NEW MEXICO HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (NMHED)

Research & Public Service Project (RPSP) and other Funding Requests

FY2028

Print, sign, and submit cover sheet and individual submissions to NMHED by September 15, 2026

Institution: **Northern New Mexico College**

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Governing Board Signature: Date:

Institutional Rank (priority)	Program/Project Title *(Please ensure your Program/Project Title are named the same in all documents)*	Request in FY28	New Program (X)	Expansion Program (X)	Continuing Program (X)	Closeout Program (X)
1	03_FY28_NNMC_Sostenga Demonstration Farm_Continuing	50,000			X	
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	Total Funding Request	**$ 50,000**				**0**

Please insert additional lines as needed.

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Research & Public Service Project (RPSP)

FY2028

Fill and submit packet to NMHED per instructions by September 15, 2026

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Institution: Northern New Mexico College

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Title of Project: 03_FY28_NNMC_Sostenga Demonstration Farm_Continuing

RPSP Type Continuing - Funding to maintain existing service levels

RPSP Account Code 96400-9642-7495 Demonstration farm

Note: Ensure you are choosing the account code for your HEI. If it is not listed leave blank.

FY28 Funding Request $ 50,000

If previously funded, enter amount that was awarded in FY27 OpBud. $ 50,000

Type of Project Agriculture

1 Number of years the project has received General Fund support: (Disregard if new program) 4

Increase cell size as necessary for narratives, if you are sending a PDF please be sure your narratives are fully visible.

2 **Project Description/Executive Summary:**

Growth of the campus food pantry by establishing improved processes for food distribution systems, enhancing the infrastructure to serve more students, and create more robust opportunities for nutritious foods/education. This funding will include farm-to-campus initiatives involving Sostenga Farm for weekly food boxes, culinary classes, and partnerships with key stakeholders for nutritious and low-cost food options on campus.

3 **Budget Narrative (Overview only - Budget Detail follows on next worksheet):**

FTE needed to serve as the program coordinator, supplies needed to distribute food safetly, and other equipment and supplies to support the expansion and sustainability of the program.

4 **Program Mission (Include population served, other demographic information):**

To address food security comprehensively and shift from emergency meal provision to reliable, convenient, and nourishing food solutions offered to students at Northern New Mexico College (NNMC).

5 **Key Project Objectives (Overview only - Details and Measures on following worksheet):**

The initial goal focuses on expanding the campus food pantry. This involves implementing improved distribution systems in a food safe manner, enhancing infrastructure for increased student capacity, and establishing comprehensive avenues to promote nutritious foods and education. This phase encompasses farm-to-campus initiatives in partnership with Sostenga Farm, including weekly food boxes, culinary classes, and strategic collaborations with stakeholders for economical and wholesome campus food options.

The secondary goal of this initiative is to combat the stigma linked to food insecurity. Beyond nourishment, the program targets negative effects such as shame, stress, anxiety, and depression associated with hunger. Recognizing food insecurity on campus, Northern is committed to inventive solutions. This involves fostering student involvement, partnering with Swipe Out Hunger, and arranging events to eliminate the stigma around food insecurity among college students.

6 **For existing projects, describe major accomplishments in a single paragraph, and if applicable, any obstacles encountered the previous fiscal year. For new projects, identify the top objectives and challenges for the current fiscal year:**

In just over a month, the farm has provided hundreds of pounds of salad greens, squash, tomatoes, and cucumbers.

7 **Describe the Project Impact (Statewide impact, Governor's initiatives, and/or specific student outcomes):**

The Governor has provided one time funding through the College Food Security Initiatives at New Mexico's Higher Education Institutions that help support this intiative; however, this past year's grant awarded $50,000 which does not cover all expenses incurred and is one time funding only.

8 **Describe Student Population Served (in-state vs out-of-state students):**

Close to 90% of the students served come from within a 40 mile radius of NNMC.	

9 **Does the project receive awards, private donations or federal grants? Have you sought out funding from other sources?**

No.

10 **Medical Projects Only - How many graduates stay and practice in New Mexico?**

NA

RPSP-Budget 1

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Research & Public Service Project (RPSP)
Project Budget Sheet

Institution: *Formula Do Not Override*

Northern New Mexico College

RPSP Project: *Formula Do Not Override*

03_FY28_NNMC_Sostenga Demonstration Farm_Continuing

Total: *Formula Do Not Override* $ 50,000.00

Budget verses Actual ******Enter data in Yellow cells only******

Revenue and Transfers	FY26 RPSP Expenditures	Budget FY27 (OpBud)	Change Requested (Formula Do Not Override)	Request FY28	Comments
Beginning Fund Balance			$ -	$ -	
Appropriations					
Federal			$ -		
State plus Tobacco Settlement Fund	$ 50,000.00	$ 50,000.00	$ -	$ 50,000.00	Funding request remains flat
Local			$ -		
Total Appropriations	$ 50,000.00	$ 50,000.00	$ -	$ 50,000.00	
Grants and Contracts					
Federal			$ -		
State			$ -		
Local			$ -		
Total Grants and Contracts	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Private Gifts, Grants and Contracts			$ -		
Land & Permanent Fund or Local Property Taxes			$ -		
Tuition and Fees			$ -		
Endowment			$ -		
Sales and Services			$ -		
Other Sources - Detail in Comments			$ -		
Total Revenues	$ 50,000.00	$ 50,000.00	$ -	$ 50,000.00	
Transfers (to) from					
Instruction and General			$ -		
Student Social and Cultural			$ -		
Research			$ -		
Public Service			$ -		
Internal Service			$ -		
Student Aid			$ -		
Auxiliary Enterprises			$ -		
Athletics			$ -		
Independent Operations			$ -		
Capital Outlay			$ -		
Renewal and Replacement			$ -		
Total Transfers	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	

Expenses - If multiple revenue sources, provide a breakdown of each revenue source per expense category

	FY27 FTE		Change FTE		Change FTE	$ -	FY28 FTE		
Faculty Salaries			0.0		0.0	$ -			
Professional Salaries			0.0		0.0	$ -			
Other Staff Salaries			0.0		0.0	$ -			
Student Salaries (GA/TA)			0.0		0.0	$ -			
Other Salaries			0.0		0.0	$ -			
Total All Salaries	0.0	$ -	0.0	$ -	0.0	$ -	0.0	$ -	
Fringe Benefits						$ -			
Travel						$ -			
Utilities						$ -			
Institutional Support Charges						$ -			
Plant Operation and Maintenance Charges						$ -			
Supplies and Expenses		$ 50,000.00		$ 50,000.00		$ -		$ 50,000.00	Funding request remains flat
Equipment						$ -			
Other Expenditures						$ -			
Total Expenditures	0.0	$ 50,000.00	0.0	$ 50,000.00	0.0	$ -	0.0	$ 50,000.00	
Ending Fund Balance		$ -		$ -		$ -		$ -	

RPSP-Objectives 1

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Project Objectives Sheet

Institution:

Northern New Mexico College

RPSP Project: | **Total**

03_FY28_NNMC_Sostenga Demonstration Farm_Continuing | $ 50,000.00

	Demonstrable goal based on benefit to students (especially at-risk), generation of degrees (especially STEM-H) and the people of New Mexico	Actuals for FY26	Target for FY27	Target for FY28	Comments - Demonstrate consistent improvement as a result of the awarded RPSP, trends, etc.
1	Improve food security outcomes for students and families by expanding the variety and availability of nutritious food and hygiene products within "La Despensa del Barrio," NNMC's community pantry.	Launched the Sostenga program.	Provide salad greens, cucumbers, tomoatoes, squash, and other vegetables grown on the Sostenga Farm located on the NNMC campus.	Provide salad greens, cucumbers, tomoatoes, squash, and other vegetables grown on the Sostenga Farm located on the NNMC campus.	**The Sostenga Center @ NNMC**, community event brings together farmers, families, youth, educators, musicians, artists, gardeners, vendors, land-based leaders, and community members to celebrate the people and traditions that continue to shape our region. While providing community exchange for the purpose of providing nutricious food and other items available to students and the community in need via the "La Despensa del Barrio, " NNMC's community pantry.
2	Optimize pantry operations for sustained impact in combating long-term food insecurity.	Launched the Sostenga program.	Provide staffing to ensure food safe distribution and assist in the development of the program.	Provide staffing to ensure food safe distribution and assist in the development of the program.	NNMC hosts Garlic Festival events each year. Rooted in the spirit of querencia, the deep love and responsibility people carry for land, water, food, family, and community, the festival is part of a larger effort to strengthen relationships across Northern New Mexico's watersheds and foodsheds. It honors the living traditions of Acequias Pueblos, Genízaro communities, Land Grants/Mercedes, local farming families, and organizations working together to protect and renew traditional agricultural knowledge.
3	Raise Hunger Awareness and lessen the stigma surrounding food insecurity within the college campus.	Launched the Sostenga program.	Enhance marketing plan to create awareness.	Enhance marketing plan to create awareness.	The Sostenga Farm is partnering with NNMC's community pantry to educate the community on hunger awarenesss within the community
4	Provide holistic education to students and families, fostering self-sufficiency, advocacy skills, and resource management capabilities.	Launched the Sostenga program.	Create educational program that provide holistic programs to students and families.	Create educational program that provide holistic programs to students and families.	During these festivals we offer traditional healing and cultural sharing
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