**NewMexicoWomen.Org-Women’s Economic Security Criteria and Grant Application 2014**

The **mission** of NewMexicoWomen.Org is to advance opportunities for women and girls statewide so that they can lead self-sufficient, healthy and empowered lives. The strategic goals of NMW.O are to:

* **Strengthen** women’s capacity across the state of NM by supporting cross-issue organizing and collaboration
* **Serve** as a hub, a voice and a statewide educational resource around pressing issues that impact women and girls
* **Increase** philanthropic understanding of and investment in women and girls issues in NM

**Grant Range:** $5,000 - $10,000. Four to five grants will be awarded.

**Deadline:** On or before **Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 5 pm MST**.

**Focus: Women’s Economic Self-Sufficiency**

Based on the findings from NMW.O’s recently published [*Indicators Report*](https://nmcf.wufoo.com/forms/m1xvw1ef03bdrq8/), and in conjunction with our *Take a Stand for New Mexico Women and Girls* campaign, the focus of this funding cycle will be on women’s economic self-sufficiency. NMW.O is aware that the cycle of poverty underpins many other pressing issues faced by women in our state. To that end, this year’s grant making is focused on programs that are working to **increase the economic security for women and girls** in New Mexico. Grants will go to organizations and institutions in New Mexico that are working effectively to address the root causes of economic insecurity, and to interrupt the cycle of poverty in order to improve the lives of women and girls.

### Objectives of 2014 grant cycle:

* Advance women’s economic self-sufficiency in New Mexico
* Increase our understanding of effective statewide solutions to women’s economic insecurity in NM
* Support the programs that are working in unique ways at the intersection of economic self-sufficiency and/or health security and education.

**Criteria:** Awards will be granted to groups who are:

1. Established 501c3 nonprofit organizations, organizations with a fiscal sponsor, institutions, and/or tribal governments and government entities
2. Primary constituents are women and girls

3.     Advancing opportunities for women’s economic self-sufficiency

4.     Improving the quality of life for women and girls via their economic security efforts

5.     Making an impact in the field of economic development for the state of New Mexico by working toward women’s economic security

6.     Have a proven track record of impact

To be considered for this grant opportunity, please carefully follow the instructions below, returning the Organization General Information Cover Page along with the Project Narrative, Project Budget and required attachments.

We will, upon receipt and review of the materials, present recommendations to our Board of Directors for funding approval. All applicants will be notified of their status by November 21, 2014.

Please complete all sections of the grant application with signatures and necessary attachments, and email the complete proposal to: [nmwogrants@nmcf.org](mailto:nmwogrants@nmcf.org).

If you are unable to email, please mail original proposal and all attachments to: NewMexicoWomen.Org, New Mexico Community Foundation, 502 W. Cordova Rd., Ste. 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Proposals that are mailed must be received **on or before October 1st**.

Questions regarding this Request for Proposal should be directed to: nmwogrants@nmcf.org.

**Organization General Information Cover Page**

Organization Name:

Organization Address:

Organization Phone Number:       Organization Web site:

Executive Director:       ED Contact E-mail:

ED Contact Phone Number:

Mission of Organization:

Organization Federal ID# (EIN):       Organization Total Annual Budget: $

***If using a Fiscal Sponsor/Agent, please provide the following information of the Sponsor Organization:***

Fiscal Sponsor Organization Name:

Organization Address:

Contact Name:

Phone Number:       Contact E-mail:

Fiscal Sponsor’s EIN #:

Organizations Total Annual Budget: $

**Project Information**

Primary Contact Name & Title:

Contact Phone Number:       Contact Email:

Project Title:

Project Description Summary (one paragraph):

Age group of anticipated participants in the project:

Projected number of participants served by the project:

Project Budget: $      Amount you are requesting: $

Areas Served by the Project (please list all NM Counties that the project will serve):

*Attachments:*

* Proposed Project Budget (see details below)
* Current Year Organizational Budget
* 501c3 IRS Determination Letter for your organization or for your fiscal sponsor
* If fiscally sponsored, a letter from the fiscal sponsor confirming partnership
* List of Board of Directors with Contact Information (current, within 12 months)
* Most current Audit, if one has been conducted by your organization

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Executive Director (Please Print) – Date Executive Director Signature

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Project Contact (Please Print) - Date Project Contact Signature

**Project Narrative**

(Should not exceed 2 pages – please use a separate sheet if needed):

1. Project Description and Objectives
2. Please describe the activities in your program and how they are advancing opportunities for women’s economic security in New Mexico. If your work for economic security intersects with women’s health security or education, please explain how.
3. What are the strategic outcomes you are working towards?
4. How do you evaluate your work?
5. In one paragraph please share a story that conveys the impact of your work for women’s economic security.

*Special considerations will be given to programs/projects that:*

* Focus on health security and/or education as it relates to women’s economic security
* Support marginalized and/or underserved communities
* Promote equity in a community
* Have the capacity to leverage funds from other sources

**Project Budget** (include with your proposal)

1. Proposed Project Budget/Intended Use of Funds
2. Project Budget Narrative – Please include the following information:
   * A short description of the project budget line items
   * A short explanation on future sustainability: How will the project be continued at the end of the grant period?
   * Other sources of funding that are being pursued or are being leveraged for the program/project