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## Grants Help NMSU Library Process and Acquire Collections

The NMSU Library has been awarded two grants that will help it process existing archival collections and acquire new engineering materials. It was awarded \$5,000 each year for two years by the Rocky Mountain Online Archive, a project headed by the Collaborative Digitization Program at the University of Denver. The goal of the Rocky Mountain Online Archive is to provide access to finding aids for archival collections located in Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. The project, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation and Access grant program, is modeled on the successes of the Online Archive of New Mexico and other regional online archives.

Project directors Steve Hussman and Maura Kenny of Archives & Special Collections will use the funds to update and create finding aids for a total of 127 previously processed archival collections in the Library's Rio Grande Historical Collections, which have not yet been encoded in Encoded Archival Description. The ambitious project will provide access to these collections and complete the processing work with "best practices" archival description. For more information, contact Hussman at (505) 646-4756.

The Robert E. and Evelyn McKee Foundation of El Paso has awarded the Library \$5,000. The grant will be used for the purchase of engineering resources for the library's collection. Angela Murrell, the library's engineering selector, said "This gift will enable the library to better serve engineering students by updating our collection." Robert E. McKee is remembered as the "master builder" who built major structures in El Paso as well as Los Angeles, Dallas, New Orleans and Atlanta. For more information, please contact Murrell at (505) 646-3079.