

The Latino Legacy Fund at The Boston Foundation

In 2013, the Boston Foundation established the Latino Legacy Fund as a permanent, committee-advised Field of Interest Fund. Its mission is to provide ongoing support to strengthen the diverse Latino community of Greater Boston and contribute to the region's civic vitality. The Fund supports issues and organizations that advance the socio-economic status of Latinos—while enhancing the leadership capacity of the entire Latino community.

The Fund made its first grants in October 2014 and has continued an annual grant-making cycle. Grants range in size from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and support organizations that help Latinos realize their full potential, with a specific focus on improving the educational experiences of Latino young people in Greater Boston from early childhood through postsecondary education.

Latino Legacy Fund Grantees

2016

Boston Higher Education Resource Center: \$20,000 to expand their culturally sensitive Passport to College (Passport) college preparatory program at the Margarita Muñiz Academy in Jamaica Plain. Passport is a college advising, mentoring, and academic enrichment program for high school students in nine Boston Public Schools.

Chica Project: \$10,000 to support the hiring of a Program Director for Chica Project's Empowerment Institute, a group mentoring program for 10th to 12th grade Latina youth from Boston, Lynn, and Lawrence that consists of monthly school-based workshops on topics ranging from self-identity, self-efficacy, financial literacy, professional development, college readiness, health, and more.

La Vida: \$20,000 to provide wraparound services including test preparation, college application preparation, college visits, financial aid support, and scholarship application support to students in Lynn who are at risk of "undermatching," or attending colleges for which they are overqualified, due to lack of resources and knowledge of the application process.

Latinos for Education: \$15,000 to support the launch of their Latino Leadership and Latino Board Fellows programs in Boston. The Latino Leadership program aims to accelerate the career trajectory of Latinos in education leadership roles through a 6-month professional development program, and the Latino Board Fellows program aims to identify, support and place Latino leaders from outside of education onto high-performing education nonprofit boards.

Latino STEM Alliance: \$12,500 to expand their current 5th to 8th grade Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) robotics programming to younger students (kindergarten to 4th grade) in one area school.

Student Immigrant Movement: \$10,000 to support the launch of the College Access program, a mentorship and advocacy program that seeks to directly support undocumented students enrolling in Massachusetts' colleges and universities.

2015

Horizons for Homeless Children: \$20,000 to implement a full immersion bilingual curriculum in Horizons' early education centers in Boston.

La Alianza Hispana: \$25,000 to further support the expansion of the Madres y Ninos en Proceso home visiting program which integrates educational curriculum with health, child safety, parenting training and case management to ensure that mothers are better prepared to help educate and advocate for their children.

Nurtury: \$25,000 to support Nurtury's Family Child Care Excellence Project, which aims to increase access to high-quality early education through training and professional development for Latino family child care (FCC) providers.

2014

Horizons for Homeless Children: \$15,000 for a specialized professional development course for their bilingual staff, delivered by Wheelock College's Aspire Institute.

Boricuas en Acción (IBA): \$25,000 for support of a public outreach campaign to educate families in the South End and Lower Roxbury about how to access and navigate the Commonwealth's Early Childhood Education and Care financial assistance program.

Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development

Corporation: \$15,000 for the Educators Helping Educators program, which provides intense, individualized support for 25 Latina educators in JPND's Family Childcare System.

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Nurtury: \$20,000 to support technology training for Latino family childcare providers focused on the Teaching Strategies Gold platform, a curriculum development and assessment tool.