



DATE: April 1, 2017

FROM: National Hispanic Cultural Center and Foundation Staff

SUBJECT: A Call for Involvement in the Our Truth project

Background

The National Hispanic Cultural Center, with the support of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, will be embarking on a project in 2018 and 2019 to give value and meaning to the lived stories of our New Mexico community; bring heightened awareness of racial divides and inequalities in a non-data, non-dogmatic, non-partisan way, that relies on the experiences of people and families to tell a story of human pain and struggle; and helping to navigate ways to heal and move forward together.

This first phase of the Project is for planning of the overall Project and will occur in 2017. The second phase of the Project consists of convening facilitated community meetings to solicit and share stories. And, the third phase of the Project is the re-telling of the community's stories through devised works, presenting those devised works in meaningful and discussion-inducing ways. These works would range from pieces of artwork to whole exhibitions - in the disciplines of history, literary arts and visual arts - as well as working with musicians to curate festival and concert offerings, working with dance groups to devise works, and working with theatre companies and playwrights to develop new works and identify prior works all with the intention and aim of capturing the community knowledge shared and making it accessible and audible for an audience not otherwise concerned or interested in racial issues.

A Call for Involvement

We believe that to achieve our goals for this project, it is critical to engage the community from the outset and in an open and transparent way. Therefore, we are issuing this call for involvement near and far, and asking that each of you – individuals and organizations – consider joining the NHCC in this important work one or more ways.

To submit your interest in this Project, please fill out the attached form and return it to the NHCC as detailed on the submission form. Please also feel free to pass this call for involvement on to anyone you believe might be interested in being included or important to include.

We look forward to receiving your notes of interest!!



The Our Truth Project:
Submission of Interest

Let's start by getting to know each other. Please tell us a bit about yourself.

Name: _____

Organization*: _____

*Only needed if you're submitting your interest on behalf of your organization.

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Area(s) of Expertise or Knowledge: _____

From what you know about this project, tell us about why you're interested in being a part of it.

In what way or ways are you interested in participating in the project (feel free to check all that apply):

I or my organization would like to be involved in helping to plan the project.

I or my organization would like to provide facilitation of the community convenings/dialogues. (Please attach a one to three paragraph statement sharing with us your past experience or training, or new interest, in facilitation.)

I or my organization would like to provide a venue for the community convenings/dialogues, presentation of the devised works and/or presentation of exhibitions created from the community convenings/dialogues.

I or my organization would like to create one or more devised works as part of this project. (Please attach a two to five paragraph statement providing more detail about what type of devised works you or your organization would be interested in creating, and a bit about why your organization is well suited for this type of work.)

I or my organization would like to bring participants or participate in the community dialogues/convenings.

Please return your submission to Nicole Larrañaga by email to nicoler.larranaga@state.nm.us, beginning the subject line with "Our Truth Interest".