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NM FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE: EDUCATE 2 ELEVATE (e2e) GRANT

Application Opens: June 17th

Application Deadline: July 29th at 5pm MT

Proposals may only be submitted online through the Albuquerque Community Foundation's [online grant portal](#).

The educate2elevate (e2e) Grant is a collaborative funding opportunity that brings together funds from across New Mexico to pool resources and engage in high impact grantmaking. This grant is a collaborative investment from funders in various sectors, and we encourage organizations to demonstrate similar collaborative thinking when submitting applications. In 2018, after the passing of one of our founding members, Jennifer Riordan, e2e was temporarily named in honor of her passion for education. Today, the fund continues to celebrate the legacy of Jennifer and others who have dedicated their lives to community service.

This year's RFP will fund programs that are rooted in education and resource sharing supporting either unhoused youth and/or newcomer youth, pre-K through 12th grade. Ideally, programming will meet youth where they are, ensuring that those facing systemic barriers have equitable access to education, resources, and the opportunity to thrive. While we are not experts in this field, we are committed to doing our best and learning as we go. We hope to demonstrate our dedication to supporting diverse community needs, beyond funding solely education programs, and hope you'll agree this shows a broader and more responsive scope.

What You Need to Know:

- Organizations that have received funding from the NM Funders Collaborative are not eligible to apply for three (3) years following their award.
- The 2026 e2e grant award is focused on funding programs rooted in education and resource sharing that supports unhoused and/or newcomer youth, pre-K through 12th grade.
- While funding amounts vary based on contributions throughout the year, past grants have been awarded to one or two organizations, ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

- Applicants must be serving students and their families in Central New Mexico: Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia, and/or Tarrant County.
- Applicants may only submit one proposal.
- Applicants from nonprofit organizations and public education institutions are preferred.
- A complete list of FAQs can be found at the end of this RFP.

Eligible organizations must be:

- exempt from U.S. federal income tax pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”) and classified as a public charity under section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) of the Code and/or an educational institution or governmental entity
- located anywhere in the United States; however, a local partner supporting Central New Mexico is required.

Requirements:

- Proposal narrative/application responses
- Current year operating budget
- Most recent financial statements
 - Financial statements are required if your organization has an operating budget of \$750,000 or more

Funding Areas:

This grant opportunity is intended to support organizations serving in education and resource sharing supporting either unhoused youth and/or newcomer youth, pre-K through 12th.

Applicants are encouraged to speak to the gaps experienced in these communities and how their work supports and ensures equitable access to education and resources. Applicants must meet at least one of the funding areas listed below.

Interest areas for this opportunity include programs that provide support to:

1. **Children and Youth Experiencing Housing Insecurity:** Housing instability is a significant barrier to educational success. Programs and services offered would provide stable, supportive pathways that help unhoused youth and their families access education and achieve long-term well-being.
2. **Children and Youth Experiencing Food Insecurity:** Food insecurity directly impacts a child’s ability to learn and thrive. Programs and services offered would support consistent access to nutritious food, helping children and youth succeed in school and in their overall well-being.
3. **Children and Youth from Newcomer Families:** All children deserve access to the resources, education, and the support they need to thrive. Program and services offered would empower youth and children through their education journey and connecting them to culturally relevant community resources.

Narrative:

While the e2e grant application will be online via [Albuquerque Community Foundation's online grant portal](#) starting Wednesday, June 17, 2026, the following information will be required in various questions in the online application:

- Include a description of the population served, how that population has been impacted by the challenges they face, and the approximate number of people the program will serve.
- Describe how your program fits into one or more of the funding areas outlined in this RFP.
- Describe how your program directly supports positive educational outcomes for the children and youth that you serve, beyond just access to direct services.
- If you are collaborating with other organizations, describe how you share talent and resources within the community, and how these partnerships help increase your impact.

Applicants whose organizations/programs do not meet the requirements or who submit an application that fails to address every one of items listed above will not be considered.

Proposals must be received by 5 p.m. MT on Wednesday, July 29, 2026

No exceptions will be made for late proposals.

Timeline:

June 17 th	RFP opens
July 29 th	RFP closes at 5 p.m. MT
August 26 th	Grant review panel convenes
August 28 th	Grantee Notification
October 14 th	Grantee Luncheon/Site Visit

Review and Awarding:

A review panel will be composed of representatives from all funders that have contributed to this funding opportunity. Applicants may not contact reviewers and reviewers may not contact applicants during the open application and/or review period.

Grant announcement will be made on August 28, 2026.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and/or governmental entities serving Central New Mexico (Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia, and/or Torrance County). Nonprofit organizations must also have current filings with both the New Mexico Department of Justice (DOJ) and Secretary of State and have a positive Charity Check Report via GuideStar. (Educational institutions and religious organizations are exempt from DOJ filings).

My organization uses a fiscal agent. Can we still apply?

Yes. As long as your work aligns with the grant focus and the fiscal agent meets all of the requirements listed above, you are eligible to apply.

An organization serving as a fiscal agent for various programs may submit multiple proposals under the fiscal sponsorship umbrella. However, if the fiscal agent also has its own programming, it may only submit one application for such programming.

- For example: the APS Education Foundation may only submit one application for an APS Education Foundation operated program. However, should various APS schools wish to apply using the APS Education Foundation as their fiscal agent, multiple applications from the APS Education Foundation can be submitted in this capacity.

What is the focus of this grant?

This grant opportunity is intended to support nonprofit organizations and schools in Central New Mexico (Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia, and/or Torrance County) that are working in education and resource sharing supporting either unhoused youth and/or newcomer youth, pre-K through 12th.

Can this be for a new program?

You can apply for an ongoing or new program. However, please note that this is not a multi-year grant. Therefore, if the program is new, you will be expected to provide information on how the program will be sustained beyond the grant period.

Is this a multi-year grant?

No, this is not a multi-year grant. However, understanding some organizations operate on a calendar year, while others operate on a school year or fiscal year, we will work with the benefiting organization to determine the most appropriate grant period.

Regardless of the determined grant period, the NM Funders Collaborative will invite grant recipients to join the group the year following funding to share relevant activities and needs in the community.

Are you seeking benefits or recognition?

Please recognize this funding as a grant from The NM Funders Collaborative.

How will funds be disbursed?

The grant will be paid in one installment at the start of the grant period.

My organization is not classified as an education organization. Can I still apply?

Yes, as long as your program is supporting learners and you meet all other criteria, you are welcome and encouraged to apply for this grant.

Can we apply in partnership with other organizations?

Absolutely. Collaboration and partnership are very much encouraged! Please note that one grant will be awarded to the primary operating organization in the collaboration, though we would expect the grant funds to benefit all collaborating organizations as explained in the narrative of your grant application. Please note: if you are part of a collaborative program, be sure to discuss your application with all partners to ensure two applications are not submitted for the same program.

Can we submit more than one application?

No. There is a limit of one application per organization. However, if your organization is a participant in a larger collaborative program, you may choose to also submit your own grant application for another program. Exceptions will be made to fiscal agents who have one or more organizations under their fiscal agency umbrella that wish to apply for this grant opportunity (see previous question on fiscal agency for additional information).

If my organization applies for this grant, can we still apply for funding from any of the participating funders?

Yes. This grant opportunity is separate from any other grant programs the participating funders run throughout the year. Your application for this opportunity will not influence any other funding you may or may not be soliciting from any funders involved in this project.

Where can I apply for this grant?

All applications must be submitted online via Albuquerque Community Foundation's [online grant portal](#) starting June 17, 2026. The deadline is July 29, 2026, at 5 p.m. MT.

When will the grant recipient(s) be notified?

All other applicants will be notified by August 28, 2026. The recipient will be awarded funding shortly after.

What funders are participating in this initiative?

- Albuquerque Community Foundation
- Del Norte Credit Union
- New Mexico Gas Company

- Nusenda Credit Union
- PNM
- PNM Resources Foundation
- Sandia National Labs
- United Way of North Central New Mexico
- Wells Fargo

What is the grant period? And will there be a grant report?

Understanding some organizations operate on a calendar year while others operate on a school year or fiscal year, we will work with the benefiting organization to determine the most appropriate grant period. Grantees will be invited to join the NM Funders Collaborative in the year following the award to provide the group with a relevant update on the work to date as well as observed needs in the community. Participating funders may also schedule site visits throughout the year to observe your organization's program(s).

I'm a teacher at a school, and I'm not sure what to write for the operating budget and board of directors on the grant application. Where do I get this information?

Information such as operating budget amount, number of people on a board of directors, and fiscal year should correspond to the organization receiving the grant funds. For example, a school that uses the APS Education Foundation as its fiscal agent would use the APS Education Foundation's operating budget and board listing (not that of the school). A similar example would hold true for schools in other districts.

My organization doesn't serve educational needs, but I love this idea. Will there be another collaborative funding opportunity in the future?

Our desire is for funders to continue working together to create higher impact grantmaking. We hope to announce similar collaborative grant opportunities in the future, but no details are available for future funding at this time.

I have questions. Is there someone I can contact to get more information?

General questions may be directed to grants@abqcf.org; however, because of the nature of this grant opportunity, in-depth responses will be limited. We have done our best to describe our intentions and motivation for this grant opportunity, and we apologize if any information remains unclear at this time. To be fair to all applicants, information available for this grant opportunity will be communicated through these FAQs.

Thank you for your interest in the e2e grant and for all you do to support the Central New Mexico community!