

## **Latino Equity Fund FY27 Request for Proposals**

### **About this Application Cycle**

The Latino Equity Fund supports community-based organizations who are tackling socio-economic issues to help Massachusetts' Latinos to thrive. Recent data highlights Latinos' [persistent economic barriers](#) and their increasing [difficulties in obtaining health services](#). Investments in these areas promote wealth building pathways and economic empowerment by limiting emergency expenses. Addressing these issues helps Latinos see stability and opportunity for themselves and their families in Massachusetts.

For the FY27 grant cycle, LEF is committing \$500,000 to support Latinx-serving 501c3 organizations across Greater Boston. LEF will award one-time General Operating \$50,000 grants to 10 Latinx-serving nonprofit organizations within the [Boston Foundation's catchment area](#). 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:

### **Application Cycle Priorities**

- 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

### **Application Information**

- Application Portal Opens: September 15, 2026 at 8:00 AM

- Deadline to Apply: October 30, 2026 at 5:00 PM
- Grant Amount: \$50,000 one-time general operating grant

**Note:** [FY26 LEF grant recipients](#) **are not eligible** to submit a proposal for funding this year, but will be eligible again next cycle.

### **Geographic Funding Areas**

- The Latino Equity Fund funds within the Boston Foundation's catchment area which includes:
  - o Essex County
  - o Middlesex County
  - o Norfolk County
  - o Plymouth County
  - o Suffolk County

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

- Have an organizational budget below \$5 million in the current fiscal year.
- Be headquartered in the geographic areas listed above.
- Provide the majority of its services in the geographic areas listed above.
- 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.

[Priority consideration](#) is given to nonprofits located in the 13 cities and towns identified by the Latino Equity Fund as Latinx hubs. These communities include: Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Framingham, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, Methuen, Revere, Saugus, Salem, Waltham. LEF may also give such consideration to organizations that are based elsewhere in the priority geographic area and propose introducing programming or services in one or more of these 13 communities, especially Lawrence and Boston.

**Please note that [Safety Net Grants](#) and the Latino Equity Fund are running concurrent cycles, and we strongly encourage you to select the program that is the best fit for your organization.** The focus areas of Safety Net Grants are: food security, health care, mental health, and behavioral health access, direct cash assistance, housing stabilization. The Latino Equity Fund focuses are: health care access and equitable economic opportunities (including: ESOL, professional credentialing, and entrepreneurial support).

This RFP is not currently considering requests related to the causes below, although we recognize their value and importance.

- The arts (including dance, music, and theater)
- The preservation of land or historic buildings
- Animal welfare ([Please consider the Felicia Rose Grant Program.](#))
- Research

### **Eligibility Guidelines**

The Latino Equity Fund will not typically consider requests for funding from the following:

- Endowments
- Medical research initiatives
- Private foundations
- Religious activities or organizations whose primary purpose is sectarian
- Political, legislative, or lobbying efforts
- Major capital campaigns
- Primary or secondary schools that charge significant tuition
- Organizations with organizational budgets over \$5 million
- Large institutions already supported by substantial endowments
- Organizations that infringe on civil liberties or personal freedoms
- Entities not classified as public charities under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code
- National or regional organizations—or their local affiliates—that do not have an independent EIN
- Organizations that discriminate based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ability, or other protected characteristics
- Municipalities (excluding public schools), with the exception of the 13 Massachusetts communities where the LEF has defined as a Latinx Hub.

While we've worked to simplify the application process, we recognize and deeply value the time it takes to prepare and submit a request. We encourage you to carefully review our funding priorities to ensure alignment before applying.

To apply for a grant, please access the application [here](#). For new applicants, please follow the step-by-step guide on the "Application Quick Links" at the top of the page.

The LEF grants team is committed to making our process accessible, both in technology and language. If you experience any challenges accessing the application or require accommodations, please don't hesitate to contact Community Impact Officer, Carlos Muñoz-Cadilla at [carlos.munoz-cadilla@tbf.org](mailto:carlos.munoz-cadilla@tbf.org).