

# Memorandum

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## Santa Fe Forward Community Partner Program Selections

As part of the City of Santa Fe's General Plan Update, *Santa Fe Forward*, our team is pleased to present a selected list of Community Partners. We received thirty-three applications and were deeply encouraged by the level of interest demonstrated by Santa Fe's community-based organizations. Our evaluation process included organizations' 501(c)(3)s registration status or fiscal sponsorship, their populations served, community engagement experience, and alignment with the purpose and intent of the program to support engaging with underrepresented cohorts. Subsequently and resulting from direct outreach, the Tesuque Pueblo requested to be included in the program, which due to the special circumstance of being a tribal nation, has been included.

To accommodate this strong response, we are proposing only AARP and Tesuque Pueblo for Tier 3. AARP is requesting participation but not funding. Tesuque Pueblo's tribal nation status provides for multiple groups of engagement. Otherwise, the program is flattened across two tiers, allowing an expansion from the originally planned ten partners to the 23 organizations listed below. While this adjustment raises total mini-grant costs slightly, the project budget can accommodate the additional expense. In return, the City gains broader outreach through this expanded list of partners, and clearer, more manageable responsibilities for every partner: sharing Santa Fe Forward materials, circulating surveys, and hosting community conversations, while Tier 2 and Tier 3 partners will take on expanded roles for deeper engagement.

	Selected Organizations	Tier	Recommended Grant Amount	Requested Grant Amount
1	AARP New Mexico	Tier 3	<i>Not requesting grant compensation</i>	<i>Not requesting grant compensation</i>
2	Tesuque Pueblo	Tier 3	\$5,000.00	N/A
3	Earth Care	Tier 2	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
4	Girls Inc. of Santa Fe	Tier 2	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
5	Homewise	Tier 2	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
6	Indigenous Ways	Tier 2	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
7	La Fonda Foundation	Tier 2	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
8	Santa Fe Children's Museum	Tier 2	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
9	Santa Fe Indigenous Center	Tier 2	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
10	The Human Rights Alliance	Tier 2	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
11	Bienvenidos Outreach Inc.	Tier 1	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
12	Catholic Charities of Santa Fe	Tier 1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
13	Del Norte LOV Foundation	Tier 1	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
14	Esperanza Shelter	Tier 1	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00
15	Food is Free New Mexico	Tier 1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
16	International Folk Art Alliance	Tier 1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
17	Life Circle	Tier 1	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
18	My Little Horse Listener, Inc.	Tier 1	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
19	Queen Bee Music Association	Tier 1	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
20	Santa Fe Improv	Tier 1	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00
21	Santa Fe Refugee Collaborative – The Avizeh Collective	Tier 1	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00
22	Santa Fe Watershed Alliance	Tier 1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
23	Teatro Paraguas	Tier 1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	<b>Total proposed mini-grant compensation:</b>		<b>\$42,000.00</b>	

The 10 applicants listed below are not being selected for the Community Partner Program at this time due to one or more of the following reasons:

- Ineligibility based on the absence of 501(c)(3) nonprofit status or a qualified fiscal sponsor;
- A mission and/or programming that does not align with the specific goals of the Community Partner Program, which is designed to support organizations that directly serve or engage underrepresented populations in Santa Fe that are relatively challenging to reach without the assistance of trusted, networked community partners;

	Not Selected Organizations	Tier	Requested Grant Amount	Reason Not Selected
1	Coming Home Connection	Tier 2	\$3,000.00	Mission/programming not consistent with the Community Partner Program’s purpose to support engagement with underrepresented populations
2	Historic Santa Fe Foundation	Tier 3	\$5,000.00	Mission/programming not consistent with the Community Partner Program’s purpose to support engagement with underrepresented populations
3	M.A.A.D. Cool Radio Podcast	Tier 2	\$3,000.00	Not 501(c)(3) registered
4	MASS Design Group	Tier 3	\$5,000.00	Mission/programming not consistent with the Community Partner Program’s purpose to support engagement with underrepresented populations
5	Santa Fam	Tier 3	\$5,000.00	Not 501(c)(3) registered
6	Santa Fe Area Home Builders Association	Tier 2	\$3,000.00	Mission/programming not consistent with the Community Partner Program’s purpose to support engagement with underrepresented populations
7	Santa Fe Film Institute – Santa Fe International Film Fest.	Tier 2	\$3,000.00	Mission/programming not consistent with the Community Partner Program’s purpose to support engagement with underrepresented populations
8	Santa Fe Permits	Tier 3	\$5,000.00	Not 501(c)(3) registered
9	Urban Land Institute	Tier 2	\$3,000.00	Mission/programming not consistent with the Community Partner Program’s purpose to support engagement with underrepresented populations
10	Willison West Art Space	Tier 2	\$3,000.00	Not 501(c)(3) registered
	<b>Total amount requested by non-selected applicants</b>		<b>\$35,000.00</b>	

We sincerely appreciate each applicant’s expressed interest in supporting Santa Fe Forward and the important work they continue to do in the community.

View this link to reference the [Community Partner Program Policy](#).