

## UNM-Gallup to Benefit from Local Grant

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Northwest New Mexico Regional Solid Waste was recently awarded a grant from the New Mexico Environment Department Solid Waste Bureau that will make it easier for the citizens of McKinley County to have a convenient location to drop off their recyclable materials.

As a result of the successfully funded grant application, UNM-Gallup will be a designated recycling station. Grant funds will be used to purchase bins for all buildings on campus as well as other supplies, such as wheeled carts, that will allow for a greater commitment to sustainability efforts.

Pamela Stovall, Associate Professor of Communications and Journalism at UNM-Gallup wrote the grant proposal in her capacity as a team member of the NWNMRSW group. This collaborative effort resulted in the \$17,500 award that will be used to purchase bins and recycling materials.

“This is a strong community-wide effort to lead the way in recycling,” Stovall said. “In the long term it is hoped that staff will be available to support and encourage recycling. UNM-Gallup did a test study earlier in the year and the students were amazing. Students took the extra steps to separate recyclable materials with the help of individual staff members and departments. Having such a strong student response led to the local organization choosing UNM-Gallup as a location for placement of the bins.”

The paperwork is still in progress to place the bins, but once situated, community members will be invited to utilize the drop off site for all recyclable materials.