfax, and Taos counties.

**Staff Comments:** Access to the performing arts is very limited in the Festival's rural communities and public school music programs continue to be cut.

## **New Mexico Literary Arts**

### Requested Amount: \$5,000

Arts

**Mission:** To inspire and develop the imaginative use of language and to create opportunities for the integration of the literary arts with other art forms throughout New Mexico.

**Proposal:** New Mexico Literary Arts seeks support to perform well-loved classic poems and create new poems with people living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

Staff Comments: Over 31,000 New Mexicans have Alzheimer's disease; this is expected to increase to 43,000 by 2025. Studies indicate that a significant number of people in mid- to late- stage dementia remember words and lines from poems learned in childhood. Moreover, study participants show a high level of positive facial expressions, laughter, verbalizing memories, and robust social interactions.

## New Mexico School for the Arts

#### Requested Amount: \$15,000

Arts

**Mission:** To help young artists develop their full potential through a rigorous mastery of arts and academic high school education. NMSA is a public/private partnership between the nonprofit arts education NMSA-Art Institute and the NMSA-Charter School.

**Proposal:** The NMSA-Art Institute seeks support for its arts mastery program in Dance, Theater, Music, and the Visual Arts which allows youth to pursue their artistic dreams and obtain a high school diploma.

**Staff Comments:** NMSA's arts education, programming and mentor relationships, and its Outreach and Residential programs are entirely supported by private contributions raised by the NMSA-Art Institute.

## Only Green Design

#### Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Arts

**Mission:** To envisage a sustainable, healthy, and environmentally responsible world. Only Green Design models how architecture, community development, and social interaction can change the world for the better.

**Proposal:** OGD seeks funding for the Upcycle Santa Fe Eco-Brick Contest for installation at Tierra Encantada Charter School in Santa Fe, an ecological education program to collect non-biodegradable waste and "upcycle" them into building materials.

**Staff Comments:** The OGD project facilitates landfill diversion and zero waste education (zero waste is defined as the diversion of all materials from landfill), youth participation within public art installations, and a youth presence in the Santa Fe Railyard District.

#### **Parallel Studios**

Requested Amount: \$5,000

Arts

Mission: To bring New Media Arts to the public via CURRENTS: THE SANTA FE INTERNATIONAL NEW MEDIA FESTIVAL, which offers exhibitions, multimedia performances, internships, and educational programs that reach out to the community and schools.

**Proposal:** Parallel Studios seeks support to bring the work of over 100 local, regional, national, and international artists to exhibit disciplines such as video art, interactive media installations, sound installations, web-art, art gaming, multimedia performance.

**Staff Comments:** New Media Arts blend today's technologies with many contemporary and traditional art modalities and are an important aspect of 21st Century culture.

#### Partners in Education Foundation – ArtWorks

Requested Amount: \$10,000

♦ | Arts

**Mission:** To marshal resources and create alliances to foster excellence in Santa Fe's public schools.

**Proposal:** PIE's ArtWorks program uses Santa Fe's arts community to help public school students build critical thinking skills through inquiry, art-making, and viewing live performances and exhibits, and trains teachers to use the arts in math and language skills.

**Staff Comments:** In 2011, only one school in the Santa Fe district met the state's Annual Yearly Progress rankings and nine schools received a D or F school improvement assessment grade. The graduation rate is 53%.

## Sangre de Cristo Chorale

Requested Amount: \$5,000

Arts

**Mission:** For committed volunteer singers to support each other in the joy of shared musical excellence and to strive to touch the hearts of listeners, educate and inspire young people, and connect with the community.

**Proposal:** Funds will be used to enrich the cultural experiences of community audiences and enhance the knowledge and skills of high school students in northern New Mexico through apprenticeships, school choir workshop and engagement programs, and scholarships for seniors.

**Staff Comments:** SDCC's youth program includes an apprentice program for high school students, higher-education scholarships for graduating high school music students, and an annual community engagement program for high school choirs.

## Santa Fe Community Orchestra

Requested Amount: \$15,000

Arts

**Mission:** To provide opportunities for volunteer musicians to perform free concerts for a broad range of NM audiences; provide educational programs to all ages; engage NM soloists; present the work of NM composers; support Santa Fe's musical/cultural life.

**Proposal:** Funds support free, high-quality concerts accessible to the economically disadvantaged, including elderly, families, and those on a fixed income, as well as public school students in class and on stage, NM soloists, composers, and creative artists.

**Staff Comments:** The Orchestra's Side-by-Side program serves public school music students (70% of whom live at or below poverty level) by sending SFCO musicians, conductor Oliver Prezant, and professional soloists into public school music classes.

### Santa Fe Concert Association

#### Requested Amount: \$15,000

Arts

**Mission:** To bring world-class performing artists to Santa Fe and provide excellent performing arts education to the youth in our community.

**Proposal:** Funds support workshops and 25+ performances over nine months—all from internationally-acclaimed artists. Beneficiaries of programs include SF Public Schools, National Dance Institute, NM School for the Arts, and assisted living facilities.

**Staff Comments:** SFCA offers 25+ annual performances that employ local stage hands, ticket personnel and others, and also rent local venues, generating earned income for those organizations. Through its various educational activities, SFCA touches the lives of 5,000+ students per year.

#### Santa Fe Desert Chorale

#### Requested Amount: \$15,000

Arts

**Mission:** To enrich the lives of New Mexicans and enhance the experience of travelers visiting the city by presenting world-class concerts by a professional choral ensemble and sponsoring education programs for youth and outreach activities for the community.

**Proposal:** Funding supports annual performance seasons, education programs in the schools, complementary performance outreach activities, and a new initiative intended to reach underserved populations by partnering with social service agencies and SF Public Schools.

**Staff Comments:** A new initiative, the Community Access Program, seeks to expand Santa Fe Desert Chorale's outreach to underserved populations.

### Santa Fe International Folk Art Market

#### Requested Amount: \$5,000

Arts

**Mission:** To foster economic and cultural sustainability for folk artists and folk art worldwide and create intercultural exchange opportunities that unite the peoples of the world.

**Proposal:** Funds support the Community Outreach Program for underserved children and youth throughout northern New Mexico. The Program provides a unique opportunity for young people to interact with folk artists from across the globe, expanding their worldview.

**Staff Comments:** This program promotes increased understanding of world geography and helps students see themselves as global citizens within the context of their own communities.

### Santa Fe Pro Musica

#### Requested Amount: \$15,000

| Arts

**Mission:** To bring together outstanding musicians to inspire and educate audiences of all ages through the performance of great music.

**Proposal:** Funds support youth concerts for over 1,300 children to engage with young soloists in a concert and Q&A format; and collaboration with NDI-NM dance students for a performance of Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" with a live orchestra of NM musicians.

**Staff Comments:** In Santa Fe, only 55% of schools improved in 2013, compared to 70% statewide. Supplemental education like SFPM music programs can help address this performance gap.

## Santa Fe Symphony Orchestra and Chorus

#### Requested Amount: \$15,000

Arts

**Mission:** To be a year-round regional cultural resource, engaging, inspiring, and enriching audiences of all ages and cultures by offering performances of the highest professional quality.

**Proposal:** In addition to the award-winning mentor programs and scholarships that are made available to youth in Santa Fe, northern New Mexico, and beyond, the SFSOC's FanFare program seeks funding for free chamber music recitals by Santa Fe Symphony musicians for residents of retirement homes across Santa Fe.

**Staff Comments:** The Santa Fe Symphony Orchestra was born on September 2, 1984 at a free concert given at the St. Francis Auditorium in Santa Fe. The Chorus of Santa Fe was founded five years earlier in 1979 and merged with the Symphony in 1986.

## Santa Fe Teen Arts Center (Warehouse 21)

## Requested Amount: \$10,000

♦ | Arts

**Mission:** To serve young people through mentorship and entrepreneurial opportunities and encourage all ages community engagement by combining collaborative resources.

**Proposal:** Warehouse 21 seeks support for youth driven multi-genre, multi-cultural, and innovative arts experiences through concerts, theater, radio, recordings, and art exhibitions. As a result of their work, youth can become entrepreneurs in the arts industry.

**Staff Comments:** The YES! (Youth Entrepreneurial Services) Program is an in-house business that includes training in Fashion, Screen Printing, Event Management and Digital Media Services that supports these youth. In 2012, youth produced 145 special events.

## Southwestern Association for Indian Arts

#### Requested Amount: \$15,000

Arts

**Mission:** To bring Native arts to the world by inspiring artistic excellence, fostering education, and creating meaningful partnerships.

**Proposal:** Funds support Santa Fe Indian Market Week. Each August this event offers 150,000+ visitors an opportunity to meet and interact with artists from 130+ tribes. Attendees can buy work directly from artists and see and hear contemporary Native performances.

**Staff Comments:** All 22 of New Mexico's tribes are represented at market. National statistics on Native Americans show higher joblessness and poverty rates than other ethnic groups. Indian Market artists often earn half to all of their annual income during the event.

## Southwestern Association for Indian Arts Native American Endowment Fund

#### Requested Amount: \$15,000

Arts

**Mission:** To bring Native arts to the world by inspiring artistic excellence, fostering education, and creating meaningful partnerships.

**Proposal:** SWAIA requests funds to support an Assistance Fund for Native artists who are unable to participate in Indian Market due to financial hardship. Funds will be used to cover direct costs of artist participation in, and travel to, Santa Fe Indian Market.

**Staff Comments:** New Mexico's Native cultures know that Indian Market provides them with a public face. It also provides the opportunity to learn and share new techniques with other artists, attendees and youth participants.

## Spanish Colonial Arts Society

#### Requested Amount: \$15,000

Arts

**Mission:** To collect, preserve, promote, and exhibit the Spanish Colonial Art of New Mexico and beyond, and to educate the public about its related cultures and living traditions.

**Proposal:** Spanish Colonial Arts Society seeks funds to preserve art through its Museum; promote it through Spanish Market, generating \$25 million in revenue; and open the door to job and life-skills training through education and outreach programs for youth.

**Staff Comments:** The Society promotes the economic and cultural health of the Santa Fe area, especially in the at-risk Hispanic community, through support for traditional Hispanic arts and the artists, both adult and young, who practice these living traditions.

#### Taos Center for the Arts

## Requested Amount: \$10,000

Arts

**Mission:** To inspire, as arts council, public leader, partner, and catalyst, creative expression throughout this diverse community by providing facilities, education and programming in the visual, performing and media arts.

**Proposal:** The Center seeks funds to support visual, performing, and media arts in northern New Mexico, and to support the Center's role in building the community of Taos as a "hub for the arts"; a service to the community; an attraction for visitors; and an economic incentive.

**Staff Comments:** The arts have and continue to support personal, social and economic development by enhancing life skills such as cooperation, responsibility, team building and conflict resolution.

### Tarnoff Art Center

Requested Amount: \$5,000

Arts

**Mission:** To serve as a non-profit, community-based arts organization dedicated to education in the visual arts through classes, outreach programs, gallery exhibitions, and events.

**Proposal:** The Center seeks funds to increase the number of at-risk children in the Pecos/Rowe community who can access arts education.

**Staff Comments:** There are no other after school or in-school arts programs for Pecos children and without donations and small grants used by TAC to offer free classes, there would be no access to the arts.

## Wise Fool New Mexico

Requested Amount: \$5,000

♦ | Arts

**Mission:** To ignite imagination, build community, and promote social justice through performances and handson experience in the arts of circus, puppetry, and theatre.

**Proposal:** Funds will support TeenBust, a new award-winning, women-run program utilizing the theatrical, accessible, and revolutionary nature of circus and puppetry to inspire New Mexicans to dream big, engage in the arts, and explore their potential.

**Staff Comments:** Learning circus and puppetry helps girls at the delicate ages of 10-15 develop confidence, practice teamwork and mutual respect, develop trust, explore their unique self-expression and develop belief in their value as part of their community.

# Grant Proposals: **Health**

## Adaptive Ski Program

Requested Amount: \$10,000

♦ | Health

**Mission:** To improve the quality of life for adults and children with disabilities through outdoor recreation.

**Proposal:** Funds will help increase capacity to provide individuals with disabilities with more opportunities to enjoy adaptive snow sports in the winter and adaptive water sports in the summer.

**Staff Comments:** Last winter the ASP provided 825 lessons to 228 students. This summer the ASP helped 71 individuals enjoy adaptive water sports. Sixty-five percent of all students required either full or partial scholarship assistance.

#### Cancer Foundation for New Mexico

Requested Amount: \$5,000

♦ | Health

**Mission:** To provide financial, emotional, and educational assistance to patients with cancer in northern New Mexico being treated in Santa Fe.

**Proposal:** CFFNM seeks funds to help cancer patients pay for transportation, lodging, and meals so that they can get to treatment. CFFNM helps save lives by ensuring that every New Mexican who needs cancer treatment can access it.

**Staff Comments:** Rio Arriba County has one of the highest rates of cancer in New Mexico. Lack of support resources (travel, short-term lodging and access to meals) is often a barrier to cancer treatment for the underinsured and uninsured.

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## Catching the Dream

#### Native American Endowment Fund

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Health

**Mission:** To help improve the quality of life in Indian communities through the higher education of Indian people. We provide scholarship funds for students who demonstrate academic achievement, goals, and leadership.

**Proposal:** Funding provides scholarships to high potential Native American students in the fields that are critical to the development of Indian reservations: math, engineering, science, business, education, and computers.

**Staff Comments:** CTD seeks students in math, engineering, science, business, education, and computers. These fields are desperately needed in Indian Country and the nation yet these are the fields in which few Native Americans have college degrees.

## Farm to Table

Requested Amount: \$10,000

♦ | Health

**Mission:** To promote community wellness and prosperity through the development of thriving food systems. We integrate sustainable farming, access to good food, improved health for people and place, and advance equitable economic development and civic engagement.

**Proposal:** Partnering with neighboring tribal communities, FTT seeks funding to strengthen the link between locally grown produce and school meals and education programs to promote healthier lifestyles while strengthening the local farming infrastructure and economy.

**Staff Comments:** In Santa Fe County, 21% of 8-yearolds are considered obese. Without food-related interventions, our children's life expectancy will be lower than their parents'.

#### Guru Ram Das Center

Requested Amount: \$5,000

Health

**Mission:** To provide yoga and meditation-based health education and behavioral medicine programs that integrate with medical treatment.

**Proposal:** Based in Española, the Center seeks funds to train health care professionals and certified yoga teachers in their yoga-based health education and behavioral medicine programs. These are developed to integrate with medical treatment, reduce side effects, and improve quality of life.

**Staff Comments:** Chronic illness costs New Mexico approximately \$7 billion a year in medical expenses and loss of productivity. The human costs are greater still: loss of income, lifestyle limitations and loss of quality of life.

### La Familia Medical Center

Requested Amount: \$15,000

♦ | Health

**Mission:** To provide excellent, affordable, comprehensive medical, dental and health promotion services to everyone in the community.

**Proposal:** La Familia's Health Care for the Homeless clinic seeks funds to serve the medical and dental needs of Santa Fe area homeless and to support the Santa Fe Resource and Opportunity Center in its goal of ending area homelessness.

**Staff Comments:** Homeless populations in Santa Fe have many needs including management of ongoing chronic health issues such as hypertension, depression and other mood disorders, oral exams, anxiety disorders, hepatitis C, diabetes, asthma, and alcohol-related disorders.

## Las Cumbres Community Services

Requested Amount: \$5,000

♦ | Health

**Mission:** To provide quality services, public awareness, and integrated community supports for children, adults, and families facing social, emotional, and/or developmental challenges.

**Proposal:** Las Cumbres seeks funds for its Community Infant Program, which supports grandparents caring for their grandchildren to increase healthy choices and access to resources. Behavioral challenges are faced by both the adults and children in these families.

**Staff Comments:** In New Mexico, 25,209 grandparents are responsible for the basic needs of their live-in grandchildren. In Santa Fe, from 2007-2009, 35% of children below the age of 6 were in the care of their grandparents.

#### National Alliance on Mental Illness

Requested Amount: \$5,000

Health

**Mission:** To support a volunteer-based nonprofit corporation of families, friends and people with mental illness organized for mutual support, education, and advocacy, and committed to a comprehensive community support system.

**Proposal:** Funds will support a website redesign to better serve individuals in crisis, organization members, and the community at large. NAMI's new site will direct crisis traffic towards local resources and will help engage their members.

**Staff Comments:** Department of Health 2011 statistics show suicide rates of 18.4% in Santa Fe County; 25.9% in Rio Arriba, and 9.9% in Los Alamos. Individuals in crisis need immediate assistance and a platform for seeking it anonymously; the Internet is a critical tool for reaching these people.

## New Mexico Immigrant Law Center

Requested Amount: \$10,000

Health

**Mission:** To make access to justice affordable and to promote knowledge of legal rights and the immigration process for New Mexico's immigrants.

**Proposal:** The Center seeks funds to ensure safety for immigrant victims of domestic violence and neglected, abandoned, and abused children through immigration legal advocacy.

**Staff Comments:** Undocumented victims regularly report their fears that deportation could result in separation from children who may then be left in the care of their abusive partners. Undocumented victims also fear that reporting domestic violence will cause them to be deported.

## New Mexico In Depth

Requested Amount: \$10,000

Health

**Mission:** To foster, promote, and publish analytical journalism that tells people's stories and challenges power, and, through such reporting, to give people the tools and information they need to better understand and participate in society.

**Proposal:** NMID seeks funds to provide in-depth, thoughtful and aggressive reporting and commentary to help people across the state understand situations such as the freezing of Medicaid payments to behavioral health providers.

**Staff Comments:** NMID addresses the need to educate the state's citizens by providing access to current, accurate, in-depth information and reporting about issues like health, environment, border, and politics that affect their lives and communities.

## New Mexico Women's Justice Project

#### Requested Amount: \$5,000

Health

**Mission:** To focus on women, girls, and families whose lives are affected by the criminal justice, delinquency, and child welfare systems. We are dedicated to providing policy and educational leadership for changes that enhance lives and maintain families.

**Proposal:** NMWJP seeks funds to assist in the release of female NM prisoners who have been approved for parole but are still incarcerated. Currently there are 50 women on "in-house parole." Often these women can stay incarcerated over a year after parole approval.

**Staff Comments:** Currently, the women's prison is overcrowded, which is known to cause psychological damage and create patterns of anti-social behavior, which may lead to violence. In addition, currently 58 women are housed in a men's prison.

## **Pecos Valley Medical Center**

#### Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Health

**Mission:** To provide quality, affordable patient care; promote preventive medicine and healthy lifestyles; develop educational outreach, and ensure community involvement.

**Proposal:** Funds will support PVMC's food pantry with purchase of a 400 sq. ft. storage shed for supplies and donations for use at the monthly food pantry. Any extra funds will support purchase of additional nonperishable food items.

**Staff Comments:** The monthly food pantry is often the source of the most nutritious food that recipients have access to during the month as there are two "dollar stores" but no grocery store within 18 miles of the Pecos 4-way stop.

## Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains

#### Requested Amount: \$15,000

Health

**Mission:** To empower individuals and families in the communities we serve to make informed choices about their sexual and reproductive health by providing high quality health services, comprehensive sex education, and strategic advocacy.

**Proposal:** PPRM seeks funds to implement a teen pregnancy prevention initiative in Santa Fe Public Schools, including classroom-based health education, peer-to-peer education programs, middle school Girls Groups, and adult-youth workshops.

**Staff Comments:** Santa Fe has teen birth rates 30% higher than the national average and the third lowest graduation rate in New Mexico. Comprehensive sex education is an effective tool to combat these alarming statistics.

## **Railyard Stewards**

#### Native American Endowment Fund

#### Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Health

**Mission:** To provide community stewardship and advocacy for the care and programming of the Santa Fe Railyard Park & Plaza.

**Proposal:** With Wings for America, SFPS Native American Student Services, Santa Fe Farmer's Market Institute, and Santa Fe Indian Center, Railyard Stewards seeks funds to continue the "Laps 4 Life" program, focused on urban Indians in need of exercise and nutritional training.

**Staff Comments:** Of the 440 Native American students enrolled in the Santa Fe Public Schools, 86% qualify for the free lunch program. Exercise and nutrition-related health problems such as obesity, diabetes, high cholesterol, etc., are common in the Native American population.

## Santa Fe Boys & Girls Club

#### Requested Amount: \$15,000

♦ | Health

**Mission:** To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

**Proposal:** Triple Play is a dynamic wellness program that demonstrates how eating right, keeping fit, and forming positive relationships add up to a healthy lifestyle for children and their families. Funds will help provide this program to our Del Norte members.

**Staff Comments:** The Boys & Girls Club Del Norte, with locations in Abiquiu and Chimayo, is now under the administrative umbrella of the Santa Fe Boys and Girls Club and receives support from both Santa Fe and Rio Arriba Counties.

#### Santa Fe Farmers Market Institute

Requested Amount: \$5,000

♦ | Health

**Mission:** To promote agriculture and other land-based traditions in northern New Mexico and educate the community about the cultural, nutritional, and economic benefits of buying local food and agricultural products.

**Proposal:** SFFMI seeks funds to support farmers with microloans and professional development opportunities, as well as community education and outreach programs, especially to increase the access of low income people to healthy local food at the Market.

**Staff Comments:** Obesity rates in New Mexico have more than doubled in the last 20 years, causing problems such as heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. These conditions disproportionately affect lower-income communities.

#### Santa Fe Innovation Park

Requested Amount: \$10,000

| Health

**Mission:** To develop and deploy innovative approaches to complex, practical problems. Utilizing a unique method, SFIP creates, prototypes, tests, and scales effective solutions to pressing real-world challenges in such areas as energy, education, and health.

**Proposal:** SFIP seeks funds to drive transformational innovation in social systems such as energy, finance, communications, and health and wellness, and to support its paradigm-shifting approach to the social determinants of disease.

**Staff Comments:** By catalyzing transformational innovation at the community scale, SFIP can quickly move a social system to a much higher and more effective state, thus benefiting community members.

#### Santa Fe Mountain Center

#### **Envision Fund**

Requested Amount: \$15,000

| Health

**Mission:** To promote personal discovery and social change among youth, families, and groups through the use of creative learning experiences in wilderness, community, and cultural environments.

**Proposal:** SFMC's New Mexico Gay Straight Alliance Network seeks funds to build resiliency, positive identity development, self-efficacy, mental health, and empowerment of LGBTQ youth through peer training, peer support, and leadership development of over 500 youth in the region.

**Staff Comments:** In a national study of middle and high school students, 61% of LGBT students were more likely than non-LGBT peers to feel unsafe: 8 in 10 students had been verbally harassed, and 4 in 10 had been physically harassed at school.

#### Siete Del Norte

Requested Amount: \$15,000

Health

**Mission:** To improve the economic well-being and quality of life for low-income residents of northern New Mexico, while seeking to preserve the area's unique cultural, historical, and social traditions and way of life.

**Proposal:** Siete del Norte seeks funding to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged farmers to own and successfully operate viable agricultural enterprises in northern New Mexico along the Rio Grande Corridor.

**Staff Comments:** The typical farm is not profitable: average net cash income from operations per farm is negative for all counties; locally-grown produce is less competitive than commercial/imported commodities on the market.

#### Southwest CARE Center

Requested Amount: \$15,000

Health

**Mission:** To improve the health of people living in the culturally diverse communities of northern New Mexico through access to the highest quality health care, education, research, and advocacy.

**Proposal:** SCC, providing community-based comprehensive health care in primary care, women's health services, and HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis C, requests support for cancer screening for women who are low-income and ineligible for insurance under the Affordable Health Care Act.

**Staff Comments:** Santa Fe County is considered a Health Professional Shortage Area; its census tracts are designated as Medically Underserved Population areas due to the lack of primary care services for indigent and uninsured populations.

## St. Vincent Hospital Foundation

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Health

**Mission:** To improve the health of our community by supporting Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center as it provides excellent healthcare, regardless of ability to pay.

**Proposal:** Funds will provide free custom fittings, bras, and prosthetics for breast cancer survivors in our community—many of whom would not otherwise have access to these services. Without SVHF, this 12-year program would have ceased to exist.

**Staff Comments:** The National Cancer Institute estimates that about 1 in 8 women in the US (approximately 13.3%) will develop breast cancer. More than 200,000 new breast cancer cases are diagnosed each year in the US; there are more than 2 million breast cancer survivors.

## Taos County Economic Development Corp.

Requested Amount: \$15,000

Health

**Mission:** To support the food, land, water and cultures of the people of northern New Mexico.

**Proposal:** TCEDC seeks funds for the Farmstand Market & Garden Mentorship program which supports three community youth interns in learning to grow and market healthy, affordable foods. Interns are mentored year-round by Shirley Trujillo (Taos Pueblo), the TCEDC Community Garden Specialist.

**Staff Comments:** TCEDC provides infrastructure, educational opportunities and mentorship training for food producers. It is the only source of value-added food production certification at no cost to the participants in New Mexico.

## Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico Envision Fund

#### Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Health

**Mission:** To serve the transgender communities of New Mexico and serve as a clearinghouse for resources which can support, assist, educate, and advocate for transgender populations and their families.

**Proposal:** Funds will sustain the Transgender Cultural Competency training program as well as many other services for their transgender clients and their loved ones.

**Staff Comments:** Access to health care is only one facet of discrimination and violence against the transgender community. The Transgender Cultural Competency training opens up access.

#### Villa Therese Catholic Clinic

#### Requested Amount: \$10,000

| Health

**Mission:** To promote programs designed to meet basic medical and social well-being needs, the main outreach being toward children.

**Proposal:** VTCC requests funds to increase the number of uninsured patients receiving basic exams, including immunizations against infectious diseases such as whooping cough, influenza, and chicken pox.

Staff Comments: According to the recently released 2013 Santa Fe County Profile, 3,400 children residing in Santa Fe County lack health insurance, 20% of employed adults are uninsured and 73% of non-citizen county residents are also uninsured.

## Young Fathers of Santa Fe

Requested Amount: \$5,000

Health

**Mission:** To provide support, resources, and skills promoting healthy and responsible fathering in young families. Nurturing connections within the father, the family, and the community to promote self, family, and community health.

**Proposal:** YFSF seeks funds to provide young fathers with resources to delay subsequent pregnancies, improve parenting skills, create healthy relationships, and become economically self-sufficient, healthy community members.

Staff Comments: New Mexico has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the nation and nationally 80% of teen fathers do not have regular contact with their children. Approximately 250 infants are born to teen parents in Santa Fe County annually.

#### YWCA Middle Rio Grande

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Health

**Mission:** To eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

**Proposal:** The Women's Health Equity Program is a breast cancer education, screening and early detection service. They seek funds to empower women with potentially life-saving breast health education and screenings, outreach through breast self-exam workshops, and financial assistance.

**Staff Comments:** The only other NM program providing education and financial assistance for breast cancer screening is the NM Department of Health's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program.

# Grant Proposals: **Human Services**

#### American National Red Cross

Requested Amount: \$15,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of its donors.

**Proposal:** The American Red Cross in New Mexico seeks funds to provide 24/7 disaster relief services; serve the military, veterans, families; support International Red Cross efforts; and provide lifesaving health and safety training to residents.

**Staff Comments:** Over 90% of Red Cross responses are to single-home family fires. The Red Cross must be prepared to respond to disasters such as wildfires, large-scale pandemics, acts of terrorism, and large-scale transportation incidents.

## Assistance Dogs of the West

Requested Amount: \$10,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To provide trained assistance dogs to people with disabilities in order to increase independence and self-reliance. We teach students to train dogs to help people.

**Proposal:** Funds will support the acquisition, training, and placement of a courthouse dog in the SF County judicial system. Courthouse dogs primarily work with children who are crime witnesses or victims, providing emotional support during the stressful judicial process.

**Staff Comments:** Jurisdictions across the U.S. employ courthouse dogs with remarkable results. Working with a professional, the dogs serve as a catalyst to help children more effectively participate in the judicial process.

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#### **Bienvenidos Outreach**

#### Requested Amount: \$10,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To provide food, clothing and other basic necessities to those in need of aid in Santa Fe and the surrounding areas.

**Proposal:** Bienvenidos Outreach seeks funds to continue providing weekly assistance of nutritious food, clothing and housewares to those most in need and to provide the homeless with healthy lunches and snacks until their next hot meal.

**Staff Comments:** New Mexico is 4th in the nation for food insecurity, with 15% of the state population do not know where their next meal is coming from: 35% of these are children.

## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern NM Envision Fund

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

**Proposal:** BBBS-NNM seeks funding to match ten or more LGBT adolescents with mentors who also identify as LGBT or have extensive familiarity with LGBT experience. The work will be celebrated at the annual Gaylabration in honor of volunteers.

**Staff Comments:** LGBT Mentoring provides role models to a population of youth at a time of great challenge in their lives. Adolescence can be particularly challenging for young people who realize that mainstream definitions of acceptable sexual behavior—i.e., heterosexuality—may not apply to them.

## **Books for Prisoners Project**

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To provide motivational and other books and materials to prisons, jails, schools, institutions, and social service venues.

**Proposal:** This project seeks funds to place Leadership, Motivational, Self-Help, Inspirational, and Recovery books into penal institutions. Placing this type of material has been shown to help cut down on recidivism.

**Staff Comments:** More than four in 10 offenders nationwide return to state prison within 3 years of their release despite a massive increase in state spending on prisons, according to a Pew Charitable Trust 2011 report.

## Casa Milagro

Requested Amount: \$10,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To create a safe, trusting and nurturing living environment for adults with mental illnesses, giving them hope and a set of skills for a future with purpose and meaning.

**Proposal:** Casa Milagro requests funds in order to make many important physical upgrades to its facility, such as new flooring, so that they can continue to pass inspections and provide a good quality of life for their residents.

**Staff Comments:** The average state hospital stay costs taxpayers \$11,629 per month. The average jail stay for inmates with mental illness is \$10,960. At Casa Milagro the average monthly cost per resident is \$1,460.

## Coming Home Connection

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To train, place, and coordinate volunteers to provide free supplemental support and in-home care for low-income individuals and their families in Santa Fe and northern New Mexico

**Proposal:** CHC seeks funds to support their volunteers who serve about 60 individuals, some 24/7, others 2-3 hours per week. Care may last for months or years. Each year CHC provides 30,000+ hours of free care and also facilitates some 30,000 hours of low-cost care through their free professional referral network.

**Staff Comments:** In a state with a low median income, and 1 in 4 households without health insurance, the need for free or very low-cost home care is huge.

## **Community Against Violence**

Requested Amount: \$15,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To foster and support a community free from all forms of domestic and sexual violence.

**Proposal:** Funds will help provide Taos County's domestic violence victims and their dependent children with emergency shelter and supportive Advocacy/Case Management services proven to help survivors attain increased safety, self-sufficiency, and violence-free lives.

**Staff Comments:** In 2011, CAV responded to 566 crisis calls (7th highest in NM) and served 688 victims, including 264 children, 76 of whom were victims of sexual abuse. Many victims and their children have pressing unmet healthcare needs.

## coyote-tecolote-cuervo.org

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To provide meaningful and affordable community services to the Santa Fe area, and by extension and web presence, to the greater world community.

**Proposal:** Funds will support "Ken's House," an alternative emergency shelter dedicated to the prevention of domestic violence by providing a safe place to cool down away from a potentially violent situation.

**Staff Comments:** Recent research has posited a significant correlation between addiction and attachment disorders. The failure of primary relationships can be overcome through positive secondary relationships, voluntary or mandated.

## El Valle Women's Collaborative

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To enhance the lives of local women and their families in the areas of economic/environmental sustainability, mental and physical health.

**Proposal:** El Valle Women's Collaborative seeks funding to continue economic development, outreach, and organizing in the Pecos Valley. Funds will be used to help pay a small salary to two current volunteers working in these areas.

**Staff Comments:** Women are more likely to live in poverty than are men. Single-mother families face particularly high poverty rates, often because of the lower wages earned by women in these families.

## **Food Depot**

Requested Amount: \$15,000 | Human Services

*Mission:* To end hunger in northern New Mexico.

**Proposal:** As the food bank for nine northern New Mexico counties, The Food Depot provides food to 135 not-for-profit agencies. The food bank distributes an average of 400,000 pounds of food each month, providing more than 500,000 meals to people in need.

**Staff Comments:** Map the Meal Gap 2011 revealed that 417,780 people—1 in 5 New Mexicans—do not know where they will get their next meal. 1 in 3 children in New Mexico are experiencing food insecurity right now.

#### Food for Santa Fe

Requested Amount: \$10,000

♦ | Human Services

**Mission:** To provide supplemental food on a regular basis to those in need.

**Proposal:** Food for Santa Fe is an all-volunteer organization seeking funds to provide bags of food once per week to low income individuals, families, the elderly and disabled, with no proof of need, thus becoming an immediate safety net for persons experiencing poverty, illness, injury, job loss.

**Staff Comments:** Food for Santa Fe is able to provide a large bag of groceries for about \$3 that would otherwise cost about \$16 in a retail market.

#### Gerard's House

Requested Amount: \$10,000

Human Services

**Mission:** To provide a safe place for grieving children and teenagers where healing happens through acceptance and peer support; to improve the mental, emotional, and behavioral health of bereaved children, teenagers, and families in northern New Mexico.

**Proposal:** Funds support free services for youth aged 3 to 21 who have experienced the death of a parent or other important person. Services include peer-based grief support groups, individual sessions, bereavement camp, and grief support for participants' families.

Staff Comments: National studies correlate unresolved childhood grief and loss with increased levels of depression, PTSD, substance abuse and suicidal feelings. In one survey of 300 incarcerated teens, 96% indicated that someone significant in their lives had died.

## Habitat for Humanity of Taos

Requested Amount: \$10,000

Human Services

**Mission:** To partner with people from all walks of life to build houses, hope, and community with people in need.

**Proposal:** Habitat for Humanity of Taos requests operational support to help fund the first year of its Volunteer Coordinator position and to winterize and help complete its new office building in Taos

**Staff Comments:** Partner families provide at least 500 hours of sweat equity to build their homes. They then have a no-interest 20 to 30 year mortgage with low monthly payments.

## **IMPACT** Personal Safety

Requested Amount: \$5,000

♦ | Human Services

**Mission:** To empower children and adults by teaching them to prevent and defend themselves against verbal, physical, and sexual violence.

**Proposal:** IMPACT seeks funds to teach people aged 6 to 92 skills to defend themselves and their communities against violence through collaborations with schools, pueblos, and nonprofits. Students learn to change the culture that creates violence as well as concrete strategies to stop it in their own lives.

**Staff Comments:** According to the FBI, NM has the 3rd highest per capita incidence of rape and domestic violence and ranks 5th for violent crimes. Prevention and early intervention is key as 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before age 18.

## **IMPACT** Personal Safety

**Envision Fund** 

Requested Amount: \$5,000

Human Services

**Mission:** To empower children and adults by teaching them to prevent and defend themselves against verbal, physical and sexual violence.

**Proposal:** IMPACT seeks funds to teach LGBTQ youth and allies to prevent and defend themselves and their communities against violence through school Gay-Straight Alliances, Santa Fe Mountain Center, and school classes.

**Staff Comments:** 89% of LGBTQ youth in IMPACT workshops report experiencing past abuse or assault. In a national School Climate Survey, 37.8% of students experienced physical harassment and 17.6% of students had been assaulted on the basis of sexual orientation.

## **IMPACT Personal Safety**

Native American Endowment Fund

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To empower children and adults by teaching them to prevent and defend themselves against verbal, physical and sexual violence.

**Proposal:** IMPACT seeks funds to teach Native people aged 6 to 92 skills to defend themselves and their communities against violence through collaborations with schools, pueblos and nonprofits. Students learn to change the culture that creates violence as well as concrete strategies to stop it in their own lives.

**Staff Comments:** Over 50% of reported sexual assaults and rapes occur against children and teens. The Department of Justice reports that Native American women are victims of violent crimes at a rate 3.5 times greater than the national average.

## Inside Out

**Envision Fund** 

Requested Amount: \$5,000

Human Services

**Mission:** To provide free core support to the Española Valley community with a focus on opiate addiction and recovery.

**Proposal:** Funds will establish an LGBT addiction support group for youth and adults in recovery or contemplating entering recovery. It will offer a safe and welcoming place to discuss recovery in a context that addresses the issues they face in society and personally.

**Staff Comments:** From 2005 to 2009, Rio Arriba County had the highest unintentional drug overdose death rate of 47.5 per 100,000. The statewide death rate in that same period was 21.4 per 100,000.

## Interfaith Community Shelter Group

Requested Amount: \$10,000

**♦ | Human Services** 

**Mission:** To provide emergency shelter protecting homeless and at-risk individuals in the city and northern New Mexico from hypothermia. We offer a safe, respectful, hospitable shelter with services for health improvement, well-being, and empowerment.

**Proposal:** ICS builds supportive educational/life skills programs to improve the well-being of homeless individuals. Funding will enable the hiring of professional staff offering critical, culturally sensitive comprehensive services.

**Staff Comments:** ICS serves the most vulnerable and most difficult to reach people (veterans, elderly, the mentally ill, and people with addictions, including inebriates). It is the only shelter in NNM admitting intoxicated individuals.

## Many Mothers

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To contribute to a healthy and vital Santa Fe community by providing free, in-home physical and emotional care to any Santa Fe mother or family for a period of 3 months after the birth or adoption of a baby.

**Proposal:** Funds will help continue providing free, in-home care and support to any new mother during the early months after childbirth—support that is critical to the wellbeing of the infant with sustainable, positive effects throughout the child's life.

**Staff Comments:** In 2012, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued a landmark warning that toxic stress early in life can harm a child throughout his or her lifetime. New mothers from lower socio-economic levels are especially at risk.

## Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Requested Amount: \$10,000

Human Services

**Mission:** To stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime, and prevent underage drinking.

**Proposal:** MADD seeks funds to provide services to assist victims of drunk and drugged driving, prevent underage drinking, and support a campaign to eliminate drunk driving.

**Staff Comments:** In 2012, 199 people were killed and over 1,700 injured in NM as a result of drunk or drugged driving.

## New Mexico Appleseed

Requested Amount: \$10,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To end poverty in New Mexico through high-impact systemic change. Appleseed works with stakeholders to leverage statewide resources and implement solutions that address issues affecting low-income communities.

**Proposal:** NMA seeks funds for "Full Stomachs – Full Minds" which addresses the effects of poverty on disadvantaged individuals by reducing childhood food insecurity through statewide policy changes and increased access to USDA-subsidized meals.

**Staff Comments:** The NM child poverty rate is the 2nd highest in the US, with 31% living in poverty. Studies show associations between food insecurity and maternal depression, which is strongly related to child development indicators, including rates of child abuse and neglect.

## New Mexico Community AIDS Partnership

Requested Amount: \$10,000

**Human Services** 

**Mission:** To assure that the diverse populations of New Mexico receive high quality, culturally appropriate HIV prevention, education, and care. We address inequities in access to care and support social justice.

**Proposal:** NMCAP seeks support for programs to address disparities in HIV prevention and care affecting poor, marginalized and stigmatized communities, and to support social change that increases health equity and social justice in the region.

**Staff Comments:** HIV continues to disproportionately affect gay and bisexual men, communities of color, and the poor, indicating that the long term solution to the epidemic must include social change that increases overall health and safety for these groups.

## New Mexico Community AIDS Partnership Envision Fund

Requested Amount: \$5,000

Human Services

**Mission:** To assure that the diverse populations of New Mexico receive high quality, culturally appropriate HIV prevention, education, and care. We address inequities in access to care and support social justice.

**Proposal:** NMCAP seeks support to work with a group of LGBTQ youth to develop a theatrical performance that will be used to engage parents and others in dialogue about social issues that negatively affect LGBTQ youth.

**Staff Comments:** Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among NM youth. One of the major risk factors for teen suicide ideation is LGBTQ identity, often related to bullying, harassment and lack of family support.

## New Mexico Community AIDS Partnership Native American Endowment Fund

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To assure that the diverse populations of New Mexico receive high quality, culturally appropriate HIV prevention, education, and care. We address inequities in access to care and support social justice.

**Proposal:** NMCAP seeks funds to create an online, searchable directory of non-profits that are based in or serve Native American communities in New Mexico.

Staff Comments: There is currently no easy way for the many Native American non-profits in NM and other non-profits that work with Native individuals and communities to connect with organizations doing similar work in order to share information and resources.

## **New Mexico Direct Caregivers Coalition**

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To demand better working conditions and basic labor protections for direct caregivers. This is the best way to guarantee that our aging parents and our disabled children receive the highest quality of care.

**Proposal:** NMDCC seeks funds for its Salutarios program which will assist 120 homebound elderly/disabled care recipients in Santa Fe and surrounding counties, and connect with 80 of their caregivers, providing resources and developing respite networks for those caregivers.

**Staff Comments:** By 2030, NM will rank 4th nationally for percentage of population over the age of 65.

## **New Mexico Farmers Marketing Association**

Requested Amount: \$10,000

**Human Services** 

**Mission:** To support farming and locally produced foods in every NM community by sustaining the farmers who grow and sell food, educating the public, and creating food access for all residents including low-income and/or the food insecure.

**Proposal:** NMFMA seeks funds for its "Fruit & Veggie Prescription Program" which works with local health clinics to improve healthy food access for low-income residents of San Miguel, Santa Fe, and Rio Arriba counties.

**Staff Comments:** The NM Department of Health's August 2013 report shows the obesity rates among young children from low income families in the NM have declined slightly. Focusing on young children helps turn the tide against obesity by shaping healthy behaviors at an early age.

#### **New Vistas**

Requested Amount: \$15,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To partner with and support people with disabilities and families of children with specials needs to enrich their quality of life in New Mexico.

**Proposal:** New Vistas seeks funds for their work with children in Santa Fe, Mora, and San Miguel Counties from o to 3 years of age with developmental delay of 25% or more in one area or risk of delay due to medical, biological, or environmental conditions.

**Staff Comments:** Early intervention improves the odds of positive outcomes for the youngest and most vulnerable babies.

## Pegasus Legal Services for Children

Requested Amount: \$15,000

**Human Services** 

**Mission:** To promote and defend the rights of children and youth to safe and stable homes, quality education and health care, and a voice in decisions that affect their lives.

**Proposal:** PLSC seeks funding to improve their website, increase "likes" on Facebook and followers on Twitter, and improve and enhance their case management system to better gather client/case information and data for program evaluation and outcome reporting.

**Staff Comments:** New Mexico recently ranked 50th among states on the Kids Count indicators of child well-being. NM has very high rates of substance abuse and teen parenting.

#### **REEL Fathers**

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To engage fathers—in concert with youth, families and community—to build stronger, more vital relationships through a dynamic use of film and story.

**Proposal:** REEL Fathers seek funds for a program requested by Family Court Services to meet an urgent, unmet need to provide fathers and their co-parents with an effective new way to build relationship skills and resolve conflicts constructively.

**Staff Comments:** There are currently no programs in Santa Fe County for fathers to learn relationship-building skills in a methodical, personal, appealing way — on their own or with their partner.

#### Ronald McDonald House Charities of NM

Requested Amount: \$15,000

Human Services

*Mission:* To provide comfort, care and a home away from home for families whose children are in medical treatment.

**Proposal:** RMH seeks funds to provide affordable lodging for families of any seriously ill or injured infant or child residing more than 50 miles away who needs to receive inpatient or outpatient care from Albuquerque area medical providers for any diagnosis.

**Staff Comments:** Before Ronald McDonald House existed, out-of-town families had to sleep in the child's hospital room, or in their car, or incur the expense and isolation of staying in a motel.

### Santa Fe Mountain Center

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To promote personal discovery and social change among youth, families and groups through the use of creative learning experiences in wilderness, community and cultural environments.

**Proposal:** SFMC is seeking support for "Adventures in a Caring Community," an anti-bullying prevention program for elementary students that creates a caring community by increasing social engagement/empathy, teaching bullying intervention skills, and decreasing stress and anxiety.

**Staff Comments:** In Santa Fe County, 45% of children grades 6-8 report having been bullied at school and 18% were cyber-bullied. Children who are bullied are more likely than others to be depressed, lonely, anxious, use substances and/or think about suicide.

#### Solace Crisis Treatment Center

Requested Amount: \$15,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To provide all individuals who have experienced trauma with evidence-based treatment, advocacy services for navigating community resources, and education in order to restore strength and find inner resiliency.

**Proposal:** Solace seeks funds for immediate crisis stabilization, assessment and counseling for all types of trauma; Family Advocacy services for abused children and other crime victims; and specialized sexual assault services.

**Staff Comments:** Anxiety and stress-related disorders are the most prevalent mental health problem in the US with 29% lifetime prevalence. 52% of males and 35% of females with PTSD also have a substance use disorder.

## Squash Blossom Leadership

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Human Services

Mission: To support the growth, well-being, and leadership of teen girls across northern New Mexico through Girl's Circles and other leadership projects. To promote the leadership of local women by providing a Girl's Circle facilitator training.

**Proposal:** SBL seeks funds to expand its capacity to provide Girl's Circles and leadership projects to teen girls in Taos and Rio Arriba Counties. The activities promote resiliency through increasing self care, communication skills, and positive goal setting.

**Staff Comments:** Suicide rates in NM are highest amongst the Native American population, and SBL's Girl's Circles provide a important support to guide a child safely through the teen years.

## Squash Blossom Leadership

### Native American Endowment Fund

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Human Services

Mission: To support the growth, well-being, and leadership of teen girls across northern New Mexico through Girl's Circles and other leadership projects. To promote the leadership of local women by providing a Girl's Circle facilitator training.

**Proposal:** SBL seeks funds to provide Girl's Circles to Native American teens in Taos County, specifically at the Vista Grande High School. The groups promote resiliency in teen girls through increasing self-care, communication skills and positive goal setting.

**Staff Comments:** Vista Grande HS tends to attract students who are gang involved. This results in a high risk for girls in this school to be involved in boys' gang initiations which tragically often include a gang rape and a mandate to get a girl pregnant.

### St. Elizabeth Shelter

Requested Amount: \$15,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To assist homeless individuals and families by providing emergency shelter, food, case management, counseling, supportive housing and referrals to partnering human-services agencies. St. Elizabeth's ultimate goal is to end the cycle of homelessness.

**Proposal:** St. Elizabeth Shelter requests support for its 5 residential programs—2 emergency shelters and 3 supportive housing programs—and other services for the more than 2,000 homeless men, women, and children they assist every year.

Staff Comments: St. E's stabilizes those in crisis, then works with them to address the issues leading to their becoming homeless—healthcare, employment, behavioral, drugs & alcohol, etc.—before moving them into housing and providing the skills needed to maintain independent living. In 2012, 52% of those staying in one of the 5 programs accomplished this.

## Storydancer Project

Requested Amount: \$10,000

Human Services

**Mission:** To serve girls, women, children and families facing challenging life circumstances by providing programs and trainings that foster greater health, resilience and leadership.

**Proposal:** Storydancer Project seeks funds to expand its innovative programs in self-care, resiliency and leadership to survivors of domestic violence and trauma, and other vulnerable populations in northern New Mexico, and self-care trainings for social workers and counselors.

**Staff Comments:** New Mexico has one of the highest rates of reported cases of domestic violence in the nation. Domestic violence and trauma profoundly affect survivors' self-worth, ability to act in the world, and sense of emotional and physical safety.

## Youth Shelters and Family Services

**Envision Fund** 

Requested Amount: \$5,000

| Human Services

**Mission:** To deliver life-changing services to homeless, runaway, and in-crisis youth by providing shelter and addressing health, safety, education, and workforce opportunities so they may lead independent and meaningful lives.

**Proposal:** YSFS requests funds to continue its Gay-Straight Alliance, which serves lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and questioning youth up to age 23 who are homeless, runaway, or in crisis.

**Staff Comments:** Homeless LGBTQ youth are at greater risk for negative outcomes, including abuse, depression, and suicide: in 2012, YSFS served 1,087 homeless, runaway, and in-crisis youth and family members.

# Santa Fe Community Foundation's Community Leadership Fund

The Community Leadership Fund allows the Foundation to serve the community in three important ways.

It is used to:

- 1. Increase Donor Impact: Giving donors opportunities to learn about pressing needs in the community and ways they can structure their giving for making the biggest possible difference.
- 2. Improve Nonprofit Performance: Offering workshops and other technical assistance to help nonprofits achieve efficiency and increase their effectiveness. Topics include Board Development, Financial Oversight, Fundraising, Planned Giving, and much more.
- 3. Enhance SFCF Grantmaking: Improving and increasing the number and size of grants that we make to nonprofits doing excellent work in the community\*. The Leadership Fund allows us to address special and urgent needs as well as to make multi-year strategic grants that address some of our most challenging community problems.
- \* SFCF's administrative overhead is 1.8% of our assets and is provided for by fees on funds and fundraising. This is well within the national average for community foundations of our size. Donations (about 50% of our operating revenue) go to the Community Leadership Fund.

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