

NORTHERN RÍO GRANDE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

TIMELINE AND CRITICAL DATES SUMMER/FALL 2017 CYCLE

JULY 5, 2017	Notice of Grant Availability released.
JULY 5 – 27:	Application packets available from NRGNHA office or website: www.riograndenha.org . Pre-submission guidance and consultation with staff available through NRGNHA office.
AUG. 15, 2017:	Grant Applications Due at NRGNHA office.
AUG. 18 - SEP 5:	Evaluation of applications by Grant Committee.
SEP. 16, 2017:	Presentation of grant recommendations to NRGNHA Board.
SEP. 19 – 29:	Successful Applicants notified and submit revised budgets and work plans to NRGNHA.
SEP. 22 – OCT 6:	Successful Applicants and NHA prepare/sign grant contracts

Applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered on or before 5:00 PM (MDT), Tuesday, August 15, 2017.

- **Submit original and one (1) copy of entire Grant Application.**
- **Hand-deliver** applications to: NRGNHA, Inc., 848 State Road 68, Alcalde 87511
- **Mail** applications to: NRGNHA, Inc., P.O. Box 610, Española, NM 87532

Request an Application Package:

Contact Sandy Cata at info@riograndenha.org or call 505-852-0030. Forms may be downloaded from our website: www.riograndenha.org.

The Northern Río Grande National Heritage Area Inc (NRGNHA Inc) receives Federal financial assistance for identification and protection of heritage and environment in Río Arriba, Santa Fe, and Taos counties. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, the U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability or age in its federally assisted programs. If you believe you have been discriminated against in any program, activity or facility as described above, or if you desire further information, please write to: Office of Equal Opportunity, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240.

National Heritage Area Program Description: In 2006, the US Congress established the Northern Río Grande National Heritage Area (NRGNHA) (Río Arriba, Santa Fe, and Taos counties) to help tribal and local governments and other public and private entities conserve and sustain cultural, historical, archaeological, and natural resources. To meet the Congressional mandate, NRGNHA, Inc. developed a grant program to make federal funds available to support a variety of projects in the Heritage Area.

Program Eligibility Requirements: Communities, tribal and local governments, land grant associations, non-profit organizations, youth programs, historical and archaeological societies, and preservation groups may submit applications for grant funding that support the NRGNHA's mission and goals. **The mission of the NRGNHA is to help sustain the communities, languages, cultures, traditions, heritage and environment of Northern New Mexico.** Actions to achieve this mission are built around specific strategies for sustaining heritage through community development or for promoting heritage through education and interpretation for all audiences in Río Arriba, Santa Fe, or Taos counties. Strategies are:

1. Support traditions, heritage, and culture to enhance understanding and awareness of the Heritage Area's stories and resources.
2. Create partnerships to collaborate in achieving cultural preservation.
3. Promote economic development and heritage tourism.

Proposals should address one or more of the NRGNHA goals and objectives: Broad objectives linked to the vision, mission, and goals of the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area are:

- ❖ To build understanding and identity, raising local, regional, and national awareness of the Northern Rio Grande region;
- ❖ To sustain and strengthen traditions, heritage, and culture, supporting community efforts to maintain traditional life practices;
- ❖ To encourage documentation of community and individual histories and stories and preservation of cultural resources, local arts, and traditions;
- ❖ To increase the collaboration and involvement within communities that constitute the Heritage Area, enhancing community identity and cultural sustainability of the area;
- ❖ To expand economic opportunities and encourage economic viability; and
- ❖ To support a healthy ecosystem and enhance natural resource-based recreation opportunities.

The grants program is designed to support reaching these objectives and the specific NRGNHA goals.

Examples of projects and activities that may be considered for funding are:

- ❖ Sustaining traditional cultural practices (arts, crafts, languages, traditional music etc.); including projects for cataloguing, research, and educating the public through interpretation;
- ❖ Sustaining traditional land-use practices (acequias, ranching, farmers markets, etc.);
- ❖ Promoting understanding of community histories and ties to cultural traditions, arts & culture;
 - Archiving oral histories in local repositories for public access;
 - Producing "places of interest" map including tourism etiquette for culturally sensitive places;
 - Identifying ways for communities to convey and document their own history;
 - Conserving outdoor spaces that make meaningful connections with people, structures, artifacts, & archives).
- ❖ Sustaining cultural practices and traditions among youth:
 - Spanish or Indian language programs;
 - Developing traveling exhibits about the NRGNHA for museums and classrooms;
 - Demonstrations and teaching of traditional cultural practices;
 - Oral history projects involving youth
- ❖ Creating ways for tourism to contribute to community wellbeing and expectations for local economic activity, including support for studio tours, arts markets, and individual artists;

- ❖ Preservation of historic properties and resources:
 - Architectural or archaeological surveys within the NRGNHA;
 - Acequia maintenance projects;
 - Nominations for the New Mexico or National Register of Historic Places;
 - Condition assessments for historic buildings and structures;
 - Restoration, rehabilitation, stabilization of buildings, sites, or structures.

Projects actually funded in the last six years are presented in a separate table, Grants Awarded by County – 2009 to 2016.

GRANT AWARDS:

Individual grants are awarded on a competitive basis; a minimum score of 75 points out of 100 is required for consideration for funding. Typical maximum grant award is estimated at \$3,000 to \$5,000. The minimum grant award is \$1,000. **Applications must include a cash or in-kind match at least equal to the amount of NRGNHA funds requested. NOTE that Federal funds cannot be used as match.**

No more than 2 applications may be submitted by the same entity per year. All awards are paid on a reimbursable basis via fixed-cost contracts. We seek a reasonable distribution of awards among urban and rural areas of Río Arriba, Santa Fe, and Taos counties.

Award of contract is contingent upon availability of budget and authorization.

PLEASE REFER TO THE GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES – Summer/Fall 2017.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR AN APPLICATION PACKAGE:

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Española, NM 87532**

Email: info@riograndenha.org

Tele: 505-852-0030

ATTN: Sandy Cata or Thomas Romero

Grants program information is posted on the Heritage Area website: www.riograndenha.org.

- ❖ Forms and grants program guidelines may be downloaded from the site (**PDF** Format).
- ❖ You may request a **Word copy of the application** by email.

If you wish help in creating your application, please contact our office directly.