1. **Description of the project:** I have developed an Awareness Day event with my students this spring 2016 semester that is scheduled for April 27, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It will take place in Gurley Hall in the main floor commons area. The Awareness Day event involves having all of my students enrolled in my two sections of Introduction to Anthropology (ANTH101) and in my Cultural Geography (GEOG102) course (both my Gallup and Zuni students) work in groups of 3 students each to develop a public education display and materials designed to educate UNMG students, staff, and faculty, as well as community members and invited guests from the Navajo Nation, Zuni Pueblo and area businesses about issues and problems that local peoples and communities, and peoples and communities from around the world face today. The ANTH101 students have selected different cultural groups from around the world and are in the process of researching the issues their selected cultural group of peoples face such as poverty, war, genocide, famine, health epidemics, sex trafficking, and water contamination. My GEOG102 students are in the process of identifying an issue or problem that local peoples and communities face such as food scarcity, gangs, drug-trafficking, exposure deaths, alcoholism, drug addiction, teen suicide, and access to potable, running water. On April 27, all of my students (numbering roughly 91 individuals) will showcase their displays and will be present for the duration of the event to discuss their displays with students, staff, faculty, community members and invited guests.

2. **Rationale for how the project will benefit the faculty, staff, students, UNM-G, or the communities at large:** This project directly benefits students, staff, faculty, UNM-G and the communities at large because it offers my students the opportunity to take what they learn in my courses and to educate others about the issues they have identified and learned about this semester to not only raise awareness but also to facilitate discussion with others and to actively seek effective solutions to local and global issues. This event also allows UNM-G to showcase the many talents of our students and their excellent scholarship. The project benefits the local communities because it is a form of facilitating discussions regarding community issues and trying to come up with solutions to those issues. In addition, I believe that this activity will help bridge UNM-G and the community via our students and their active participation and engagement with local and global issues.

3. **Expected outcomes or products of this project:** This project will result in tangible public educational displays created by the students to educate the public about local and global issues. It also gives students a chance to take what they learn in class and use it to educate others, which is a way to further build, strengthen and advance their academic and professional skills, while encouraging them to become informed and astute global citizens.
4. Describe the timeline for the project, resources needed, and the person responsible for each action step.

**When:** Preparation is currently underway with students working on researching academic literature for their projects. The actual event will take place April 27, 2016. As their professor, I am responsible for guiding students through this process from start to finish.

**Action Step:** Students are working on conducting literature reviews to identify problems and gather the information they need to discuss what is being done to address these issues and what else can be done to find solutions to the issues identified. Students will start working on constructing their actual displays after spring break.

**Resources Needed:** We need 32 trifold cardboard display boards (size 36 inches by 48 inches) that students will use as their primary display on which they will have maps, pictures, and pertinent information regarding the cultural group and/or community issues they have identified and on which they will educate the public. In addition, I seek funds to help us cover the costs associated with printing services for posters and fliers that will help us advertise the event both on and off campus. We also need funds to help cover the cost of tissue paper, color paper, markers, and any other paper supplies that students will need for their displays that they themselves cannot afford to pay for out-of-pocket.

**Responsible Person:** Dr. Shirley Heying, instructor of record for ANTH101 and GEOG102.

5. **Estimated budget with justifications:**

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6. **What other funding sources have you explored? Give details.** (Note: funds for this mini-grant must be expended by June 30, 2016)

Since this is my first year as an assistant professor at UNM-G, I am unaware of any other funds that exist to help cover the costs associated with this project. I have inquired about division funds and I believe there are no other funds to cover these costs at this time.

7. **If application is approved, the applicant must electronically submit the written final report as a pdf file to the Committee Chair, Dr. Yi-Wen Huang, at yhuang75@unm.edu, within two weeks upon the completion of the project.**

Prepared by (please type or print):  **Dr. Shirley Heying**  Date:  **2/25/2016**

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Division Chair or Supervisor

Date

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Chair, Mini-Grant Committee

Date

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Director of Business Operation

Date

Reason(s) for denial. (Applicant may resubmit proposal for 2016-17):

Please submit your mini-grant application to Ms. Geralene Lahi, Accountant I, Business Office (SSTC 286, extension 7577), after you obtain your division head's or supervisor's signature.

Due to Mini-Grant Committee by 2/12/2016
Decisions will be announced by no later than 3/08/2016