Northern New Mexico Health Grants Group (NNMHGG) Grant Cycle Guidelines

Application Period
Opens: Friday, April 6, 2020 at 9 AM
Closes: Friday, May 8, 2020 at 5 PM

Grant Period
January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

Grant Request Amounts
Applicants will have the opportunity to select a fixed request amount and are encouraged to select whichever of $7,500, $10,000, $15,000 or $20,000 available request amount best meets your organization’s needs.

Access to 2020 Application
Northern New Mexico Health Grants Group’s 2020 Application is found through SmartSimple, our new grants management system. SmartSimple Registration is required to access the 2020 Application. The registration process is different for applicants who have previously used Con Alma’s online system (whether funded or not) than it is for applicants that have not previously submitted an online application for funding.

• Applicants with previous submissions to Con Alma or to NNMHGG email sysadmin@conalma.org to receive link to your organization’s portal
• Applicants new to Con Alma or to the Northern New Mexico Health Grants Group Register at SmartSimple

To request assistance using SmartSimple online grant application tools, contact Information Manager Cecile LaBore clabore@conalma.org

Required Budget Budgets
Applicants to the NNMHGG will need to provide two types of budget information:
1. Organization’s Operating Budget - Applicants will be required to upload a copy of your organization’s general operating budget, including all funding sources and major expense categories, for the most current fiscal year (if your fiscal year ends on June 30th, use the upcoming fiscal year budget). If using a Fiscal Sponsor, submit the general operating budget of the Fiscal Sponsor.
2. A Project Budget is also required. Information related to a project specific budget are completed online as part of the SmartSimple grant application.
Northern New Mexico Health Grants Group Funding Opportunities

The Northern New Mexico Health Grants Group is a joint initiative of Con Alma and the Hospital Auxiliary of Los Alamos Medical Center. NNMHGG awards grants to eligible nonprofits that promote the health and wellness of the diverse peoples of Los Alamos, Rio Arriba and northern Santa Fe Counties.

Northern New Mexico Health Grants Group awards are for single-year implementation of a wide range of programs/projects, initiatives and organizations that promote health and wellness in Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, and northern Santa Fe Counties detailed in “Data for Grantmaking: A Comparative Study of Community Health.”

Examples include, but are not limited, to:
• Improve the health status and rights of diverse populations of Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, and northern Santa Fe Counties
• Increase access to health and health care services
• Advocate for health policy
• Increase community wellness and health equity
• Grant seekers may submit a grant application for consideration through both NNMHGG as well as through Con Alma Health Foundation’s funding opportunities

Making Your Application Competitive
You can increase your chances of being funded if your application demonstrates:
• Identify realistic and attainable outcomes
• Specify what you are seeking funds to do
• Engage beneficiaries as leaders in the proposed work
• Clearly address both the geographic reach and the geographic impact that are likely as a result of the efforts for which you are seeking support
• An understanding of the health needs and opportunities in Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, and northern Santa Fe Counties detailed in “Data for Grantmaking: A Comparative Study of Community Health”
• A shared value for collaboration within or across geographic areas or institutional sectors (government, nonprofit, private sector).
• A focus on improving the health of underserved residents of Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, and northern Santa Fe Counties, including rural areas, communities of ethnic or other diversity, immigrants, veterans, etc.
• A request budget and/or organizational budget that includes support from multiple sources and a clear relationship between expenses and the goals stated in your application.
Eligibility and Restrictions

- All grants are limited to 501(c)(3) organizations or organizations with an approved 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor. If you have a question related to fiscal sponsorship requirement, contact our Program Director.
- The purpose of the grant must benefit those living in Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, and northern Santa Fe Counties. Northern Santa Fe County excludes both the City and south of Santa Fe.
- Grants awarded through NNMHGG are not likely to be awarded for projects with activities replacing public sector health-related services.
- Services that supplement or expand health-related services of the public sector are accepted.
- Organizations working directly with sovereign nations, pueblos or tribal communities or within their jurisdictions must upload a letter of support from the tribe(s)/nation(s) involved as an attachment to the application or request additional time to do so.
- No grant will be made to individuals, or to fund scholarships/fellowships, capital or endowment campaigns, annual fundraising campaigns, event sponsorships, emergency repairs, debt liquidation, clinical research, or direct financial subsidy of health services to individuals or groups.
- No grant will be made to fund political campaigns, lobbying activities, or other activities prohibited by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- No grant will be made to fund construction or renovation.
- Purchases of property or equipment are limited to $5,000 per item.
- An organization that has previously received a CAHF and/or a NNMHGG grant may apply for additional grants in subsequent years. Successful recurring requests must show that the organization has built upon previous strategies.
- The Foundation generally will not consider ongoing funding for the same activity.
- Applicants to Northern New Mexico Health Grants Group may also apply to Con Alma Health Foundation.

Origins of Northern New Mexico Health Grants Group

The Northern New Mexico Health Grants Group is a joint initiative of Con Alma Health Foundation and Los Alamos Medical Center Auxiliary, formed to administer a fund created by proceeds from the 2002 sale of Los Alamos Medical Center to a for-profit corporation.
What to expect once you’ve submitted your Application?

Northern New Mexico Health Grants Group (NNMHGG) Grant Review Process

Communications are made via email (or via phone, when appropriate). To ensure you receive important updates and emails from the Foundation it is important that applicants mark communications from “conalma.org” as “safe” so that critical communication does not get flagged as Spam.

Applicants to the NNMHGG can generally expect the following:

• Once the grant application deadline closes, a review process will begin and continue over the course of about five months.
• A Foundation staff will contact you via email or phone if, upon reviewing the application, we need additional information.
• The NNMHGG review process does not require a Site Visit.
• The NNMHGG Advisory Committee meets in late September to make recommendations which are sent for approval to Los Alamos Medical Center Auxiliary and to the Con Alma Health Foundation Board of Trustees sometime in October.
• Award or denial notifications follow about one to two weeks later.