

ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY

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AMAFCA COLLABORATES ON NEA OUR TOWN PROJECT

"Water" Theme Ties In With AMAFCA's Purpose

ALBUQUERQUE – JULY 18, 2013 – The Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) is pleased to announce that its collaboration with the City of Albuquerque Cultural Services Department, Bernalillo County, UNM School of Architecture and Planning, Littlelobe, and Story of Place has been recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) by the award of an "Our Town" grant in the amount of \$150,000, announced yesterday in Washington DC.

<http://arts.gov/news/news13/Our-Town-Announcement.html>

The theme of Albuquerque's NEA "Our Town" public art project is "water" – and the project will tie in with historic Route 66/Central Avenue. The site for the project is yet to be selected.

AMAFCA supported the project from the very beginning of the application process. AMAFCA has collaborated in the past with Bernalillo County and the University of New Mexico in the design and construction of the Sanchez Farm Detention Pond in 2004. The project incorporated ecology, water quality, public spaces and a hands-on learning center for traditional farming techniques as part of the flood control project.

Recently AMAFCA collaborated with the City of Albuquerque to design and construct the Hahn Arroyo Phase I Project. The Hahn Arroyo Project went beyond flood control to incorporate other elements such as stormwater quality and low impact development and sustainability all showcased in a public space with the addition of public art to emphasize the community's interrelationship to rainfall, stormwater quality and the wildlife in and around the Bosque.

"The Authority plans, designs, constructs, and maintains flood control and stormwater quality facilities within Albuquerque," said AMAFCA Board Chairman Tim Eichenberg. "The NEA Our Town Project will allow a unique opportunity to use art as an educational tool to help educate the public that the health of the Rio Grande and the community is directly related to the health of the surrounding urban watershed and to Albuquerque's past, present and future."

AMAFCA is committed to stormwater quality and protecting our precious water resources in the arid Southwest. For more information, go to www.AMAFCA.org.

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If you would like additional information about this topic, or to schedule an interview, please contact Jerry Lovato at 884-2215 or email Jerry at JLovato@AMAFCA.ORG.

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The public art component of the Hahn Arroyo Phase I, a collaborative project between AMAFCA and the City of Albuquerque.

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