



Latino Equity Fund FY27 Grant Cycle

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What does LEF fund?

For the 2026 grant cycle, LEF seeks proposals from community-based nonprofits providing access to trusted community health services and advancing equitable economic opportunities for Latinx residents in the following priority areas:

- Trusted Community Health Care Access
 - Health Care Access
 - Eligible activities may include: free mobile clinics, free primary care, vaccination drives, health insurance support, and medical bill negotiation
- Equitable Economic Opportunities
 - ESOL
 - Professional credentialing
 - Eligible activities may include: college readiness, credentialing programs, apprenticeships, trades, credential verification, HiSET support, career development, and assistance with work authorization renewal
 - Entrepreneurial support
 - Eligible activities may include: culturally competent business training, technical assistance, innovation space, and legal business support

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 FY27 grant.

3. Can I apply if I received an LEF grant last year?

FY26 LEF grant recipients are not eligible to submit a proposal for funding this year, but will be eligible again next cycle.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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

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

The application period opens on September 15, 2026. Applications are due at 5:00 pm ET on October 30, 2026. Due to the volume of applications we receive, **we will not accept late applications.**

8. 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.

9. 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.