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Local Nonprofits Receive Funding, Technical Assistance to Enhance Social and Economic Vitality for New Mexicans

Albuquerque, NM, 3/3/06—The Grant Plant has announced that several New Mexico nonprofit organizations were the recipients of local and national grant awards that will create economic and social vitality for New Mexicans. Among the recipient organizations in the second half of 2005 are Values Through Music, Inc., the New Mexico Community Development Loan Fund, and Mission: Literacy.

Values Through Music, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that delivers character education to youth using media and the arts. Led by Jim Jones, LISW, Values Through Music was awarded a \$7,500 grant from the PNM Foundation to support its Violence Prevention Project. This revolutionary project provides students with an innovative set of tools from which to discuss topics of social interest related to violence prevention and character education, determine problems and solutions, and document these sessions using music and video by creating a music CD and accompanying DVD for use in middle-school character education programs. Find out more about Values Through Music by calling 505-890-8309.

The New Mexico Community Development Loan Fund is a nonprofit organization that provides loans and training to business owners and nonprofit organizations in New Mexico to support the efforts of low-income individuals and their communities to achieve economic self-reliance. The Loan Fund was awarded a technical assistance grant from ISED Solutions that will increase the organization's capacity to reach more entrepreneurs in the state. Learn more about the Loan Fund at www.nmcdf.org.

Mission: Literacy is a nonprofit organization that enriches lives through comprehensive instruction of the English language for non-native speakers. The organization was awarded \$1,500 in texts and curricula materials from the National Book Scholarship Fund to facilitate ESL, basic literacy, GED, citizenship, family literacy, and computer courses. Materials received from the National Book Scholarship Fund will impact Mission: Literacy's programs by allowing the organization to serve more students, attract more tutors, and increase enrollment in current and future course offerings. Visit Mission: Literacy's website at www.missionliteracy.org.

"Nonprofit organizations are an essential component of New Mexico's culture. There are many exciting programs being initiated throughout the state by individuals whose work is guided by their hearts. It's an honor to be part of it," says Tara Gohr, The Grant Plant's co-owner with Erin Hielkema. "We're pleased with our relationship with The Grant Plant and we look forward to prospering together," affirms Brian Bone, executive director of the Loan Fund.

ABOUT THE GRANT PLANT—The Grant Plant provides comprehensive grant writing services to New Mexico nonprofit organizations. Visit their website at www.thegrantplantNM.com.

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