The African American Community Economic Transformation Study (A.A.C.E.T.S.) team conducted a community based participatory research project (CBPR) during the time period beginning in 2014. Over the duration of this three-month period the A.A.C.E.T.S. Leadership Team (hereinafter referred to as “the Team”) implemented a four part data collection and analysis study with a purposive and diverse sample of service providers and opinion leaders within the African American community in Central New Mexico.

**ANALYZING THIS DATA LEAD TO THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**CREATE A HUB ORGANIZATION**

Establish a community-based entity that functions as a central hub organization with the capacity to act as both a financial and capacity building support to the African American community.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE**

Establish a leadership development institute for the African American community to support the development of the next generation of leadership, increase the capacity and connectivity of the current leadership, and to sufficiently honor current and past leadership.

**COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE**

Establish a communications network/infrastructure that will define the ways that the African American community in New Mexico connects and communicates with its members, allies, target institutions and broader communities.
NEW MEXICO’S BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAS NO Viable, SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL PROFIT SECTOR.

A comprehensive scan of nongovernmental organizations that serve the black community (excluding churches) reveal that most are led by volunteers with no paid staff.

A report on building capacity in the nonprofit (social profit) sector from the Knight Foundation and the Center for Nonprofit Philanthropy (2001) suggests that thriving “community structures are built around three realms: the government, business and nonprofit sectors”. The report goes on to assert that “all three sectors must be present, sturdy and working together to achieve balance and stability.”
Hub and Spoke Model
Proposed Concentration Areas

Current Organizations:
New Mexico Black History Organizing Committee * New Mexico Black Mental Health Coalition * Community Mentor Network
www.nmblackhistorymonth.com www.nmblc.org