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## Con Alma Offers Grants to Support Immigrant Community Nonprofits Can Apply for COVID-19 Grants Starting July 21

(Santa Fé) – Con Alma Health Foundation invites nonprofits to apply for grants to provide basic needs to immigrants who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and unable to access federal and state resources. Con Alma will award grants to help nonprofits provide such basic needs as crisis intervention, food distribution, housing assistance, case management, civil rights and advocacy, and health care supplies and assistance.

"Immigrants are a crucial part of our state's economy and culture. They work jobs deemed essential during this pandemic, yet cannot access federal and state relief," said Dolores E. Roybal, Con Alma's executive director. "We will award grants to organizations that will address this population's short-term needs as well as strategies toward an equitable recovery."

Con Alma will accept grant applications from 9 a.m. July 21 through 5 p.m. August 14. To apply, visit <a href="http://conalma.org/">http://conalma.org/</a>. Grants will range from \$7,500 to \$15,000.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation awarded a \$500,000 grant to Con Alma Health Foundation to establish and manage the COVID-19 Relief for Immigrant Communities in New Mexico Fund, which will provide direct assistance to New Mexicans who are immigrants and create awareness about the structural barriers to their well-being. Con Alma will prioritize grants to immigrant-led organizations and requests that include collaboration and coordination with others on COVID-19 efforts.

Con Alma will establish an advisory committee with diverse representation to help guide the project and partner with the New Mexico Health Equity Partnership, an initiative at the Santa Fe Community Foundation that engages a statewide network to advance health equity in New Mexico.

"In addition to our direct assistance, we will use this grant to help increase organizations' ability to mobilize and advocate for the immigrant community, especially children and families in New Mexico," Roybal said.