

Project ECHO & College of Education and Human Sciences: supporting New Mexico educators throughout their career

University of New Mexico’s Project ECHO & the College of Education and Human Sciences requests expansion funding in the amount of \$5,592,823, for education programs & evaluation capacity.

A combined request between Project ECHO and the College of Education and Human Sciences for an expansion for mentoring teachers throughout their lifetime to adopt best practices in teaching math, science, and reading, and to evaluate the impact of this intervention. High quality teaching is the single most influential factor in student success.

Project ECHO as part of UNMHSC and the College of Education and Human Sciences (COEHS) are part of one university committed to building and sustaining educators across their career span. COEHS prepares future educators to enter the field, while Project ECHO provides equitably accessible professional learning and mentorship to in-service educators to continuously build and improve their skills and support retention of teachers across the state.

This joint proposal focuses on two complementary activities. Project ECHO will use the ECHO model to ensure that students in grades K-5, and 9th grade have access to teachers and instructors proficient in training core skills in math, science, and literacy. COEHS will leverage their research skills and interests to create a new state resource for educational research and evaluation, the Office of Outcome-Based Educational Evaluation (OUTCOMES).



The proposed new funding for the COEHS OUTCOMES Office will enable:

- Establishing the OUTCOMES Office.
- Increase in collaborations with educational programming by 20% to support the statewide discourse around effective educational programming.
- Creation of one undergraduate minor and one graduate certificate in applied educational research and/or data science to support state workforce development.

The proposed funding for Project ECHO will support the following programming:

- Programming in education to support teachers of K-9th grade students throughout New Mexico in key instructional areas of Structured Literacy, Elementary Math, High School Algebra and Elementary Science.
- Programs supporting 1,320 teachers and an estimated 22,600 students through 34 programs providing 540 ECHO sessions statewide.