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SITE Santa Fe awarded \$1M grant for expansion

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The Burnett Foundation has awarded a \$1 million challenge grant to SITE Santa Fe to help complete its campaign to raise money for its endowment and the renovation and expansion of its contemporary art complex.

SITE Santa Fe is adding 15,000 new interior and exterior square feet to its 19,000-square-foot building in the Santa Fe Railyard.

Phase No. 1 of the project includes an addition behind the building for education, programs and events. Phase No. 2 calls for renovation of the galleries, with expanded gallery and lobby spaces in the front of the museum and installation of a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.

The goals of the fundraising campaign include:

- \$3 million to the endowment, bringing assets to \$10 million by 2019
- \$8 million allocated to the renovation and expansion of the building
- \$250,000 allocated for the equipment and furnishings needed in the expanded building and another \$250,000 for operating and building reserves

“My colleagues on SITE’s Board of Directors and a close circle of friends have been extraordinarily generous to this campaign and have made it possible to come this far,” said Andrew Wallerstein, SITE board chair. “Now we turn to our community, to a larger group of SITE members, patrons and arts enthusiasts in Santa Fe and beyond for support to complete our building and open our doors to all in Santa Fe.”

The Burnett Foundation is based in Fort Worth, Texas, but has strong ties to Santa Fe. It has provided major support to the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum. The foundation was created in 1978 by Anne Burnett Tandy after the death of her husband, Charles D. Tandy, who acquired Radio Shack for Tandy Corp.

Clarification: A previous version of this piece mischaracterized the addition of square footage to the SITE Santa Fe building in the Railyard. SITE is adding 15,000 square feet of interior and exterior space.