The Mission of Con Alma is to be aware of and respond to the health rights and needs of culturally and demographically diverse peoples and communities of New Mexico.

Con Alma seeks to improve the health status and access to health care services for all New Mexicans and advocate for a health policy that addresses the health needs of all New Mexicans. The foundation makes grants, contributions, and program-related investments to fulfill this Mission.
Since its creation in 2001, Con Alma health Foundation has been filling the gaps in public and private health care services across New Mexico. This has been an exciting time in which we have continued the work of growing a new health Foundation.

Our second year of grant making has been a time of growth, transition from a start-up organization, learning about the health needs in New Mexico communities, defining our priorities, and developing partnerships. Over the last two years we have presented more than 1.3 million dollars in grants to New Mexico health non-profits. This investment has addressed issues such as substance abuse, mental health, cancer resource surveys, health care for the homeless, and health education for many diverse populations.

Based on the scope and complexity of New Mexico health needs, Con Alma knows that collaboration is required among health professionals, government, business leaders, foundations, and health organizations. We have been actively leading and working with these partners to encourage a sharing of experience and ideas, so that our resources can have the greatest impact on the health of all New Mexico citizens.

We extend a special “Thank You” to our Board of Trustees, Community Advisory Committee, program partners, and donors for fostering a future that improves the health status and access to health care services and will advocate for a health policy, which will address the current and future needs of all New Mexicans.

Eric P. Serna
President
Robert Desiderio
Executive Director

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In 2003 30 organizations were funded. These grantees competed with 162 New Mexico organizations seeking more than $5 million in funding.

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ABC of NM, Albuquerque
C A P P E D, Inc., Alamogordo
Center of Protective Environment, Inc., Alamogordo
Chaparral Community Health Council, Chaparral
Community Coalition for Healthcare Access, Albuquerque
Community Wellness Center, Las Cruces
Corazon Behavioral Health Services, Inc., Las Alamos
El Pueblo Health Services, Bernalillo
Gathering Place, Albuquerque
Gerard’s House, Santa Fe
Hands Across Cultures, Corp., Española
Hidalgo Medical Services, Lordsburg
La Clinica de Familia, Las Cruces
Literacy Volunteers of Santa Fe, Santa Fe
Mora Valley Community Health Clinic, Mora
Navajo United Methodist Center, Farmington
Navajo Way, Inc., Fort Defiance
New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic, Albuquerque
New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Albuquerque
New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition, Albuquerque
New Mexico Voices for Children, Albuquerque
Northern New Mexico Women’s Health & Birth Center, Taos
Pine Hill Health Center, Pine Hill
Rainbow Women Wellness & Resource Center, Grants
REACH 2000, Roswell
Rio Arriba Family Care Network, Española
Santa Fe Project Access (SPPA), Santa Fe
Senior Citizens’ Law Office, Albuquerque
Southwest Organizing Project, Albuquerque
St. Martin’s Hospitality Center, Albuquerque

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These organizations are making a difference in the health care available to New Mexicans. We will continue to work toward our goal of healthy New Mexicans living in healthy communities.”

- Robert Desiderio, Executive Director, Con Alma Health Foundation
POLICIES
Grant recommendations are made by the Con Alma Health Foundation Grantmaking Committee and are ratified by the foundation’s board of trustees.

FUNDING RESTRICTIONS
Grants are limited to qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations serving the residents of the state of New Mexico. Grants are not made to individuals, for scholarships/fellowships or for bricks, mortar, or property.

AREAS OF INTEREST
Con Alma Health Foundation focuses broadly in the areas of health and human services with special emphasis on culturally diverse, rural and tribal communities. At the present time, Con Alma is funding primarily organizations that work in the area of youth risk behaviors. Con Alma gives priority consideration to proposals that demonstrate strong collaborative relationships, have multiple funding sources, have a plan for sustainability, and address systemic change rather than direct services.

SCHEDULES
The Con Alma grant guidelines are distributed in late spring and proposals are due in early fall.

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