

Arts & The Military Mini Grant Awardees Announced.

Santa Fe, NM – New Mexico Arts, the state’s arts agency, announces recipients of 2024 Arts and the Military Mini Grant program. This funding supports arts organizations and veteran-focused organizations to create or expand opportunities for veterans and active-duty service members to engage with the arts. New Mexico Arts is awarding \$2,500 mini grants that will serve military and veteran audiences – including active-duty service members, reservists, National Guard members, veterans, their families and caregivers, and others. Nine New Mexico-based organizations have been selected for projects that meet the criteria of the following program goals:

- Create more opportunities for military and veteran audiences – including active-duty service members, reservists, National Guard members, veterans, their families and caregivers, and others – to meaningfully engage with the arts.
- Build capacity among New Mexico organizations to offer arts programs for military-connected participants.

The Arts & The Military Mini Grants, is a program of New Mexico Arts with the funding support of the Department of Cultural Affairs and the New Mexico Legislature. Proposals were received from 19 organizations from across the state seeking support. Congratulations to the following organizations:

SouthWest Writers	Albuquerque
Santa Fe Children's Museum	Santa Fe
Ghost Ranch National Foundation	Abiquiu
KSJE’s Native Art Veteran Voices of the Four Corners	Farmington
Flamenco Works	Albuquerque
Otero Arts	Alamogordo
Center	Santa Fe
New Mexico Veteran Art	Peralta
WNMU	Silver City

“The Arts & The Military Initiative is rooted in New Mexico Arts’ mission to ensure the arts are central to the lives of New Mexicans,” said Michelle Laflamme-Childs, Executive Director of New Mexico Arts. “These proposed projects show the creative efforts of our partners to engage military connected audiences through the arts. Studies continue to show the healing and community building results of participation in the arts.”

New Mexico has 141,558 veterans residing in the state with military retirees in all 33 counties. 8.8% of the adults in the state are veterans, a higher percentage than neighboring states and the 12th largest veteran-to-adult population in the United States.

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About New Mexico Arts

New Mexico Arts is the state arts agency and a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs. New Mexico Arts administers the state's One Percent for Public Art program, awards grants to nonprofit organizations for arts and cultural programs in their communities across the state, and provides technical assistance and educational opportunities for organizations, artists, and arts educators throughout New Mexico.