

LAND GRANT STUDIES PROGRAM - MERCED YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LEGISLATIVE FUNDING PROPOSAL

LGSP Merced Youth Leadership Development Project Summary

In an attempt to meet the need expressed by land grant leaders from throughout the state for youth development programming, the University of New Mexico Land Grant Studies Program has prioritized establishing a land grant youth development project that will provide culturally relevant youth leadership development opportunities for land grant-merced communities. In FY 2019 the Land Grant Studies Program invested a portion of its budget into hiring a part-time youth outreach coordinator to begin developing the program. Early youth development programming included quarterly youth leadership engagements held in conjunction with meetings of the New Mexico Land Grant Consejo. This has expanded into individual land grant youth workshops and community service projects hosted by various land grants. In addition, in 2019 an inter-generational oral history project was completed in conjunction with the San Joaquin del Río de Chama and Tierra Amarilla Land Grants. The project was a partnership between the Land Grant Studies Program and the Merced Land Education and Conservation Trust with additional funding support coming from the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area (NRGNHA). The project included oral history interview training with students from Escalante High School and inter-generational oral history video recorded interviews with 5 elders from from Tierra Amarilla and Gallina. We received additional funding from NRGNHA now in 2021 and are completing a new round of intergenerational oral history interviews with the Cristobal de La Serna and Arryo Hondo Arriba Land Grants. We have also been working to establish a partnership with the Southwest Conservation Corps - Ancestral Lands Program. The purpose of the partnership is to develop a land grant-merced youth focused conservation corp program that will help strengthen the connection between land grant youth, their communities and their surrounding natural environment. The Land Grant Council has invested \$25,000 in FY 2022 to fund 5 weeks of work for land grant YCC crew. In addition, we have applied for funding from the Economic Development Department's Outdoor Recreation Trials + Program. If funded this will provide an additional 5 weeks of work for the YCC crew. We have also been developing relationships with the State Land Office to develop wood opportunity programs for land grant communities on State Trust Lands and can incorporate a youth component. The Land Grant Studies Program has also acquired Aspectos Culturales and Semos Unlimited for entire catalogue of cultural curriculum and materials. This collection includes digital archives of their periodicals, curriculum hand books and radio programs which were developed over the course of 15 plus years. The materials are being utilized to further develop the LGSP youth development curriculum and for printed and online republication. In order, to continue to expand our land grant-merced youth leadership development programming the Land Grant Studies Program is seeking an increase in its current annual budget of \$115,400 to \$245,000. Details concerning how the Land Grant Studies Program will utilized funds can be found below.

LGSP Budget Request Overview

Personnel – Salary & Fringe	\$121,594.00
Querencia Youth Conservation Project	70,000.00
Youth Leadership Summer Engagement Camp	6,000.00
Intergenerational Oral Histories Project	4,000.00
On-Site Merced Youth Programming	3,500.00
Personnel Travel	10,000.00
Supplies, Equipment & Misc. Expenses	11,356.00
Digitization of Microfilm Records	5,000.00
UNM Admin Fees	<u>13,550.00</u>
Total	\$215,000.00

LGSP Budget Request Justification Narrative

PERSONNEL - \$121,594. 00

Purpose: Personnel includes: Program Manager, Research Historian, Outreach Coordinator, Graduate Project Assistant and Unit Administrator. All personnel play a major role in the functioning of the Land Grant Studies Program. Program Manager oversees the day-to-day operations and works to develop partnerships and additional funding opportunities; Research Historian provides research support to land grants including genealogical research as well as oversees archival research, digitization and organization of collected materials; Outreach Coordinator works on development and implementation of youth programming; Graduate Project Assistant provides support for youth programming activities; Unit Administrator provides administrative and logistical support for the Program. All positions except Graduate Project Assistant are shared with NM Land Grant Council, the Unit Administrator is only a quarter time position.

Benefit: To provide a variety of research and educational services and youth leadership development opportunities for land grants-mercedes and the general public.

Deliverables: Continued expansion of LGSP programming, particularly in areas of youth development, research and education relating to land grants-mercedes.

QUERENCIA YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS - \$70,000

Purpose: To fund two work crews for 5 weeks of youth conservation projects in land grant-merced communities in Northern and Central New Mexico in FY 2021. Cost per crew is \$5,500 per week for a 5-person crew. As well as provide \$15,000 for necessary materials for YCC projects in Land Grant Communities.

Benefit: Provide youth employment and job skills development opportunities connected to natural resources conservation and community service projects in order to strengthen connections between youth and their community and surrounding natural environment. Serve as matching funds for other Federal and State programs aimed at natural resource conservation and/or YCC development.

Deliverable: Partner with Southwest Conservation Corps Ancestral Lands Program to hire and train two land grant-merced youth crews to complete work projects in land grant-merced communities in Northern and Central New Mexico.

YOUTH SUMMER ENGAGEMENT RETREAT -\$6,000

Purpose: To fund a 3-day intergenerational engagement retreat held on a land grant-merced in the summer of 2021. Including providing for meals, guest presenters, facility rentals, camping supplies.

Benefit: Provide an opportunity for land grant-merced youth from the 3 on-site youth program target locations and their families to come together for an end of the year intergenerational leadership retreat to further develop their leadership skills and network with other land grant youth from different communities.

Deliverable: Hold one 3-day retreat in a Land Grant community.

INTERGENERATIONAL ORAL HISTORIES PROJECT \$4,000

Purpose: To provide opportunities for youth to develop interviewing skills and acquire knowledge about their respective communities through oral history interviews with elders in their communities.

Benefit: Intergenerational connections between community youth and elders, and preservation of New Mexico's rich history and culture.

Deliverable: Conduct at least 6 oral history interviews in 3 different land grant communities while providing stipends for youth participants in exchange for service learning.

ON-SITE INTERGENERATIONAL MERCED YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND SERVICE-LEARNING MATERIALS & SUPPLIES - \$3,500

Purpose: To provide needed lesson materials and supplies and snacks for on-site youth engagement meetings, workshops and service-learning activities.

Benefit: Provide opportunities for youth leadership development through the use of culturally relevant materials and activities. Provide youth with nutritious snacks and drinks during on-site or in the field engagement activities.

Deliverable: Hold at least 10 on-site youth development engagement opportunities in Northern and Central New Mexico. Including on-site programs targeting 3 areas (East Mountains, Southern Taos County and Northern Rio Arriba County).

PERSONNEL IN-STATE TRAVEL - \$10,000

Purpose: To cover travel expenses (mileage and per diem) project personnel to provide on-site youth development programming in Northern and Central New Mexico as well research and educational services to land grants-mercedes and the general public..

Benefit: Enable personnel to provide on-site direct services in rural communities.

Deliverable: Travel to at least 20 on-site events in Northern and Central New Mexico.

SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT & MISC. EXPENSES - \$11,356

Purpose: To cover general supplies, equipment and other necessary costs: including books purchases, dues and subscriptions, honoraria, facility rental fees, copy expenses etc.

Benefit: Provide necessary supplies materials and equipment for all LGSP programming.

Deliverable: Continued delivery of community service oriented programing to rural communities and the general public.

DIGITIZATION OF MICROFILM RECORDS - \$5,000

Purpose: To cover cost of digitization of Spanish and Mexican period microfilm archival records.

Benefit: Provide digitized historical records to land grants and the general public free of cost.

Deliverable: Digitization of at least 20 reels of microfilm materials.

UNM 5% ADMIN FEE - \$13,550

Purpose: To cover indirect overhead administrative fees charged by the University of New Mexico for Research and Public Service Projects.

Benefit: Provide indirect services such as payroll, purchasing and legal related to implementation of Merced Youth Leadership Development Program

Deliverable: Continued indirect administrative support for implementation of project.