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February 15 at 5 p.m. — Arts & Culture; Education and Environmental & Historic Preservation
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For more information and a full timeline of the 2018 Competitive Grant Programs, please visit albuquerquefoundation.org

First-of-its-Kind Collaborative Grants: Educate2Elevate
In 2017, a group of funders joined forces to create the New Mexico Funders Collaborative. The Collaborative is a network of statewide funders committed to pooling time, energy and resources for the betterment of New Mexico communities. With the shared belief that we are stronger together and can find common ground to affect long-term systemic change in New Mexico, this group of funders created the Educate2Elevate (E2E) grant program to support middle school education initiatives in the Granite Albuquerque area. Thirteen funders contributed $55,656 each to award one high-impact, $45,900 grant.

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Throughout 2018, the Collaborative will make site visits to Horizons middle school program and collect qualitative and quantitative results from the grant. As the Collaborative grows, we expect to see higher-impact grantmaking with additional funders joining the program so organizations can benefit from shared funding sources. If you are a funder and are interested in joining the NM Funders Collaborative, please contact Joanna Colangelo, joanna@abqcf.org.
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During 2017, the Foundation awarded more than $5 million in grant and scholarship funds. The ability of capital campaigns to raise the capital necessary to serve the community in a way that is valuable and far-reaching. Many of these gifts are building endowments that not only address the critical needs of today, but also sustain positive change for years to come.

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Leadership Partners continue to align with the shared vision to create and support programs, change systems and foster opportunities not only for young men of color, but also see to it that they are actually walking through the door.

We encourage the nonprofit community to continue its good work and to evaluate and refine its programming in an effort to provide access to economic opportunities for all Albuquerque residents. This progress would not be possible without you.

As we begin the new year, we want to take a moment to let you know how grateful we are for your investment in our community.

In November, the Foundation, in partnership with the City of Albuquerque and the national My Brother’s Keeper Alliance, hosted a live grant pitch contest at the African American Performing Arts Center. The pitch contest was the first step in our 37th year project, a pilot grant initiative that awarded a total of $100,000 to support educational advancement and employment opportunities for young men of color in the Greater Albuquerque area.

Próspero! grants represented diverse avenues of opportunity for young men of color: technology, culinary arts, construction, the trades, education and soft-skills employability and the creative economy.

We are proud to announce the 2017 Próspero! grantees who each received $20,000.

• Cultivating Coders to support entrepreneurs in-demand computer science skills and coding training for young adults (16-24 years) of color.

• Downtown Albuquerque MainStreet/Three Sisters Kitchen to support "Cooking Up a Strong Economy," a collaboration between Three Sisters Kitchen and the Street Food Institute, training young men of color in the food industry with a focus on developing marketable "value-added" food product concepts and building local brand recognition.

• Fatherhood Building Futures to help previously incarcerated men obtain job skills and employment in areas including data entry, painting, roofing and masonry.

• New Day Youth and Family Services to support New Day’s Pathway to Employment program, which helps homeless and disconnected youth gain skills and find employment.

• Working Classroom to support the "CREATE Fellowship: Supporting Young Men of Color in Creative Careers," which will train, support, employ and connect a cohort of 10 young men of color to careers in the creative economy.

We look forward to building upon this partnership with the City and the My Brother’s Keeper Alliance to continue reaching breaking populations in our community and offer unique avenues for investing national and local dollars into Albuquerque.
In 2017, we were honored to be a recipient of the Albuquerque Community Foundation’s Great Grant Giveaway. We were awarded a total of $35,000 from the event to support our work to create 30,000 new, living-wage jobs in Albuquerque by 2025, focusing on racial and income equity.

We are beginning to see results from this long term goal. The first two quarters of 2017 saw the strongest for the number of new business registrations in Albuquerque since 2012, with more than 1,600 registrations each quarter. We’ve seen the number really swing set and now market growth, past our five-year goal post and we’re only in your first.

Last year, our pilot programs evolved to include a new Tech Navigator program to aid entrepreneurs and scientists as they bring their ideas to life. The future at Sandia National Labs, the Air Force Research Lab, STC.UNM, New Mexico Angels and many more incredible partner organizations are working hard to ensure promising New Mexico companies have the resources to succeed. Learn more at technavabq.com and see the full list of partners.

Our Co-Op Capital program is expanding this Spring to continue widening access to capital for low-income entrepreneurs and our now 20 nonprofits and technology – to support the people who are growing jobs right here at home. We know together we can think smarter, remove barriers and belief in our community. Your relationship with the Albuquerque Community Foundation and our non-profits and for-profit partners serves as the catalyst for powerful, meaningful change across Albuquerque. We honor you. We appreciate you. And most important, we are grateful to you.

This year, 2018, will be no different, even as we head into the unknown. What will the year bring? We will see how tax reform will impact giving. We will partner with Census 2020 to ensure that all New Mexicans are counted, because all New Mexicans count. We will partner with government agencies and private foundations on issues of job growth, skills training, entrepreneurship, innovation and other important challenges, new and at any age, in an effort to provide access to economic opportunities for all Albuquerqueans. This process simply would not be possible without you.

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Corporationals Dr. Susanne B. Brown, former Foundation Trustee and current endowment holder, be selected as the recipient of the “Keep the Dream Alive” award presented by The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Multicultural Council. The Council honors community members who have made significant contributions to the world, representing the legacy of Dr. King. Dr. Brown has embodied this legacy by her philanthropic involvement in advancing our education, encouraging public discourse of societal issues and encouraging conflict resolution. Dr. Brown’s impactor career includes seven years of rural medical work in Haiti, as well as serving as the medical director of Healthcare for the Homeless.

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Thank you for your partnership! We are proud to be your community foundation. The Foundation gives now and as they arise, in addition to our commitment to funding in the Arts, Education, Environmental & Historic Preservation, Health & Human Services.

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Leadership Partners continue to align with the shared vision to create and support programs, change systems and foster opportunities not only for current, but also for future generations. The brains at Sandia National Labs, the Air Force Research Lab, STC.UNM, New Mexico Angels and many more incredible partners are working hard to ensure promising New Mexico companies have the resources to succeed. More than in technology and core, but also in families.

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In November, we celebrated Travelocity called ABQ “the next trendy city”. Insider named ABQ as one of the “hippest cities for under 30 year olds.” Economic development efforts are coming together for our city. Don’t sit on the sidelines. Together, we are lifting our great, great city.

Table and/or Table Grant sponsorship - $300

Everyone is Invited! Great Grant Giveaway
Thursday, March 29
11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Hotel Albuquerque

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Mayer’s Prize for Entrepreneurship

Now in its third year, the Mayer’s Prize announced its 2017-2018 grant cohort on November 15, 2017. This year’s grant focuses on a wide spectrum of the entrepreneurial ecosystem, including arts entrepreneurs, immigrant entrepreneurs, and the growing culinary and maker space sectors. The grants are:

• CNM Ignite to continue support for the NSITE Community Accelerator and FUSE Makerspace initiatives. Both programs connect small-scale production methodology and practice with intellectual property, mentorship and distribution support, enabling entrepreneurs who manufacture products at FUSE to also learn to run a business and distribute these products for sale.

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To date, the Mayer’s Prize has granted $480,000 to 11 entrepreneurial support organizations in the Greater Albuquerque Area and has contributed to the creation of over 100 businesses and 500 jobs.

TAX REFORM

Getting a few dollars knocked off your tax bill probably isn’t the main reason you give to charity.

If you’re like me, you give because you care about certain causes – education, children’s health, arts, a clean environment, job growth. You give because you care about the quality of life in our community and in the world. But a little financial incentive certainly doesn’t hurt.

Unfortunately, for some Americans, the value of the charitable giving tax deduction will disappear under the recently enacted tax reform legislation. This is a shortcoming that is especially acute for resource-strapped government agencies and generous businesses who use their own money and those who care enough about your work to volunteer time and effort to help you.

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As an Albuquerque native and two-time graduate of the University of New Mexico, I love this place. There is a strong culture of community engaged in the pursuit of excellence. We will be recognized during the 2018 Quality New Mexico Learning Summit & New Mexico Performance Excellence Awards (NMPEA) as a Piñon Award recipient. This award recognizes the Foundation as a role model in customer and employee satisfaction and performance excellence. We will be recognized during the 2018 Quality New Mexico Learning Summit & New Mexico Performance Excellence Awards (NMPEA) as a Piñon Award recipient. This award recognizes the Foundation as a role model in customer and employee satisfaction and performance excellence.

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**Welcome New Trustees!**

Paul DiPerna is the New Mexico Regional President for UBS Bank, where he has been working for the past seven years. An Albuquerque native, Paul attended Miyamoto High School and a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University. He currently serves on the Board of Athletics for the University of New Mexico, the New Mexico Museum of Space Science and the Albuquerque Museum of Art. He is also the Past President of the New Mexico Bankers Association.

Linda H. Parker is the co-founder of the Parker Center for Family Business at UNM. The Parker Center is a nonprofit created to provide a forum addressing critical challenges unique to family businesses, providing tools to help them succeed now and for generations to come. Currently, Linda is the Managing Partner at TNT, Ltd. Partnership. An ardent volunteer, Linda has served as the Past Chair of the UNM Anderson School of Management Foundation and the Foundation of Entrepreneurial Growth. She is currently serving on the Coralwood Arts Council and Friends of the Coralwood Library.

José Viramontes is the Director of MediaDesk, a creative communications firm providing high-quality, professional and value-added communications services to nonprofits and community organizations. Through clear and effective storytelling, messaging and strategic communications services, MediaDesk helps organizations and initiatives exceed its high standards across juggling meaningful results. José is also the past Chair of the Future Fund of Board of the Albuquerque Community Foundation.

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**2018 Competitive Grant Program Deadlines**

**February 15 at 5 p.m.** – Arts & Culture, Education and Environmental & Historic Preservation

**April 5 at 5 p.m.** – Economic & Workforce Development, Health and Human Services

*For more information and a full timeline of the 2018 Competitive Grants Program, please visit albuquerquefoundation.org

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**First of its Kind Collaborative Grants: Educate2Elevate**

In 2017, a group of funders joined forces to create the New Mexico Funders Collaborative. The Collaborative is a network of sustainable funders committed to pooling time, energy and resources for the betterment of New Mexico communities. With the shared belief that we are stronger together and can find common ground to affect long-term systemic change in New Mexico, this group of funders created the Educate2Elevate (E2E) grant program to support middle school education initiatives in the Greater Albuquerque area. Throughies funded contributed $53,600 to support three high-impact, $14,400 grants.

On December 5, 2017, the Collaborative announced its inaugural E2E recipient, Horizons for Youth. Horizons for Youth is a nonprofit that works to support middle school students, develop middle school relevant family workshops, and a Family Handbook on educational transition. Their fund will allow new professional development opportunities for Horizons’ teachers to develop effective qualitative measures regarding the impact of Horizons’ programming.

“Through critical years of middle school, making a difference is possible. Students may plant the seeds for a successful path in high school, potentially leading to college and/or career success,” said Juaquin Moya, Director of Operations at Horizons for Youth. “Our mission is to help students and students. Our programs are designed to give students the confidence they need to see potential careers and realize what they can”

Throughout 2018, the Collaborative will make site visits to Horizons’ middle school programs and collect qualitative and quantitative results from their grant. As the Collaborative grows, we expect to see higher-impact grantmaking with additional funders joining the process, as an organization can benefit from shared funding. If you are a funder and are interested in joining the NM Funders Collaborative, please contact Joanna Colangelo, Joanna@abqcf.org.

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**Welcome New Executive Associate!**

Ashleigh Opland is thrilled to be the ground running in the new Executive Associate position. She will be responsible for increasing the organization’s productivity, ensuring timely responses, and overseeing the ongoing projects. Ashleigh earned her Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Communication from the University of New Mexico in 2017. Prior to completing her degree, Ashleigh worked in some of Albuquerque’s finest restaurants, where she learned the value of customer service and how to provide exceptional service. She joins the Foundation with over eight years of experience in the nonprofit sector and a deep passion to help her community.

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**New Faces**

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José Viramontes

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- WESST: a business incubator and resource center for arts entrepreneurs, and the growing culinary and makerspace sectors. The grantees are:

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• Keshet: at the Keshet Makers Space Experience, a project housed within the Keshet Arts and Innovation Community Program. A business incubator and resource center for arts entrepreneurs.

• WEBS: the La Escalera program, which provides an accelerated pathway for immigrant entrepreneurs to: (1) formalize their business compliance; (2) gain access to and improve use of banking services; and (3) join a network of support to start and grow their business.

• Downtown Albuquerque Mainstreet/Three Sisters Kitchen: to the “Food Business Entrepreneurial Training Program,” which provides aspiring, low-income entrepreneurs with the facilities, equipment, supplies and training they need to succeed in growing their businesses.

• Mayor’s Prize for Entrepreneurship

Now in its third year, the Mayor’s Prize announced its 2017-2018 grant cohort on November 13, 2017. This year’s grantees reflect a wide spectrum of the entrepreneurial economy, including arts entrepreneurs, immigrant entrepreneurs, immigrant-owned enterprises, and the growing culinary and makerspace sectors. The grantees are:

- CNM incubates to continue support for the INVENTE Community Accelerator and FUSE Makerspace initiatives. Both programs connect small-scale agricultural technology and practices with intellectual property assistance and distribution support, enabling entrepreneurs who manufacture products at FUSE to also learn to run a business and distribute products for sale.

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