

NATIVE AMERICAN RECOVERY FUND ZONE GRANT

For Tribal Communities in New Mexico



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NEW MEXICO FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NATIVE AMERICAN RECOVERY FUND ZONE GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Collaborate effort seeks to provide up to \$5.5M in support to Native-Led Recovery Projects.

SANTA FE, NM - The New Mexico Foundation, in partnership with local, regional and national foundations, announces the Native American Recovery Fund zone grant, a unique funding opportunity that seeks to support Native-led recovery projects in the following areas: Family Economic Security, Health Systems, Local Food Systems, Opportunity Youth, and Water Resilience. As State and Tribal governments prepare to receive hundreds of millions of dollars of Federal recovery and infrastructure funding over the next two to three years, the Recovery Fund zone grant will provide initial support and planning funding to 12 projects being championed by Native-led organizations across the state. Up to \$5.5 million is intended to build capacity of these organizations and connect them as directly as possible to larger funding sources to help these projects achieve their development goals.

“Despite incredibly challenging conditions for our Native American communities across the state through the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to see resilience and leadership emerge as we work to ‘build back better’ in the coming years,” said JoAnn Melchor, President and CEO of the New Mexico Foundation. “The Recovery Fund zone grant is working to provide funding, technical support and networking opportunities for community leaders in Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes across New Mexico so that they have the capacity they need to complete projects that support their communities.”

In this first year of grantmaking, approximately 12, \$25,000 grants will be awarded.

The innovative “zone grant” structure allows Foundations to align their funding in a way that supports their individual missions while creating new levels of flexibility for grantees and the centering of community voice in grant-making and strategy development. Funders will partner and build new relationships with Native American leaders and Tribes to broaden their perspectives and approaches to funding Indigenous communities.

Along with this announcement, the New Mexico Foundation has also published a Request for Proposals (RFP) inviting Native-led organizations across the state to apply. The RFP can be downloaded from the NMF website here: www.newmexicofoundation.org

Proposals will be accepted until 5:00 PM on Thursday, October 14, 2021, with grant decisions expected to be announced by October 30, 2021, followed by a possible grantee convening in late November.

“The Recovery Fund zone grant has enabled our foundation to leverage its funding and provide deeper support to Native-led recovery efforts than we otherwise would have,” said Allan Oliver Executive Director of the Thornburg Foundation. “We look forward to building deeper ties to local partners and other local and national foundations as we work together to support community-focused efforts.”

Key partners in the development of the Recovery Fund zone grant include the New Mexico Foundation, Roanhorse Consulting, LLC, Pivotal New Mexico, 501(c)PA, and Groundworks NM. Participating foundations currently include: Albuquerque Community Foundation, Anchorum St. Vincent, Anderson Foundation, The Aspen Institute, Colorado River Sustainability Campaign, Con Alma Health Foundation, McCune Charitable Foundation, Native American Advised Fund, Santa Fe Community Foundation, Thornburg Foundation, and Wells Fargo Bank.

For more information on applying for the Native American Recovery Fund zone grant, please visit: <https://newmexicofoundation.org/native-american-recovery-fund-zone-grant/>

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