

New Mexico Arts and the National Hispanic Cultural Center Work Together on Public Art Project

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Two divisions of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs are collaborating on a public art project that is looking for talented artists from across the Southwest.

The Art in Public Places (AIPP) program of New Mexico Arts and the Local Selection Committee (LSC) for the National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC) are working together to obtain qualifications from talented artists who will ultimately create a design as part of the Paseo Acequia revitalization project on the NHCC campus in Albuquerque. Submissions are being sought from artists or artist teams in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. The deadline is midnight (MDT) on August 6, 2021.

“The NHCC Foundation is proud to contribute to this renovation project and thanks the New Mexico Gas Company and Bernalillo County for their support to help fund this project to beautify the main walkway leading to the Center’s Plaza Mayor,” said Roberta Ricci, executive director of the NHCC Foundation. “This project will provide our visitors a beautiful pathway to connect with our evolving culture while enhancing the campus’ look. Public art projects are essential to the Center and the Foundation’s mission, connecting us all to one another, how we experience the world to our surrounding environment, and an innovative way to experience our own sense of who we are.”

Since its inception in 1986, the AIPP program has helped revitalize public spaces across New Mexico through an innovative and diverse public art collection, placing more than 3,000 works of art in all 33 counties across the state. The goal of this program is to reflect the diversity of the arts in New Mexico, the Southwest, and the country, while building a dynamic public art collection for the State of New Mexico.

The NHCC is an ideal setting to showcase public art, as the Center presents exhibitions, lectures, book readings, performing arts, and educational programming, all in an environment dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and advancement of Hispanic culture, arts, and humanities. Revitalization of the Paseo Acequia, situated just south of the Torreón and the New Mexico Mutual Welcome Center, is expected to attract more visitors to the NHCC by creating another focal point on the 20-acre campus.

For more details, including submission requirements, site information, and instructions on submitting materials online, visit https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=8153.

About New Mexico Arts

[New Mexico Arts](#), a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, is the state arts agency. New Mexico Arts administers the state's One Percent for Public Art program, awards grants to nonprofit organizations for arts and cultural programs in their communities across the state, and provides technical assistance and educational opportunities for organizations, artists, and arts educators throughout New Mexico.

About the National Hispanic Cultural Center

[The National Hispanic Cultural Center](#) is dedicated to the preservation, promotion and advancement of Hispanic culture, arts and humanities. The Center presents mission related events throughout the year, some produced by its history, literary, performing and visual arts programs, and others by partnering with external organizations. Events take place at its 20-plus-acre campus, which includes a plaza, an art museum, a historic designated building, a library, and genealogy center. The Center is a division of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs and is further supported by the National Hispanic Cultural Center Foundation.

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