

University of New Mexico-Gallup Campus  
Staff and Faculty Mini-Grant Application Form  
For 2017 - 2018 Fiscal Year

(please type or print)

Division: Arts & Sciences/Zollinger Library    Project Title: Visiting Writer

New Project: Yes  No

Have you received funding this fiscal year?    Yes  No

1. Description of the project:

Cecilia Stafford and I would like to invite the Albuquerque Poet Laureate, Manuel González, to UNM-Gallup campus for a reading and classroom visit in October 2017. Mr. González began his writing career in the slam poetry genre, and he has represented Albuquerque four times as a member of the ABQ Slam Team at the National Poetry Slam competition. González has appeared on NMPBS show, *Colores: My Word Is My Power*. González would visit the ENGL 150: Study of Literature class and facilitate a discussion and question/answer session on the process of writing, and how contemporary issues and ideas are often used by writers in their creative works. After the class visit, González will offer a campus-wide workshop on poetry writing. In the early evening González will perform his poetry and facilitate an open mic for students, faculty, administrators, and community members.

2. Rationale for how the project will benefit the faculty, staff, students, UNM-G, or the communities at large:

This event will benefit the entire UNM-Gallup community including students, faculty, administrators, and staff. It will also benefit our local community of Gallup and nearby communities. It is a literary event that supports creativity, reading and writing, and social engagement. We need to support literacy events here at our campus that model for our students the power of language and creativity. This event also supports cultural diversity, local New Mexico writers, and the celebration of family, community, and culture through the art of poetry performance.

3. Expected outcomes or products of this project:

The expected outcome of this event would be that students would have the experience of sharing ideas with our Albuquerque Poet Laureate regarding the process of writing and the importance of nurturing creativity and imagination in



their own lives. Hopefully some of our students, after meeting Manuel González and watching his performance, might be inspired to write some poetry and possibly consider performing slam poetry or sharing their writing at an open mic event. It might inspire some students to visit Zollinger Library and do some research on slam poetry. Faculty who support this event could incorporate some activity/writing response related to the workshop and/or performance. For my ENGL 150: Study of Literature class I am hoping students will make connections regarding this event and the social and political ideas often presented in literature.

4. Describe the timeline for the project, resources needed, and the person responsible for each action step.

When: Once funding is awarded, this event would be scheduled for late October, 2017 (Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date)

Action Step: Prof. Stafford and I have already initiated communication with Mr. González, and we have made tentative plans for this event.

Resources Needed: Money is needed to fund this event. We will need funding for Mr. González's reading fee, transportation, lodging, and food as well as to provide light refreshments for attendees of the poetry performance and open mic event.

Responsible Person: Carmela Lanza and Cecilia Stafford

5. Estimated budget with justifications:

\$500.00	Writer's Fee: classroom visit, campus workshop, performance and open mic
\$120.00	Hotel (one night)
\$80.00	Food
\$140.00	Transportation
\$200.00	Refreshments

TOTAL: \$1040.00

6. What other funding sources have you explored? Give details.  
At this time we are not expecting any other funding for this event.

(Note: funds for this mini-grant must be expended by June 30, 2018)

7. If application is approved, the applicant must electronically submit the written final report as a pdf file to the Committee Chair, Alok Dhital, [adhital@gallup.unm.edu](mailto:adhital@gallup.unm.edu) within two weeks upon the completion of the project.

Prepared by (please type or print): Carmela Lanza Date: 9/20/2017

Approval or Denial (please circle one):

Joe H. Kee  
Division Chair or Supervisor

9/20/2017  
Date

Approval or Denial (please circle one)

Alok Dhital  
Chair, Mini-Grant Committee

10/9/2017  
Date

Approval or Denial (please circle one)

[Signature]  
Director of Business Operation

10-11-17  
Date

Reason(s) for denial. (Applicant may resubmit proposal for 2018-19):

Please submit your mini-grant application to Ms. Geralene Lahi, Accountant I, Business Office (SSTC 286, extension 7577), after you obtain your division head's or supervisor's signature.

Due to Mini-Grant Committee by Monday, 9/25/2017  
Decisions will be announced by no later than 10/9/2017