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## MEMO

To: Board of Trustees  
From: Paul Mondragón, Community Impact and dEi Committee Chair  
Date: February 20, 2026  
Re: Community Impact and dEi Committee update

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The Community Impact Committee met for a regularly scheduled meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> in combination with the dEi Committee. Resulting from their shared goals and natural alignment, the two Committees will meet jointly throughout 2026, with Paul Mondragón serving as Chair. Each Committee voted in favor of approving this union and Committee members will serve on both Committees for the year.

The Committees discussed their shared goals and priorities for 2026, which include data collection around the percentage of ACF grant dollars distributed to underrepresented communities and how this compares to a national average; continued policy advocacy education, training, and internal process review and approval; and bringing awareness, information, and thought partnership opportunities and awareness regarding NMCT's grantmaking to the full Board of Trustees, by way of the Committees.

Subcommittees for the policy advocacy work and the Rooted Together grant program will continue to meet throughout the year to keep their respective work progressing. The policy advocacy subcommittee will continue to advance the Foundation's first policy to guide the work and ensure appropriate guardrails are in place to protect the Foundation. The Rooted Together subcommittee will remain in place to select the 2027-2028 recipient and continue to refine the application and process for clarity and equity.

The Foundation has also engaged with Dr. Mike Rocca, Director of the Master of Public Policy Program with the University of New Mexico. The Impact and Leadership team will work Mike and his Master's students to connect with nonprofits in need of advice and support on advocacy issues. Additionally, Marisa has agreed to serve on the Community Advisory Board of UNM's Master of Public Policy program. The UNM MPP program is being very intentional about deepening their relationships with community-based organizations and philanthropic leaders whose work is grounded in equity, collaboration, and long-term impact.