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UNM North Golf Course and Urban Open Space, Phase 3 Development

\$200,000 is requested to plan, design, restore, construct, equip, install, and furnish Phase 3 improvements to the UNM North Golf Course Urban Open Space, including purchase and planting of new trees, vegetative restoration to prevent erosion and storm water damage, restoration of a historical structure in the open space (John Gaw Meem), and new signage and benches. UNM North Golf Course was the last WPA project completed in New Mexico, and 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 architecture firm was hired by the University in the spring of 2013, which completed a master plan and design plans for the 1st Phase in October 2013. Construction plans were put out to bid in November and construction was completed in April 2014.

During the 2014 Legislative Session, \$320k was appropriated in the Water Bill for a pipeline to re-use cooling water from the University chiller plant, which is Phase 2 of the project. An additional \$310k was appropriated in the 2015 Legislative Session. This has enabled the engineering design for this portion of the project to be undertaken with construction set to start in January 2016 with projected budget of \$500k. The remaining \$110k is being used for landscaping along the trail to control weeds and erosion, which was originally part of Phase 1, but was not completed because of budget constraints.

The County, on behalf of UNM, is seeking an additional \$200k to undertake Phase 3. Funding for Phase 3 will enable the County to support the University's effort to complete other items spelled out in the master plan, including additional replacement trees (\$50k), native re-vegetation of areas between and outside the fairways to limit erosion and create more natural habitat (\$100k), and rehabilitation of the John Gaw Meem rest area structure (\$30k), and additional furnishings along the trail, including benches, gateway elements and interpretive signage. Funds appropriated by the State would go directly to the University of New Mexico.

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Current and historic photos of the UNM North Golf Course.