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**Rio Rancho Community Foundation to administer 40 grants for New Mexico educators focused on STEM initiatives**

*Grant funding from Intel and the Intel Foundation in celebration of Intel New Mexico 40th anniversary*

**Rio Rancho, NM, February 5, 2020** – The Rio Rancho Community Foundation (RRCF) today announced a statewide call for grants to support science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) projects and initiatives thanks to funding from Intel and the Intel Foundation. In celebration of Intel’s 40th anniversary in New Mexico, RRCF will award 40 grants of up to \$2,500 to 40 New Mexico educators and nonprofits.

The application process is open now and closes April 17, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. Grant criteria, project/program examples, restrictions, and the online application are available at [www.rrcc.org/foundation](http://www.rrcc.org/foundation). Full-time, certified PreK-12 grade teachers working in a New Mexico public school, public charter, Bureau of Indian Education school, or 501(c)(3) organizations focused on STEM education are eligible to apply for a new or existing STEM-focused program or initiative.

Of the initiative, New Mexico Senator John Sapien shared, “Companies like Intel have both the responsibility and opportunity to help shape the future of New Mexico’s workforce by supporting educators in their efforts to equip young people across the state with the critical skills needed to be successful in the 21st century. The Rio Rancho Community Foundation’s expertise in supporting community needs makes it the ideal partner for this endeavor. Education is a major priority of my office and I applaud Intel for celebrating its anniversary by giving back to the community.”

“These grants will support and expand STEM education throughout New Mexico and may inspire students to consider a career in a related field. We are encouraging teachers and nonprofit leaders throughout the state of New Mexico to apply before April 17th,” said Jerry Schalow, Executive Director of the Rio Rancho Community Foundation.

Erika Edgerly, Intel Public Affairs Director shared, “Intel is so proud to operate in New Mexico, and to give back to the New Mexico community. This investment in our community’s future will support our educators and strengthen STEM education across the state, helping to lay the groundwork for a more vibrant place for all of us to live and work.”

For more information contact the Rio Rancho Community Foundation [www.rrcc.org/foundation](http://www.rrcc.org/foundation)

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*About Senator John Sapien:* Senator Sapien has served as the state senator from District 9 for 11 years. He is the past Chair of Senate Education Committee, and currently serves as a member of Senate Finance. District 9 includes the Intel facility as well as the City of Rio Rancho, Town of Bernalillo, Village of Corrales, Placitas, Algodones, and Sandia Pueblo

*About the Rio rancho Community Foundation:* The Rio Rancho Community Foundation (RRCF) is a primary source for philanthropy within Sandoval County. The foundation connects people, non-profits and resources to benefit all within the Region. The RRCF works with non-profits and philanthropists to raise money so that organizations have the resources to make an impact in the community. For more information contact Susan Sheridan: 505-999-1835 or [ssheridan@rrcc.org](mailto:ssheridan@rrcc.org)