

Spring 2011 Economic Opportunity & Education Grants Awarded

Economic Opportunity – a total of \$45,000 granted:

Farm to Table - \$15,000: To improve the economic viability of farmers by providing risk management training and assistance in accessing local markets.

Homewise, Inc. - \$15,000: To provide services such as financial literacy and homebuyer education classes, individual financial counseling, and real estate sales services, needed to create financially secure homeowners in the community.

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps - \$15,000: To work with nearly 150 predominately Hispanic and Native American youth yearly through service in outdoor programs and within schools.

Education – a total of \$140,500 granted:

ACLU-NM - \$1,000: To support a public education campaign, community organizing and public policy advocacy to defend and advance core civil rights for New Mexico's LGBT community (grant made from the Lesbian and Gay Endowment Fund).

American Indian Higher Education Resources Project at Santa Fe Indian School - \$3,000: To serve Native American students who seek to pursue higher education and to close the education achievement gap (\$2,000 grant made from the Native American Advised Fund and \$1000 from the Susan and Conrad De Jong Fund).

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern New Mexico - \$15,000: To match "Bigs" (adults) with children to change the life trajectory of at-risk youth in Northern New Mexico.

Breakthrough Santa Fe - \$10,000: To support a tuition-free six-year comprehensive academic program that increases college access for low-income middle and high school students who are first generation college goers.

Bridges Project for Education - \$5,000: To provide individual college counseling to help first generation students in Taos apply to colleges and locate financial aid and scholarships.

Cañones Early Childhood Center - \$5,000: To bring family-centered child development and early literacy services to a population of rural, isolated families with preschool children in Northern New Mexico (includes \$1,000 from the Jack and Mary Gilliam Endowment).

College Horizons, Inc. - \$2,000: To support the summer program that assists Native American students with the college application process, provides a week long residential experience on a college campus, and students work one-on-one with actual college admissions (grant made by the Native American Advised Fund).

Embudo Valley Library and Community Center - \$5,000: To conduct a study of the current funding of rural libraries and start a dialogue on potential statewide rural library funding mechanisms.

Life Skills for Youth of Northern New Mexico - \$2,000: To provide the vehicle through which Native American children and youth can thrive socially, excel academically and athletically, and become productive members of society with integrity, strong family values and a commitment to community (grant made by the Native American Advised Fund).

Medical Sciences Academy at Capital High School - \$15,000: To provide essential equipment and supplies for the 200- students in this multi-course, rigorous, hands-on program leading students to post-secondary education and careers in healthcare.

Rio Arriba Independent Libraries - \$15,000: To support a collaborative of four rural libraries (Abiquiu, El Rito, Embudo, Truchas) that provide varied services to their communities (including free internet access and tutoring programs for youth).

Salazar Partnership - \$10,000: To provide mentoring adults, health promotion and referrals to health services, family involvement, and reading and conversation for low-income students at Salazar and Agua Fria Elementary Schools (includes \$5,000 from the Anonymous Memorial Fund and \$2,000 from the Richard Hertz and Doris Meyer Fund).

Santa Fe Alliance for Science - \$15,000: To support the extensive outreach program, which includes high school and community college tutoring, elementary school science fair judging, the Science Café for Youth Thinkers series, and teaching enrich programs in math and science (includes \$3,000 from the B B & B Fund).

Santa Fe Public Schools Adelante Program - \$10,000: To provide resources for public school students, siblings and drop outs experiencing homelessness (includes \$1,000 from the Jack and Mary Gilliam Endowment).

Santa Fe Public Schools Teen Parent Center - \$10,000: To support services to pregnant and parenting middle and high school students with services such as parenting class, case management and academic support services.

Santa Fe Teen Arts Center/Warehouse 21 - \$2,500: To support LGBT youth in addressing LGBT issues through creativity and community organizing (\$2,000 grant made from the Lesbian and Gay Endowment Fund and a \$500 anonymous gift through *Giving Together*).

Santa Fe Youthworks - \$15,000: To support integrated alternative education, job training, GED and college counseling and tutoring, social services, and employment for hundreds of Santa Fe's most marginalized youth (includes \$1,000 from the Jack and Mary Gilliam Endowment).