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***PERMACULTURE FUND***

 ***2022 Grant Application***

New Mexico Foundation’s (NMF) mission is to steward resources, build partnerships, and create opportunities that transform lives and communities throughout New Mexico. The foundation is pleased to announce a funding opportunity through our Permaculture Fund focused on supporting on-the-ground permaculture work throughout New Mexico.

**PERMACULTURE FUND GRANT CYCLE DETAILS**
Grant Amounts: Up to $15,000

Grant Application Opens: February 21, 2022
**Deadline: Noon, March 31, 2022
Applicants notified: mid-May 2022**

**FUND BACKGROUND:**The Permaculture Fund was established in 2018 to support New Mexico organizations doing permaculture-related work that includes the broader community. Permaculture is a method that seeks to integrate human activity with natural surroundings — using a whole-systems approach — to create highly efficient, self-sustaining ecosystems. Permaculturists apply what they learn from nature and traditional land-based cultures to the environment, developing ways to ecologically produce food, create shelter, creatively utilize water, design economic and governance systems, and meet human needs via informed ecological design.

**Permaculture Fund 2022 Focus Areas**

The 2022 grant cycle will focus on projects that create healthy urban, rural, and tribal communities using one or more of the following permaculture principles:

* ecologically-sustainable agriculture (projects can include seed production, organic farming and gardening);
* community revitalization through promotion of, and education about sustainable living practices (creative water use/harvesting, small-scale land restoration, natural building design, traditional skills/cottage industries, soil health, composting, and other zero-waste systems); and
* cultural work that restores connections between ecosystems and people.

**Who we can fund**

NMF can fund 501(c)(3) organizations, organizations that have a fiscal sponsor that is a 501(c)(3), tribal entities, school-based programs and government agencies. In 2022, grants will be given for project support.

**Who we cannot fund**

* Grants cannot be made to individuals.
* Grants cannot be used to support lobbying activities o**r** other activities prohibited under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code.
* Grants cannot be used for annual fundraising campaigns, political campaigns, capital campaigns, endowments, event sponsorships, conferences or travel expenses.
* Grants will not be made to other foundations.

**Application Review Process:**Applications will be evaluated in a two-step process involving NMF staff and a separate advisory committee of NMF board members and community members.

1. Screening and Due Diligence Review: Applications will be screened by NMF initially to determine if they are completed in full, including attachments. Additionally, NMF staff will perform a due diligence review of organizations and their tax status. If an application is not completed in full, it will not be evaluated in step 2 below.
2. Evaluation: Applications will be evaluated to determine if the project closely aligns with the purpose of the grant and grant focus areas. Below are criteria that will be considered when determining a decision for funding.
	1. Project is in alignment with one of the Permaculture Fund 2022 Focus areas;
	2. Project activities are clearly defined;
	3. Application clearly indicates how the organization will measure results;
	4. Budget (how organization will use NMF grant funds) is related to project activities and outcomes; and
	5. Overall strength of application.

 **Grant Period: June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023**

We look forward to receiving your proposal! *If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Erika Davila by email at* *edavila@newmexicofoundation.org* *or by phone at (505) 820-6860. Please email Erika if you do not receive an email confirmation after sending your application.*

**Organization Information**

Organization Name:

Organization Mailing Address:

Organization City, State and Zip Code:

Organization Website:

Grant Contact Person, if different from ED:

Grant Contact Title:

Grant Contact Email:

Grant Contact Phone Number:

Is your organization a 501(c)(3)?

If yes, what is your federal EIN:

If using a fiscal sponsor, please provide the name of the organization:

Fiscal Sponsor EIN:

When was your organization founded and what is your mission?

**Proposal**

1. Have you received a Permaculture Fund Grant in the past? If yes, please provide a brief (50-75 word) summary of what the grant funded.
2. What is the name of the project for which you are applying for support? Describe the project. (approx. 200 words)
3. Grant amount requested (up to $15,000).
4. Which counties would your project serve?
5. What is the goal of your project and how will it use permaculture principles (see Permaculture Fund 2022 Focus Areas) to create a healthier community? (approx. 500 words)
6. Describe the primary activities you have planned to meet your goal. Include any information about community partnerships that will help you meet your goal. (approx. 300 words)
7. Which population (demographic) will be most positively impacted by your project and how? (approx. 150 words)
8. Provide an estimate of the number of people your project would serve with this grant funding. (approx. 25 words)
9. How will you measure results (how well did you do? i.e. number of acres of ecologically-sustainable agriculture, attendees who implemented permaculture in their communities, etc.) Be specific about the method you used to measure the effectiveness of your project. (approx. 400 words)
10. How will your project adjust to potential pandemic-related restrictions? Is there a greater need for your project as a result of the pandemic? Feel free to include anything here for consideration by the committee. (approx. 150 words)

**Required Attachments**

Most recent organizational budget

Project budget (**This budget should specify how NMF’s grant funds would be spent in relation to your project**)

501(c)(3) letter of determination from IRS