



educate2elevate

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First-of-its-Kind Grant to Benefit Middle School Students

Educate2Elevate Grant Awarded to Horizons Albuquerque

Albuquerque, NM – The NM Funders Collaborative is proud to announce that Horizons Albuquerque is the winner of the first ever *E2E Grant*. The *E2E Grant* a first-of-its-kind grant opportunity bringing funders from across New Mexico to pool resources to create a high impact grant to support middle school initiatives that advance future educational, personal and/or professional pathways for students in grades 6, 7 and 8.

Horizons Albuquerque has been awarded \$65,000 to implement a middle school summer and afterschool program to improve confidence and knowledge in STEM fields for minority students; provide parents and students better transition to middle and high school; and to improve parents' abilities to be positive role models. Horizons Albuquerque is a local organization with a learning model of intense focus on reading, math, science, art and confidence building activities.

The funding will be used by Horizons to create a complete middle school extended learning program that places an emphasis on career readiness and transitions to support students and their families. Specifically, Horizons will use the *E2E Grant* to strengthen STEM project-based learning for middle school students, develop middle school relevant family workshops and a family handbook on educational transitions. These funds will also enhance the professional development opportunities for Horizons teachers to develop effective qualitative measures regarding the impact of Horizons' programming.

“These critical years of middle school serve as the bridge between when a student may plant the seeds for a successful path in high school, potentially leading to college and/or career readiness,” said Juaquin Moya, Director of Horizons Albuquerque. “We work with both parents and students. Our programs are designed to give students the confidence they need to see potential careers and realize what they can achieve.”

This innovative approach is a collaborative investment from funders in various sectors. Funders for the *E2E Grant* include: Airforce Research Laboratory, Albuquerque Community Foundation, Bank of Albuquerque, Intel, McCune Charitable Foundation,

New Mexico Gas Company, Nusenda Credit Union Foundation, PNM Resources Foundation, Sandia National Labs Foundation, Southwest Capital Bank, United Way of Central New Mexico's Hispano Philanthropic Society, Verdes Foundation and Wells Fargo.

The **NM Funders Collaborative** is a network of statewide funders committed to pooling time, energy and resources for the betterment of New Mexico communities. The Collaborative is guided by a shared belief that we are stronger together and we can work in partnership to create long-term systemic change in New Mexico.

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