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UNM North Golf Course, Phase 2 Development

\$500,000 is requested to complete the planning, design and construction of a pipeline for re-use of the chiller blow-down water, the Lobo Community Farm, native landscaped areas between fairways, and ancillary landscaping for the UNM North Golf Course in Bernalillo County. The site of the UNM North Golf Course is located north of Lomas Boulevard and south of Indian School Boulevard on the north side of Tucker Avenue, in Albuquerque on the UNM Campus.

In 2012, Bernalillo County undertook an agreement with the University of New Mexico to preserve the golf course as open space. As part of the agreement, the County provided \$1.5 million to the University to undertake long overdue irrigation system replacement, to create a landscaped trail for use by the community around the perimeter of the course, and to maintain and replace trees on the course, all of which constitute Phase 1. A landscape architect was hired by the University in the spring of 2013 and they completed plans for the 1st Phase in October 2013. As part of that design process, a working master plan for North Golf Course was developed and Phase 1 of the project was identified. The construction plans for Phase 1 were put out to bid in November 2013 and construction was completed in April 2014.

During the 2014 Legislative Session, \$320k was appropriated in the Water Bill for the chiller blow-down portion of Phase II. This has enabled the engineering design for this portion of the project to be undertaken. The County is seeking an additional \$180k to complete this portion of Phase 2.

This request would also enable the County support the University's effort to complete other items spelled out in the master plan, which comprise Phase 2, including design and construct the lobo community farm including rehabilitation of the John Gaw Meem rest area structure (\$120k), design and construct the native grassland and pollinator planting areas between the fairways (\$120k) and further develop the landscaping along the trail (\$80k), including gateway elements and interpretive signage.

The golf course was the final WPA project completed in New Mexico and upon completion of Phase II will add a native mesa grassland typology landscape along with additional local food production agricultural land to the County's open space portfolio. Funds appropriated by the State would go directly to the University of New Mexico.

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