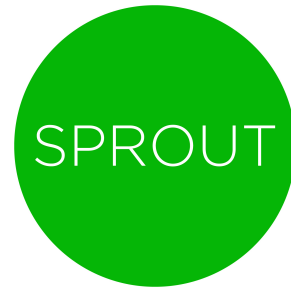


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## About ABQ Sprout

ABQ sprout is a recurring public dinner funding micro-grants for local creative projects that contribute to the Albuquerque community. We are a micro-granting organization relying entirely on donations to fund creative projects.

## How it works:

- 10 randomly chosen grant proposals present their ideas at a community dinner.
- Venue, supplies, and locally grown food are donated.
- Volunteers prepare dinner.
- Proposals are presented in 5 minute sprouts.
- Everyone receives a ballot and votes on what they believe best fits Albuquerque's needs.
- All sliding scale fees (\$15-30) collected at the door for the dinner create the micro-grant awarded to the winner at the end of the evening.

## Goals of ABQ Sprout:

- Help initiate and fund local innovative, creative projects that benefit the ABQ community
- Facilitate bringing ideas to reality
- Bridge innovators with volunteers
- Build community relationships and infrastructure

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sprout 3** September 18th, 2012 / [abqsprout.org](http://abqsprout.org)
- **Wordcamp Hackathon** August 24–26 / [2012.albuquerque.wordcamp.org](http://2012.albuquerque.wordcamp.org)

## MICROGRANTING

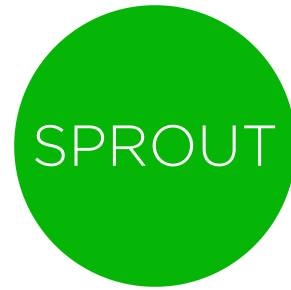
**Micro-grants are small, one-time-only, cash awards given to community groups or individuals for short-term community projects.** Micro-grants projects are designed and implemented by community groups or individuals, not by the sponsoring organizations. They are usually awarded on a competitive basis - the sponsoring organizations decide which proposal best meet its guidelines, and are most deserving of the limited mini-grant money available. Many coalitions and organizations are using micro-grants to stimulate community action and broadening the audience for the community group's work. Micro-grants are potentially powerful as well as cost-effective interventions. When used correctly, they can engage citizens in creative community betterment efforts, and generate real accomplishments citizens can take pride in. The Community Tool Box. <http://ctb.ku.edu/en/tablecontents/chapter44/section2/main.aspx>

- ABQ Sprout [abqsprout.org](http://abqsprout.org) <http://abqsprout.org/>
- The Awesome Foundation <http://www.awesomefoundation.org/>

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## CROWDFUNDING (Fundraising on the Internet)

**Crowdfunding is the collective cooperation, attention and trust by people who network and pool their money together, usually via the Internet, in order to support efforts initiated by other people or organizations.** Crowdfunding occurs for any variety of purposes, from disaster relief to citizen journalism to artists seeking support from fans, to political campaigns. Crowdfunding can replace the need for specialized grant applications or other more formal and traditional fundraising techniques with that of a more casual, yet powerful, approach based on crowd participation. The Internet provides a streamlined approach to quickly raise funds. The term be used to encompass the act of informally generating and distributing funds by groups of people for specific social, personal, entertainment or other purposes. Crowdfunding is related to online communities and social networks. The crowd can already exist as a community but they can also suddenly form from disparate groups around the world who all happen to share an interest in funding a person, project, event, campaign, etc. The Internet allows for information to flow around the world, increasing awareness. A Crowdfunded network can assemble and disassemble at any time. <http://crowdfunding.pbworks.com>

- Kickstarter <http://www.kickstarter.com/>
- Indiegogo <http://www.indiegogo.com/>
- CommunityFunded <http://communityfunded.com/>
- GoFundMe <http://gofundme.com/>
- Chipln <http://www.chipin.com/>
- Pozible <http://www.pozible.com/>
- RocketHub <http://www.rockethub.com/>
- GiveForward <http://www.giveforward.com/>
- Crowdfunder <http://www.crowdfunder.com/>
- Fundable <http://www.fundable.com/>
- Peerbackers <http://peerbackers.com/>
- StartupAddict <http://www.startupaddict.com/>
- DonorsChoose <http://www.donorschoose.org/>

## GRANTS

**Grants are funds disbursed by a government department, corporation, foundation or trust, and given to a recipient such as a nonprofit, educational institution, business or an individual.** In order to receive a grant, a proposal or an application is required. Most grants are made to fund a specific project and require some level of compliance and reporting. Other grants can be given to individuals, such as victims of natural disasters or individuals such as people who seek to open a small business. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grants>

- Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE) <http://www.sare.org/Grants>
- USDA National Institute and Agriculture <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/funding.cfm>

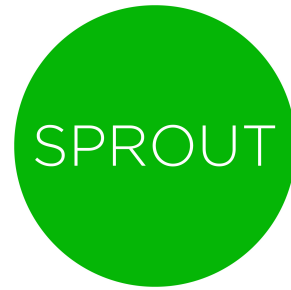
## ANGEL INVESTORS & VENTURE CAPITALISTS

**An angel investor is an individual or group who provides their own capital for a business start-up, usually in exchange for convertible debt or ownership equity.** They can be affiliated (people you know), or non-affiliated (people you do not know). They provide seed money, or funds necessary to start the business so that it has enough funds to sustain itself for a period of development until it reaches either a state where it is able to continue funding itself, or has created something of value so that it is worthy of future rounds of funding.

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**Venture capital is financial capital provided to early-stage, high-potential, high risk, growth startup companies.** The venture capital fund makes money by owning equity in the companies it invests in. Typically, the venture capital investment occurs after the seed funding round. The investment is made to generate a return. Venture capital is attractive for new companies with limited operating history that are too small to raise capital in the public markets and have not reached the point where they are able to secure a bank loan or complete a debt offering. In exchange for the high risk that venture capitalists assume by investing in smaller and less mature companies, venture capitalists usually get significant control over company decisions, in addition to a significant portion of the company's ownership (and consequently value).

- Go4Funding <http://www.go4funding.com/>
- Gust <http://gust.com/>
- New Mexico Angels <http://www.nmangels.com/>
- Altira <http://www.altiragroup.com/>
- Blue Sage Capital <http://www.bluesage.com/>
- Coronado Ventures Forum <http://www.cvf-nm.org/>
- Cottenwood Technology Group <http://www.cvf-nm.org/>
- Epic Ventures <http://www.epicvc.com/>
- V Spring Capital <http://www.vspring.com/>
- Valley Ventures <http://www.valleyventures.com/>
- Verge Fund <http://www.vergefund.com/>
- Red River Ventures <http://www.redriverventures.com/>
- Vestor Private Equity <http://www.vestor.com/>
- Flywheel Ventures <http://www.flywheelventures.com/>
- International Venture Fund <http://www.inventor.com/>
- Mesa Capital <http://www.mesacapitalpartners.us/>
- New Mexico Community Capital <http://www.nmccap.org/>
- Psilos Group <http://www.psilos.com/>
- Sun Mountain Capital <http://sunmountaincapital.com/>
- Technology Funding <http://www.techfunding.com/>
- Sandia Capital Partners, LLC <http://www.sandiacapital.com/>

## Micro-Financing/Micro-Lenders

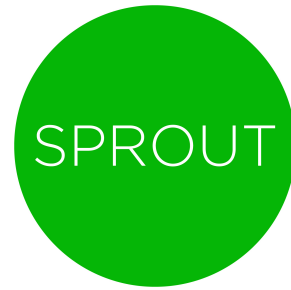
**A type of banking service that is provided to unemployed or low-income individuals or groups who would otherwise have no other means of gaining financial services.** Ultimately, the goal is to give low income people an opportunity to become self-sufficient by providing a means of saving money, borrowing money and insurance. Like conventional banking, micro-lenders charge interest on loans. While these interest rates are generally lower than those offered by normal banks. <http://www.investopedia.com/terms/m/microfinance.asp#ixzz208zzOQw9>

- ACCION New Mexico <http://www.accionnm.org/>
- Enchantment Land Certified Development Company <http://www.elcdc.com/>
- US Small Business Administration <http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/starting-managing-business/starting-business>
- WESST <http://www.wesst.org/>
- The New Mexico Community Loan Fund <http://www.loanfund.org/>

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## Consultation Services:

- South Valley Economic Development Center <http://www.svedc.org/index.php>
- South Valley Small Business Development Center <http://www.nmsbdc.org/southvalley/>
- Accion New Mexico <http://www.accionnm.org/>
- SCORE <http://albuquerque.score.org/>
- UNM Law Clinic <http://lawschool.unm.edu/clinic/>
- WesstCorp <http://www.wesst.org/>
- The Small Business Administration <http://www.sba.gov/>
- The New Mexico Community Loan Fund <http://www.loanfund.org/>
- USDA Business Programs [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/LP\\_Subject\\_BusinessAndCooperativeAssistance.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/LP_Subject_BusinessAndCooperativeAssistance.html)

## MICRO-VOLUNTEERING

Micro-volunteering describes a task done by a volunteer, or a team of volunteers, without payment. It typically does not require an application process, screening or training period, takes only minutes or a few hours to complete, and does not require an ongoing commitment by the volunteer.

- Sparked <http://www.sparked.com/>