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Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area Announces 2023-2024 Grant Recipients

Española, New Mexico, November 28, 2023 —The Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area (NRGNHA) proudly announces the selection of its 2023-2024 grant program recipients, a testament to its commitment to nurturing and promoting the profound cultural, historical, and natural legacy of Northern New Mexico. Established with a vision to fortify the preservation of this region's unique traditions and practices, these grants symbolize an investment in the vitality of local communities and their invaluable heritage.

Emphasizing the essence of cultural preservation, the NRGNHA has awarded grants to an array of dedicated local organizations. These recipients embody a collective dedication to safeguarding and perpetuating the essence of Northern New Mexico's rich heritage. This year's grantees include:

- **Chimayo Cultural Preservation Association: Los Maestros del Norte**
- **New Mexico Wilderness Alliance: Friends of the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument**
- **Santa Fe Canyon Preservation: Water History Park Development**
- **Moving Arts Española: Baile Folklorico Program**
- **Riversource: Connecting Youth with Traditional Knowledge and Ecological Science**
- **Family Learning Center: Traditional Arts Experiences for Pre-K Students**
- **Lightning Boy Foundation: Hoop Dance Project**
- **Reunity Resources: Agua Fria Cultural Center and Adelante Agua Fria!**
- **Littlelobe Inc: Breaking the Silence of Slavery - Native Bound Unbound**
- **Northern NM Recreation and Outdoor Conservation Foundation: Northern NM Youth Spanish Music and Language as a Heritage Program**
- **Northern Youth Project: Educational Programming for Children and Teens**
- **Indigenous Ways: Indigenous Ways Festival**

"The NRGNHA is honored to stand alongside these deserving organizations dedicated to the preservation of our shared heritage," remarked Eric Vasquez, expressing gratitude for the visionary efforts of the grant recipients. "These grants mark a pivotal step in our ongoing

*mission to ensure the longevity and vibrancy of the cultural legacy embedded within Northern
New Mexico."*

The NRGNHA, established by Congress in 2006, has been at the forefront of cultural preservation and environmental stewardship within the Northern Rio Grande corridor. By facilitating these grants, the NRGNHA continues to foster a sense of unity and purpose in maintaining the unique character and traditions of Northern New Mexico. For more information about the NRGNHA and its grantees, please visit www.riograndenha.org.

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