

## **Request for Proposals: Early Childhood Education The Latino Legacy Fund at The Boston Foundation**

### **About the Fund**

The Latino Legacy Fund, a unique partnership of local Latino philanthropists and leaders, the Boston Foundation and Hispanics in Philanthropy, is the first Latino-focused fund in the Greater Boston area. Our mission is to use a permanent endowment to strengthen the diverse Latino community of Greater Boston and contribute to the region's civic vitality by supporting issues and organizations that advance the socio-economic status of Latinos—while enhancing the leadership capacity of the entire Latino community

### **A Focus on Early Childhood Education**

Less than a quarter of Latino students tested as proficient in fourth-grade reading. Only 62% of Latino students go on to graduate high school, compared with 84% of white students, and fewer than one in five Latino adults has a bachelor's degree. As a result, the Latino Legacy Fund will focus its initial grants to support our youngest learners by funding early childhood education initiatives, which promise to raise achievement and create stronger generations of Latino citizens in our communities.

### **Grantmaking Program**

In 2014, the Fund will distribute up to \$100,000 in grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Grants will be made that improve quality and access to high quality early childhood education for Latino youth (ages 2-5) in Greater Boston. Preference will be given to applicants who can clearly demonstrate that their work will directly benefit a majority Latino population. While not limited to the following areas, the Latino Legacy Fund is interested in receiving proposals that address the following topics:

- Creative program models which increase access to high quality early childhood education for vulnerable Latino families
- Organizing and advocacy efforts which seek to expand the capacity of the early childhood education system in underserved communities, with particular focus on the Latino community
- Professional and business development for home day care providers to enhance capacity and quality
- Innovative curriculum development and teacher education

The Latino Legacy Fund Advisory Committee, in partnership with the Boston Foundation, will select organizations for funding based on alignment with the following general criteria:

- Fit with the above stated mission of the Latino Legacy Fund
- Organizational need and potential impact on organizational effectiveness based on past successes and demonstrated need shown by the community
- Strength or potential impact on the population served

Competitive proposals will display the following characteristics:

- Clearly defined and measurable outcomes
- Strong leadership team possessing knowledge of the Latino community in Greater Boston
- Deep understanding of the early childhood education landscape in [Greater Boston](#)
- Sufficient organizational capacity to achieve and sustain stated objectives

Eligible applicant organizations are tax-exempt or operate under the fiscal sponsorship of a tax-exempt nonprofit, and primarily serve the people of [Greater Boston](#). Organizations who currently receive Boston Foundation support through the competitive or initiative funding processes are eligible for Latino Legacy Fund grants.

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Grants will not be awarded to individual public schools or other public agencies, but consideration is given to requests from community organizations that offer programs in collaboration with these agencies. An eligible organization must also be operated and organized so that it does not discriminate in the hiring of staff or provision of services on the basis of race, religion, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, age, national origin or disability.

### The Process

1. Submit your idea for consideration. Requests must be received by 11:59 PM on 6/27/14 to be considered for advancement to a 2<sup>nd</sup> and final round of consideration. Submission can be made:
  - Via email to [grantsinfo@tbf.org](mailto:grantsinfo@tbf.org)
2. The Latino Legacy Fund Advisory Committee in partnership with Boston Foundation staff will review all submissions received by 11:59 PM on 6/27/14 and select promising ideas to advance for funding consideration. Organizations will be notified of the status of their submission by 7/18/14.
3. Organizations advanced for funding consideration will be asked to provide additional information, including a project narrative and detailed project budget, by 8/22/14.
4. Foundation staff will review submitted materials and recommend funding in partnership with the Latino Legacy Fund Advisory Committee. Foundation staff with the Advisory Committee may ask to conduct a site visit and/or finalists may be asked to present their proposal to the Advisory Committee. Organizations will be notified of funding decisions by 10/17/14.

If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact:

Corey Davis, Director of Grants Management  
Phone: 617.338.1700  
Email: [grantsinfo@tbf.org](mailto:grantsinfo@tbf.org)

OR if you have questions regarding the Latino Legacy Fund's work and funding interest, please refer to the [Latino Legacy Fund website](#) or contact:

Dan Sherman, Associate Director of Donor Services  
Phone 617-338-3112  
[Daniel.sherman@tbf.org](mailto:Daniel.sherman@tbf.org)

### **Submitting Your Idea**

Please create a word document with the following information to attach to your email:

#### Organizational Information

- Organization name
- Address, City, State, Zip
- EIN number
- Organization website address (if applicable)
- Organization description
- Contact person name, title, phone, email

#### Idea Information

- What is the name of your idea/project?  
Note: A brief one-line, 10-12 word description of the idea.

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- What is your idea/project?  
Note: Specify the unmet or under-met need the project will address, how it will address it, and how the idea advances early childhood education in the Latino community  
Note: 2-3 sentences, 200 words or less
  
- What population or community will your project benefit?  
Note: 25 words or less
  
- What does success for your project look like?  
Note: 1-2 sentences, 200 words or less