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\$50,000 Awarded to Local Organizations thru Emergency Action Fund

Grants will support nonprofits facing significant financial hardship due to COVID-19

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. [March 20, 2020]—Ten local nonprofit organizations suffering significant financial hardship due to COVID-19 will receive a collective \$50,000 or \$5,000 each to support their work. The first round funding supports educational programming for youth while schools are closed, families, seniors, the transgender community, caregivers, mental health, human services, addiction, arts, hunger, medical, small business, creative/culinary economy, professional artists, rural populations, previously incarcerated individuals, community services, International District and the South Valley.

Albuquerque Center for Hope and Recovery (ACHR)

Albuquerque Center for Hope and Recovery is proud to be Albuquerque's only peer-run drop-in center of 17 years, supporting those who live with mental health or co-occurring mental health and substance use challenges. Through peer support, in a safe environment, ACHR aims to help people experience positive life growth by focusing on hope, humor and personal responsibility.

Boys and Girls Club of Central New Mexico (BGCCNM)

BGCCNM inspires and enables youth between the ages of 5 and 18, especially those who need the programs and services the most, to reach their full potential as caring, productive, and responsible citizens. The Club addresses the issue that most children do not have a safe, educational, and supportive place to go after school by providing youth with a safe and inspiring environment during after school and summer hours to encourage educational engagement, improve school performance and commitment to success.

Endorphin Power Company (EPC)

EPC provides services to people experiencing substance use disorder, homelessness and/or mental health issues. This includes those seeking residency at the facility and those who utilize the community services building for recovery support, service referrals, case management, brief crisis intervention, wellness and a myriad of other services.

FUSION

FUSION is NM's only professional theatre company, providing employment to professional actors, directors, stage managers, designers and technicians. FUSION also operates three performance venues, one of which contains co-op offices for six start-up arts businesses.

La Plazita Institute

La Plazita Institute provides cultural healing services to Albuquerque's most vulnerable youth populations and their families. Most of these youth are of Hispanic/Latinx, Chicano, and Native American heritage, are previously incarcerated and/or gang involved and come from families with multigenerational legacies of poverty, gang involvement and substance addiction. La Plazita Institute provides whole family and culturally appropriate support to facilitate healing and development of core values, self-identity and building self-esteem.

New Mexico Caregivers Coalition

New Mexico Caregivers Coalition is a statewide organization created to promote the voice of family and professional caregivers. NM Caregivers Coalition advocates for a well-trained, diverse frontline healthcare workforce by conducting trainings and holding events that engage caregivers in advancing their own interests.

Share Your Care Adult Day Services Centers

Share Your Care provides high quality Adult Day Service and Caregiver Respite as an alternative to the isolation of In-Home care and the trauma of Institutionalization. At each seven Program Sites Share Your Care is dedicated to improving the physical and mental health, autonomy and quality of life of adults and seniors who may be frail, elderly, developmentally/physically disabled, suffering from Alzheimer's/ Dementia, Parkinson's Disease and/or are otherwise vulnerable and in need of a safe, supervised and engaging day.

St. Felix Pantry

St. Felix Pantry provides weekly access to food for those in Bernalillo County and throughout New Mexico. With COVID-19, St. Felix Pantry has had an increase in need for food due to loss of income, lack of food access for families.

The Street Food Institute

The Street Food Institute offers entrepreneurial classes each semester working with individuals that are interested in starting their own small food business. SFI operates 2 cafes, 3 food trucks and a robust catering operation where students can participate in an internship, allowing them to gain experience in the culinary field.

Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico (TGRCNM)

TGRCNM assists people in legally changing their names, updating identity documents, obtaining trans-specific items and finding medical and behavioral health providers. TGRCNM provides peer support and emergency financial assistance, as well as offering support to transgender people who are incarcerated.

Albuquerque Community Foundation and United Way of Central New Mexico teamed up to deploy an Emergency Action Fund (EAF) to support nonprofit organizations struggling with lost and non-recoverable revenue expenses due to COVID-19. Other companies have made significant donations to the Fund, including Nusenda, Sandia National Labs, U.S. Eagle, Wells Fargo and PNM.

“We’re seeing applications ranging from small grass roots, all volunteer organizations to larger institutions who have lost revenue due to cancelled events. We’re seeing generous contributions from individuals and hugely generous contributions from the business community, said Joanna Colangelo, Vice President, Community Impact, Albuquerque Community Foundation. “We’re looking forward to pooling our collective resources to support our nonprofit community in the most immediate and effective ways.”

The Emergency Action Fund will continue to accept requests for short-term funding to support operations of nonprofit organizations located in the Greater Albuquerque Area with an accelerated response time within ten days. All organizations who have applied will remain on the consideration list as donations continue to come in. All grants are unrestricted and will range from \$500 -\$5000. Additional funding criteria is available on the website, abqcf.org.

Donations are tax-deductible and can be made at abqcf.org.

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