

Land Grant Studies Program

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Mission

The UNM Land Grant Studies Program advances our historical and contemporary knowledge of land grants-*mercedes* and organizes documentation and dissemination as a public service. In conjunction with government agencies and other partners it provides service to individual land grants-*mercedes* in order to promote good government and community and economic development in rural communities. Through its research, outreach, and analysis it connects the University with dozens of small and rural communities and provides learning, training, internship, and service opportunities for UNM students.

CY 2019 Goals and Status

1. Conduct documentary and oral history research for community land grant history and geography, traditional uses, and socioeconomic conditions.

Status: Digitized records from Spanish Archives of New Mexico for 5 land grants-mercedes; Provided historical records to 6 land grants-mercedes; Conducted 3 oral history recordings of land grant-merced community members; Conducted historical research and analysis for two land grants relating to historical use of the common lands and common waters.

CY 2019 Goals and Status

2. Provide support to land grants and relevant organizations and agencies.

Status: Assisted the San Antonio del Río Colorado Land Grant with genealogical research; co-sponsored annual Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo commemoration at New Mexico State Capitol. Attend all monthly meeting of New Mexico Land Grant Council (state agency which provides support to land grants) and all quarterly New Mexico Land Grant Consejo (grassroots organization comprised of land grant representatives from around the state) to provide updates on LGSP work and gather information about areas where LGSP can be of service.

CY 2019 Goals and Status

3. Provide students, especially first-generation college students, with internship opportunities related to New Mexico's rural communities that adds to their skill base and networking opportunities with agencies and rural communities.

Status: Provided 2 graduate internship and 1 undergraduate internships in 2019.

CY 2019 Goals and Status

4. Disseminate research and findings through written and video media to the general public and relevant organizations.

Status: Published two working papers:

John Mitchell, “New Mexico’s De Facto Era (1848-50): How the U.S. Supreme Court Lacked Jurisdiction in *U.S. v. Sandoval* (1897).”

Antonio Maestas, “A Flight for Sovereignty and Identity: La Merced de Pueblo de Chililí.”

CY 2019 Goals and Status

5. Develop Land Grant Youth Leadership Development Program.

Status: Held 10 intergenerational youth leadership engagements. Including: youth service projects in Tajique (community center and park clean up and improvements), Cañón de Carnué (community picnic grounds clean up) and Tomé (community trash pick up); traditional foodways and remedios workshop (Placitas); traditional matachín folk dance workshop (Cañón de Carnué); Cultural youth engagements (Abiquiú, Cubero, Santa Bárbara, San Miguel de Bado, SHRI).

CY 2019 Goals and Status

6. Partner with academic departments to develop presentations, seminars and courses on land grant and acequias.

Status: Provided 3 presentations on Land Grants to UNM Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic (Fall, Spring and Summer Semesters) Provide public presentation at Law School Lunch and Learn in Spring of 2019. Work with UNM Law School to develop Continuing Legal Education (CLE) course on Land Grants and Acequias; presented for Dr. Felipe Gonzales' Sociology of New Mexico Course.

Membership of Advisory Committee

Durwood Ball, Associate Professor of History, *Editor New Mexico Historical Review*.

Clifford Villa, Associate Professor, School of Law

Gabriel Pacyniak, Assistant Professor, School of Law

Juan Sánchez, Chair, New Mexico Land Grant Council

Rebecca Correa Skartwed, Vice-Chair, New Mexico Land Grant Council

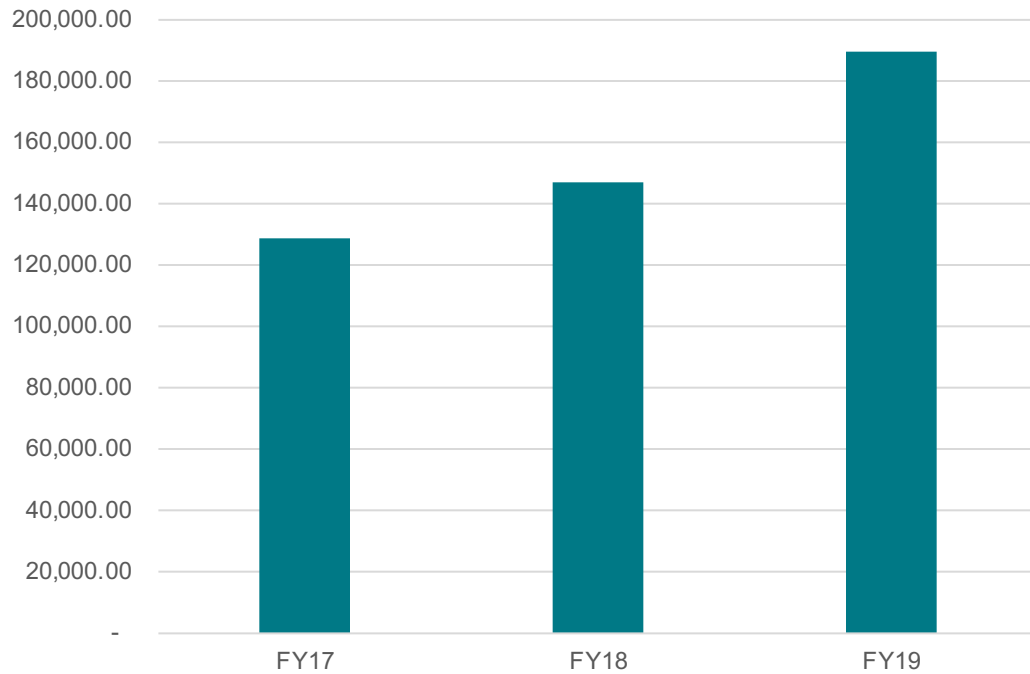
- No Annual Review done in 2019.

CY 2019 Highlights

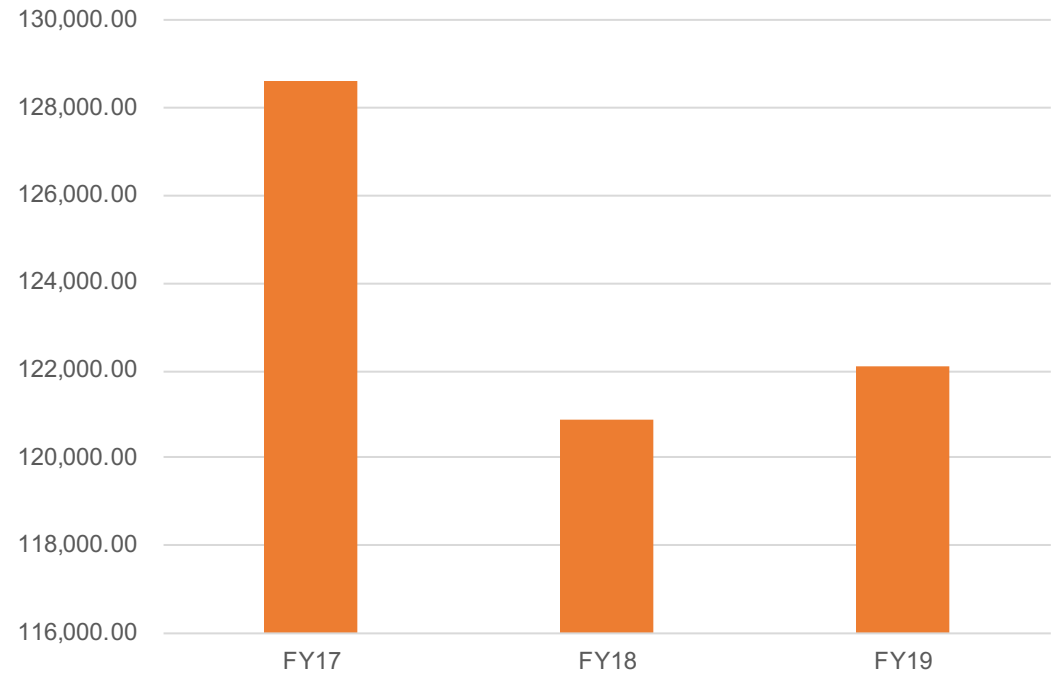
- Plenary Session – “A La Merced: New Mexico’s Historic Rural Populations, Economic Distress, and Public Policy Challenges,” 2019 Population and Public Policy Conference, Albuquerque, NM, February 2019.
- Conference Panel - "Land and Water Wisdom: Exercising Cultural Resistance and Sustainability Practices," National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies 46th Conference, Albuquerque, NM, April 2019.
- Partnered with Merced Land Education and Conservation Trust, a community non-profit organization, and the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area to conduct an intergeneration oral history project with the San Joaquín del Río de Chama and the Tierra Amarilla Land Grants.
- Presented “Understanding Taos Land Grant History” at the Martinez Hacienda in Taos, NM, October 2019.

Proposals & Awards

Proposals

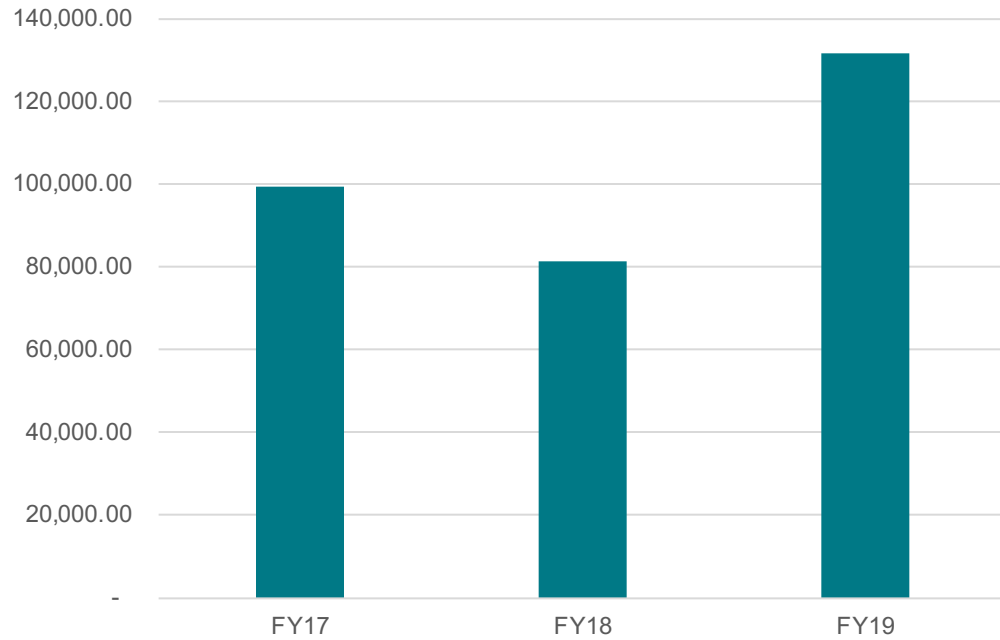


Awards

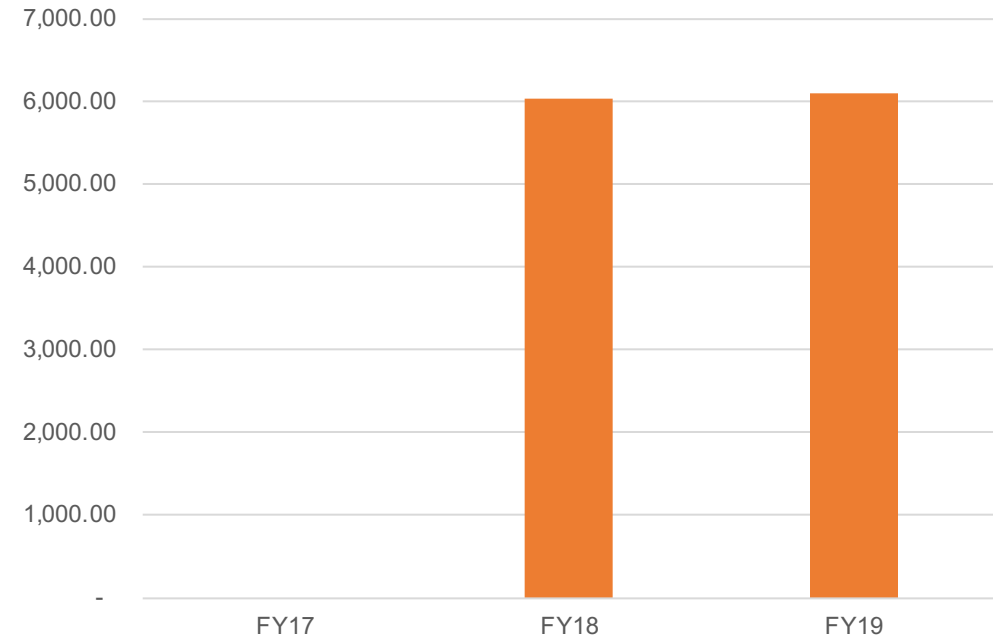


Research Expenditures and F&A

Expenditures

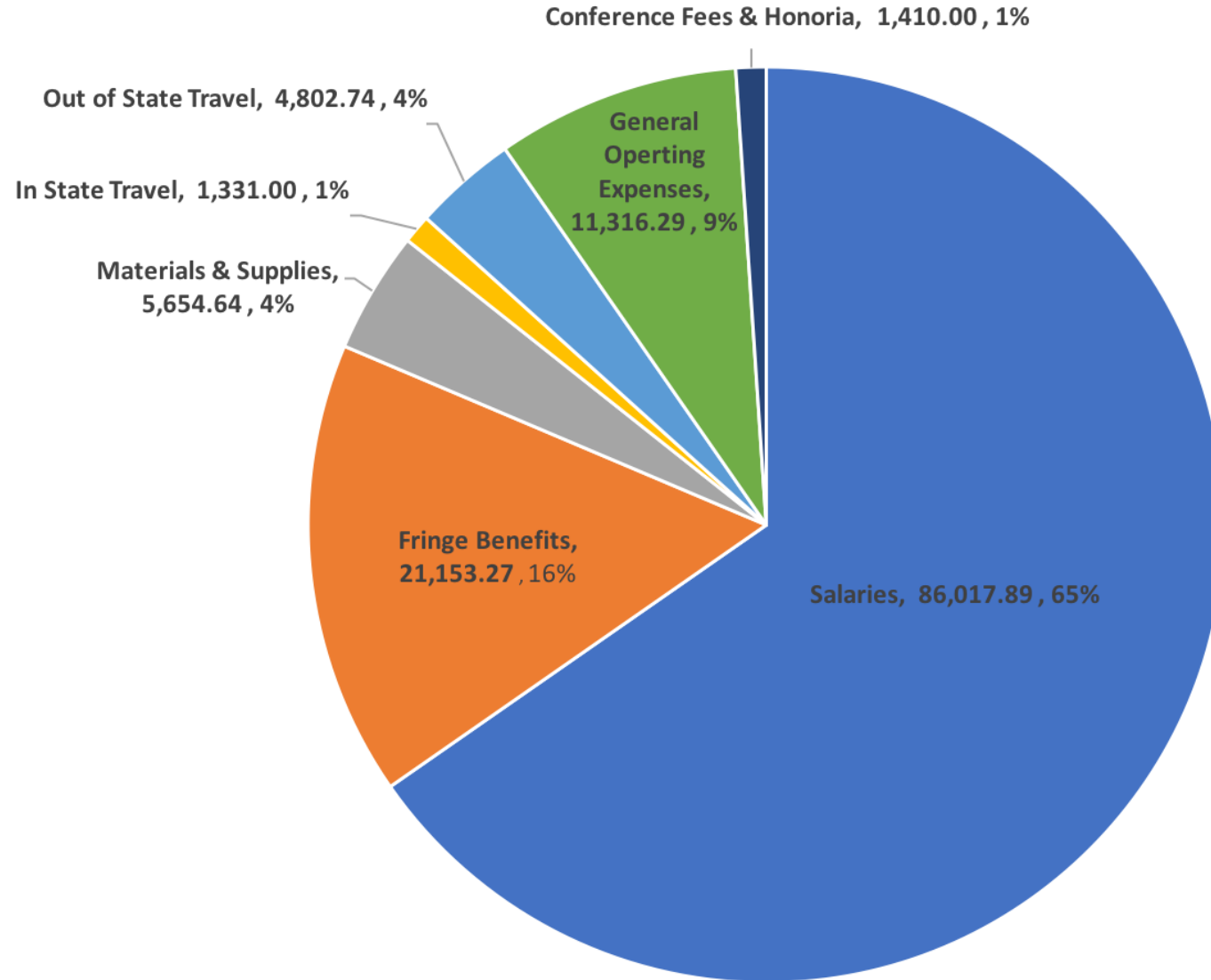


F & A



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| FY19 Sources of Revenue | |
| State Appropriation | 122,100.00 |
| FY18 to FY19 Reserves | 89,048.31 |
| Total | 215,148.31 |

Land Grant Studies Program Expenditure Details



Research Center Impacts

- Synergy with Departments of History and Chicana and Chicano Studies and with the Southwest Hispanic Research Institute.
- Outreach to rural communities located in community land grants, mostly in northern and central New Mexico.
- Training for members of land grant boards of trustees.
- Internship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, both in academic and professional degree programs.
- An authoritative resource for information on land grants to the Land Grant Committee of State Legislature, local and state government agencies, staff of New Mexico's congressional delegation, U.S. Forest Service, and the general public.

Return on Investment

- Two graduate students and one undergraduate employed in 2019;
- Over \$120K annual budget provides support for a broad range of activities and expertise to for supporting small local government entities as well as state and federal agencies.
- A UNM program that directly interfaces with small rural communities throughout Central and Northern New Mexico and that supports the University goal of community engagement.

- Community service orientated and knowledgeable staff with over 50 years of combined experience relating to land grants-mercedes, historical research and program management and development.

STRENGTHS

Increasing scope of work without commensurate increase in funding and office space will lead to challenges in meeting community work product expectations and fully addressing service demands.

WEAKNESSES

- Expanding the youth leadership development programming to include youth conservation projects in local communities supporting UNM's vision of offering New Mexicans access to a comprehensive array of high quality educational, research, and service programs as well as its mission to provide services that enhance New Mexicans' quality of life and promote economic development.

OPPORTUNITIES

Possibility of diminished funding would limit youth programming and require a scaling down of scope of work.

THREATS



Looking Ahead to 2020

- Publication of working papers and articles based on research.
- Expanding youth leadership development programming.
- Organization and distribution of digitized historical records.
- Intergenerational oral history interviews involving youth and elders from rural communities.

Summary

The UNM Land Grant Studies Program is the only university program in the state focused on conducting research on and providing services to community land grants in New Mexico. It provides historical and contemporary research used by land grants, the New Mexico Land Grant Council, the Land Grant Legislative Interim Committee of the state, the New Mexico congressional delegation, and various federal and state agencies. It also provides a public service through its events, youth development workshops, and briefing papers and publications.