



### Competitive Grants – 2015

#### Environment and Preservation

Organization	Description	Amount
Audubon NM	Audubon New Mexico conserves and restores natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity. The Foundation's funding supports an Audubon educator collaborating with Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge in the delivery of Audubon's <i>Birds of a Feather</i> programming to all 4 <sup>th</sup> grade classrooms at four South Valley schools for the 2015-2016 school year. Students in this program are provided with the opportunity to develop knowledge about birds through different activities focusing on bird adaptations – feathers, nests, eggs, beaks, claws and talons – as well as the scientific dissection of pallets. This support will double the environmental educational programming in the schools and will directly benefit 200-250 low-income students and indirectly reach 500-800 individuals in the South Valley.	\$12,500
Bosque School BEMP	The Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program (BEMP) at Bosque School provides high quality science and outdoor education in the bosque to K-University students. BEMP is the only organization of its kind that utilizes student "citizen scientists" to collect and monitor data on the ecological health of the Rio Grande and its bosque. Funding from the Foundation will support bus and transportation needed for Albuquerque elementary, middle and high schoolers from partner Title I public schools to participate in BEMP education and field experiences in the bosque throughout the school year. The participating students will be exposed to the bosque's trails and natural environment so they can be empowered as citizen scientists and develop a relationship with the bosque that will inspire future stewardship of one of our city's most invaluable natural resources.	\$9,687
Environmental Education Association	The Environmental Education Association of New Mexico (EEANM) provides, promotes and enhances quality environmental education by offering New Mexicans opportunities for professional development, communication and	\$7,775

	<p>partnership. Through the Foundation's support, EEANM will offer teacher training using the Places We Live curriculum, which provides an introduction to local community planning and a workshop to build a water harvesting feature at School on Wheels' campus. Through this program, teachers and high school students will learn about the community planning process and take steps to become engaged in meaningful neighborhood improvements via an innovative water-harvesting projects at School on Wheels.</p>	
<p>Friends of the Rio Grande Nature Center</p>	<p>Friends of the Rio Grande Nature Center (FRGNC) preserves, protects and educates about the Rio Grande river ecosystems and fosters human interaction with those systems. With the support of the Foundation, FRGNC will create an education program that allows for 3 to 5 year-old low-income children attending Cuidando Los Ninos Preschool for the Homeless to receive 16 interactive, outdoor, nature and science-related classes. This program is critical in helping preschool children develop positive attitudes toward nature, wildlife, plants and wetlands and the richness of Albuquerque's natural ecosystem.</p>	<p>\$2,700</p>
<p>Hawks Aloft</p>	<p>Hawks Aloft works to conserve indigenous wild birds and their habitats through avian research, conservation and education. Funding from the Foundation will support the Living with the Landscape Program, which partners with five Title I schools in Albuquerque and ensures that each student at the schools will interact with four birds of prey including raptors and corvids, and will partake in field trips and conversation projects around Albuquerque.</p>	<p>\$9,000</p>
<p>NM Wilderness Alliance</p>	<p>New Mexico Wilderness Alliance is the state's largest, statewide membership, grassroots organization exclusively dedicated to the protection, restoration and continued respect of New Mexico's wildlands and wilderness areas. With funding from the Foundation, New Mexico Wilderness Alliance will partner with the Cibola National Forest, Sandia Ranger District in leading a range of volunteer service projects that include fence repair, graffiti removal and trail maintenance. These projects will help to celebrate, cherish and steward the Sandia Wilderness – an essential natural element of the Albuquerque community.</p>	<p>\$7,500</p>
<p>Talking Talons Youth Leadership</p>	<p>Talking Talons Youth Leadership (TTYL) elevates youth and the community to become effective advocates and ethical stewards of themselves, wildlife, habitat and the environment. With their grant from the Foundation, TTYL will provide eleven field-based and five classroom-based environmental and wildlife education to</p>	<p>\$10,894</p>

	APS Title I Homeless Project and low-income Bernco Community Center Youth. The program will address education, health and wellness on multiple levels for high-risk and vulnerable K-8 youth that might never, or rarely, be able to experience specialized wildlife areas.	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$60,056</b>

## Arts and Culture

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Albuquerque Philharmonic Orchestra	Each season, the Albuquerque Philharmonic Orchestra performs free live concerts to diverse audiences. Funding from the Foundation will help to fund eleven free concerts to low-income Albuquerque residents including, children, the elderly, large families on fixed incomes, college students and homeless citizens.	\$7,500
Art in the School	Art in the School enriches education by teaching innovative, creative ways to use art education to enhance the learning experience. Currently, Albuquerque Public Schools provides a visual arts teacher to elementary schools every other year. Art in the School exists to fill that gap. To this end, Foundation funding will support two programs: an afterschool art program at Title 1 elementary schools for low-income children; and, a professional development workshop for certified teachers, teaching them to include art in their instruction to enhance the core curriculum.	\$7,500
Escuela del Sol	Harwood Art Center of Escuela del Sol Montessori engages the arts as a catalyst for lifelong learning, social change and community development with programming for every age and income level. Funding from the Foundation will support Harwood's Creative Roots program, which offers 6-15 free arts learning, leadership, exhibition and engagement opportunities for low-income youth. Through Creative Roots, funds will support Community Arts Days, the Youth Mural Project and Wells Park – and will enable Albuquerque's youth to gain a sense of pride and celebrate a shared culture and sense of community.	\$10,000
Keshet Dance Company	Keshet Dance Company inspires and unites our community by fostering unlimited possibilities through dance, mentorship and a creative space through the arts. Understanding the power of art to affect social change, the Foundation's funding will support Keshet's mentorship program, which exposes incarcerated and paroling youth to a	\$10,000

	wide range of movement and music styles, while using arts to reduce recidivism rates.	
National Dance Institute New Mexico	National Dance Institute New Mexico (NDI) was founded with the knowledge that the arts have a unique power to engage and motivate children. To support this, NDI has created distinctive programs that help children develop discipline, a standard of excellence and a belief in themselves that carries over into all aspects of their lives. This year's Foundation funding will be used to support NDI's Dancing to Excellent in Albuquerque program, which serves over 2,500 predominantly low-income children in afterschool and summer programs that offer and intensive arts and dance programs.	\$5,000
NM Jazz Workshop	The New Mexico Jazz Workshop provides access quality education and performances to more than 15,000 New Mexicans annually. Foundation funding for 2015-2016 will support the Empowerment through Music workshop, which uses music education to positively impact the quality of life for low-income, at-risk, underserved and incarcerated youth.	\$8,412
Working Classroom	Working Classroom is a multi-ethnic community of student and professional artists, actors and writers committed to supporting diverse voices and visions in the arts. Through its programs, Working Classroom students receive free, year-round, bilingual training, academic tutoring, paid internships, free field trips to plays, museums and cultural events, financial literacy workshops and opportunities to collaborate with prominent national artists to create art and theater in Albuquerque. Funding from the Foundation will support six, 30 hour art and theater workshops for 75 low-income students. These workshops offer integrated and supplemental academics and life skills support during afterschool, street conservatory and summer art institute programs.	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$58,412</b>

## Education

Organization	Description	Amount
APS Title 1 Homeless Project	The Albuquerque Public Schools Title 1 Homeless Project provides means, motivation and encouragement needed for homeless students to reach their potential as productive members of society. Their Career Kids Tutoring Program assists homeless students in sharpening their literacy skills and identifying possible career interests. Funding from the Foundation will specifically support Career Kids	\$8,000

	in five elementary schools and one elementary school.	
Bosque School – Horizons	Horizons Albuquerque at Bosque School is a nationally recognized academic enrichment program that addresses a loss of reading and math skills over the summer months for public school students from low-income families. Foundation funding for the 2015-2016 school year will support the addition of one grade which will bring enrollment to 65 students. Funding will also support two new summer grades for 2017.	\$10,000
Boys & Girls Club	The Boys and Girls Club of Central New Mexico (BGCCNM) serves more than 2,000 children a year at five locations in Albuquerque and Rio Rancho. With the understanding that as many as 80% of future jobs require some level of STEM skills and knowledge, BGCCNM has begun offering robust STEM programs and has engaged students in Lego Robotics, rocketry and science-related art projects. Funding from the Foundation will support BGCCNM in the staffing necessary to carry out STEM programs for 150 students aged 5-18 at five club sites in the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area.	\$5,019
Christina Kent Early Childhood Center	Christina Kent Early Childhood Center's T.E.A.C.H. Scholar Program educates and engages teachers who provide care and early childhood education to children ages 2 – 5 years old. With support from the Foundation, Christina Kent, in partnership with the New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children, will support T.E.A.C.H Scholars to cover their program fees and to enable them to attend early childhood education college courses.	\$3,750
Southwest Women's Law Center	Southwest Women's Law Center uses law, research and creative collaborations to advance opportunities for girls and women in Albuquerque by helping them access affordable healthcare, promoting economic security and ensuring that they receive equal pay for their work. The Foundation is proud to support an innovative partnership between the Southwest Women's Law Center and Tenderlove Community Center. This collaborative program provides homeless women with sewing skills, while also teaching them the business skills necessary to market and sell their products to help support themselves financially and begin the process of building a sustainable business.	\$8,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$34,769</b>

## Human Services

Organization	Description	Amount
Albuquerque Center for Hope and Recovery	Albuquerque Center for Hope and Recovery supports people who live with mental health, or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse challenges through peer support in a safe environment. With support from the Foundation, the Albuquerque Center for Hope and Recovery will be able to increase job placement among individuals in their program and will broaden the scope of their services. This includes offering space and materials for peers in recovery and Certified Peer Support Workers to lead recovery groups such as Art in Recovery, Employment Empowerment Job Club, Mental Health First Aid and a variety of substance abuse and recovery meetings.	\$4,846
Animal Humane New Mexico	Animal Humane New Mexico improves the lives of New Mexico's cats and dogs through sheltering, adoptions, humane education and veterinary services. Foundation funding will support the Senior Pet Owner Veterinary Fund, which covers the cost of veterinary care for senior citizen pet owners so that cherished cats and dogs may stay in the loving arms of their 65+ human partners. Through this program, an estimated 70 pets will be able to stay with their owners in 2016.	\$9,211
Assistance League of Albuquerque	Assistance League of Albuquerque provides clothes to school children and enhance their education, offers aid to victims of rape, abuse and critical illness, supports individuals returning to the workforce and offers an economic venue for senior citizens. The Foundation's grant will be used to support Operation School Bell, which provides new uniform clothing to over 4,200 low-income school children and offers books and materials to APS schools. Specifically, Operation School Bell will clothe approximately 100 students, provide 300 books to two Title 1 public schools and establish three clothes closets.	\$10,000
Crossroads for Women	Crossroads for Women provides housing and intensive support services for homeless and formerly incarcerated women, all of whom are living well below the federal poverty guidelines and have co-occurring mental and addictive disorders. Until this year, Crossroads operated two housing programs – "Maya's Place," and transitional housing program, and "The Crossroads," a permanent supportive housing program. In 2015, Crossroads began efforts to double its size and open two additional housing programs – HOPE House and The Pavilions. A general operating grant from the Foundation will	\$21,080

	help to support this operational expansion over the next twelve months.	
Enlace Comunitario	Enlace Comunitario is a social justice organization led by Latina women that works to end domestic violence in the Latino immigrant communities and promotes healthy families. With the support of the Foundation, Enlace Comunitario will launch its pilot Batterers Intervention Program to work with men in eliminating domestic violence in the Spanish-speaking Latino immigrant community. By developing this new culturally-based curriculum, Enlace will create an innovative and replicable model that other organizations serving Spanish-speaking batterers can effectively adopt.	\$10,000
New Mexico Center for Law and Poverty	New Mexico Center for Law and Poverty (NMCLP) advances social justice through education, advocacy and litigation. By working with low-income New Mexican's, the NMCLP improves living conditions, increases opportunities and protects the rights of people living in poverty. Critical to NMCLP's work is increasing access to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF). Through TANF, families receive a small amount of cash assistance to help them meet basic needs, such as housing, utilities and clothing costs. Foundation funding will be used to support the work of attorneys whose focus is to increase accessibility to TANF and who have extensive experience engaging in campaigns to protect and improve public benefit programs.	\$10,000
Sandoval County CASA	Sandoval County CASA provides advocacy services for abused and neglected children involved in the court system, and ensures that they have a safe, stable and permanent home. Funding will be utilized to train and supervise eight new CASA volunteer advocates who will be assigned to foster care abuse and neglect cases to help determine the best interests of foster children.	\$3,200
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$68,337</b>

## Health

Organization	Description	Amount
Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless	Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless operates a freestanding, integrated and client-centered primary care clinic, offering medical, psychiatric, dental and other services to individuals experiencing homelessness. Funding from the Foundation this year will support Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless' Expanded Health Campus and Resource Center, which will provide cross-agency services, care coordination and enhanced benefit enrollment activities, immediate access to showers/bathrooms and hygiene supplies for 500 people experiencing homelessness.	\$7,800
Albuquerque Meals on Wheels	Albuquerque Meals on Wheels prepares and distributes nutritious and affordable meals to adults, the elderly, the homebound or people who may suffer from serious health concerns. Each year, they prepare and deliver over 122,000 meals with the support of 400 volunteers. The Foundation's grant will benefit the Low Income Food and Enrichment (LIFE) Program, which provides 1,820 no-cost or reduced-cost meals to people living in poverty, who are homebound and struggling with severe medical illness.	\$11,830
All Faiths	All Faiths mental health programs provide behavioral health services to children and families who have experienced trauma or are living in crisis. Funding from the Foundation will support All Faiths' Family Wellness Program, a ground-breaking intervention that is designed to break the cycle of child abuse and trauma by focusing on helping children heal, while also repairing families. In the Family Wellness Program, parents address their own history of trauma and learn ways to discipline in a nurturing and effective manner that is free from violence.	\$15,000
Dental Care in Your Home	Dental Care in Your Home provides complete, professional dental care for homebound and special needs' individuals of all ages, ethnicities, religions and sexual orientation in their own home or care facility regardless of their ability to pay. With the support of the Foundation, Dental Care in Your Home will be able to purchase	\$8,931

	<p>medical equipment and supplies, and will engage more part-time dental hygienists and dentists to see an increased number of patients who are unable to leave their homes for dental care.</p>	
<p>Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains</p>	<p>Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains empowers people to make informed choices about their reproductive health by providing high quality health services, comprehensive sex education and strategic advocacy. Funding from the Foundation will support the Clients in Need program at three Planned Parenthood health centers in Albuquerque. The Clients in Need program removes any financial barriers that may prevent clients from receiving services such as, cancer screenings, breast exams and gynecological exams, by offering low or no cost healthcare for patients seeking reproductive healthcare.</p>	<p>\$7,500</p>
<p>Presbyterian Ear Institute</p>	<p>Presbyterian Ear Institute assists people with hearing loss to listen and speak better and to integrate into mainstream society. With the support of the Foundation, Presbyterian Ear Institute can purchase specialized equipment that ensures infants with hearing aids are hearing at optimal levels for speech understanding, language learning and overall communications. Beyond the equipment, services will include parent education, speech therapy for children, developmental instruction, cochlear implant evaluations and follow-up hearing evaluations.</p>	<p>\$12,750</p>
<p>The Rock at Noon Day</p>	<p>The Rock at Noon Day helps Albuquerque's homeless and near homeless population through nourishing meals and related services that promote self-sufficiency, dignity and independence. Specific funding from the Foundation will support the Rock at Noon Day's feeding program, which provides over 100,000 nutritious meals for thousands of homeless individuals annually.</p>	<p>\$5,000</p>
<p>The Storehouse, Inc.</p>	<p>Set up as a grocery store, The Storehouse invites low-income people to "shop" for food, giving them the choice of items they may need to feed their families. Non-perishable food, such as pasta, canned goods, beans and baby food, is offered a no cost to clients. Support from the Foundation will be used to provide over 55,000 meals to low-income families with children.</p>	<p>\$10,000</p>
<p><b>Total</b></p>		<p><b>\$78,811</b></p>

## Economic & Workforce Development

Organization	Description	Amount
South Valley Economic Development Center	South Valley Economic Development Center (SVEDC) provides facilities, resources and training for new and expanding small businesses, with an eye towards job creation and fostering economic revitalization of the South Valley community. Through the Foundation's inaugural Economic and Workforce Development grant, SVEDC will create a new program in partnership with local agencies to develop a coordinated business development campaign for English and Spanish-speaking business owners in the South Valley. Through this effort, SVEDC will leverage local resources, including the Taza program, to offer businesses a roadmap to incorporation that includes classes, mentorship and resources for entrepreneurs.	\$15,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$15,000</b>