

# Latino Equity Fund FY26 Grant Cycle

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What does LEF fund?

For the 2025 grant cycle, LEF seeks proposals from community-based nonprofits advancing the well-being and economic mobility of Latinx residents in the following priority areas:

#### **Basic needs:**

- Housing stability
- Food security
- Health care access (including, but not limited to: disabilities assistance, HIV prevention, elder care, mental health and well-being, and substance use)
- Legal aid

#### **Economic Mobility:**

- Job readiness and career coaching
- ESOL and Language access
- Immigrant/refugee workforce integration
- Professional credentialing and certification

### 2. Can I apply if I received other TBF funding?

Yes. Applicants who receive funding from other Boston Foundation programs can also apply for the LEF FY26 grant.

### 3. Can I apply if I am not a Latinx serving organization?

LEF prioritizes supporting Latinx-serving organizations, and organizations that have not previously received funding from TBF/LEF.

### 4. What are LEF's geographic funding areas?

The Latino Equity Fund funds within the Boston Foundation's [catchment area](#) which includes:

- Essex County
- Middlesex County

- Suffolk County
- Plymouth County
- Norfolk County

The Latino Equity Fund aims to support truly local organizations. Accordingly, an applicant must:

- Be headquartered in the geographic areas listed above
- Provide the majority of its services in the geographic areas listed above.
- Be a Latinx-serving organization, with at least 50% of clients served identifying as Latinx
- Not maintain offices or provide services outside Massachusetts
- Not be regional, national, or international (even if based locally)
- Not be a local office/affiliate of a regional or national organization, unless it has its own EIN

All funding requests should focus exclusively on operations within geographic areas listed above.

## 5. How do I apply for a grant from LEF?

To apply for a grant, you will need to set up an account on SmartSimple. There is a SmartSimple Login Guide located on Latino Equity Fund's website page that provides further instructions.

SmartSimple Login Link: [https://bostonfoundation.smartsimple.com/s\\_Login.jsp](https://bostonfoundation.smartsimple.com/s_Login.jsp)

## 6. When is the application available and when are the proposals due?

The application period opens on September 22, 2025. Applications are due at 11:59 pm ET on November 3, 2025. Due to the volume of applications we receive, **we will not accept late applications.**

## 7. When will we hear from TBF about the status of our grant?

The Latino Equity Fund works with a team of community reviewers who begin reviewing applications once the application period closes. Grant notifications and distribution of funds will be sent by the end of December.

**8. How will I hear from the Boston Foundation about the status of application?**

Notifications are sent via email.

Please feel free to contact Community Impact Officer, Carlos Muñoz-Cadilla with any additional questions at [carlos.munoz-cadilla@tbf.org](mailto:carlos.munoz-cadilla@tbf.org).