

# NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATIVE FOR STRONG LATINX COMMUNITIES

## Request for Proposals (RFP): Fall 2020

**MISSION & VISION:** The North Carolina Collaborative for Strong Latinx Communities (NCCSLC) offers funding, support, and resources toward a North Carolina that has:

- Increased voice and leadership of Latinx communities in all sectors
- Well-resourced and resilient organizations serving, led by, and accountable to Latinx communities
- Strong connections and collaboration among Latinx organizations across the state
- Vibrant intersectional work among Latinx and other communities

*So that there is a healthy, inclusive and strong infrastructure to promote equitable outcomes for all North Carolinians.*

### **PARTICIPATORY GRANTMAKING FALL 2020 FUNDING CYCLE:**

The NCCSLC has created a pooled fund which includes contributions from a combination of NC-based and national foundations. To date we have raised a total of \$1.9 million from 8 foundations, with over 85% of this money intended to go directly to the community. Of the money raised, \$480K has already been distributed as COVID-19 Rapid Response funds to Latinx-led organizations across the state.

The fall funding cycle will focus on providing 1-year general operating support with the possibility of extending it into a second year. Grant amounts will vary depending on the number of groups that apply. The total amount available for this round of funding is \$690,500. Understanding the toll that social justice work can have on the human heart and spirit, part of these funds will be set aside to be distributed as healing justice stipends.

### **PURPOSE OF GRANTS:**

The NCCSLC's grantmaking strategy aims to support Latinx-led organizations and networks working on building long-term power among the Latinx community in North Carolina. The NCCSLC will invite proposals and make grants to a variety of recipient organizations or networks. Examples include:

- **Frontline community-based organizations and networks working on community protection as well as other immediate threats.** This could include but is not limited to: strengthening community-led organizing with directly affected communities at the center; developing rapid response networks; deepening cross-sector relationships; supporting vulnerable communities to build resilience and addressing the emotional effects of hate incidents; among other initiatives.
- **Networks working on creating spaces for collective learning, analysis, and strategy development.** This could include hosting community forums to reflect on the current political and societal contexts and implications for strengthening movement-building infrastructure in the state.
- **Organizations and networks working on building long-term power among immigrant communities.** Strategies could include: civic engagement, coalition-building, local advocacy, community organizing and integration, grassroots leadership development, youth engagement, policy change, base-building, and building stronger collaboration across immigrant communities and movements.
- **Organizations and broader networks interested in building their advocacy capacity,** including community empowerment education, working at the intersections with other movements, movement communication infrastructure, network-building, collective analysis and strategy development, deepening racial equity and power lens, among others.

## ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS:

- Organizations or groups led by, serving, and accountable to Latinx people and communities.
- We have a statewide focus, with a priority to support rural and/or under-resourced areas.
- Our emphasis is on supporting grassroots, community-based organizations and infrastructure.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** If you meet the outlined criteria and are interested in applying for a grant please fill out the [attached Google form](#) with the following information. *If you prefer to address these questions in a phone interview, please email Zulayka to set up that appointment: [zulayka@libelulaconsulting.com](mailto:zulayka@libelulaconsulting.com)*

- What is your organization/group's mission/purpose?
- Is your organization an established 501(c)(3)? If not, who serves as your fiscal sponsor?
- What region/s do you serve? Are these regions considered rural?
- Can you tell us a bit about the communities you work with? (Something that helps us understand the needs of the population you work with that makes them eligible for the funds.)
- What is the impact of your work on the Latinx community? How many individuals/families does your organization/group reach?
- What is your organization's/group's annual budget? How many paid staff (if any)? How many volunteers?
- What is the grant amount you are requesting (between \$5,000-\$50,000)? How you will utilize the funds and how will it contribute to the larger purpose of the NCCSLC?
- **REFERENCES:** Please submit name and contact information of two references that can speak to your work and your community connections.

**TIMELINE:** Applications are due on Thursday, October 29, 2020. You will receive a response on your application by mid-late November.

**DECISION-MAKING:** The participatory grantmaking process will be led by a 14-member Unifying Council that has representatives from the various regions of our state, including three foundation representatives (see list below). This process will be facilitated by an independent consultant/project manager who will not have a vote on grantmaking decisions.

Name	Organization	Region
Lariza Garzón	Episcopal Farmworker Ministry	East
Juvenio Rocha-Peralta	AMEXCAN	East
Yesenia Cuello	NC FIELD Inc.	East
Laura Garduño	Siembra NC	Statewide
Victor Canales Gamiño	Student Action with Farmworkers	Statewide
Yolanda Zavala	Comité Popular Somos Raleigh	Triangle
Martha Hernandez	Comité de Acción Popular	Triangle
Eliazar Posada	El Centro Hispano	Triangle
Victor Alvarez	Comité Popular de Asheville por la Justicia Social	West
Bruno Hinojosa	Compañeros Inmigrantes de las Montañas en Acción (CIMA)	West
Magaly Urdiales	Western NC Workers Center	West

### NCCSLC STEERING COMMITTEE:

- Valerie Stewart & Teresita Maz\*, Blue Cross NC Foundation
- Tara Sandercock & Michelle Sorrells, Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro
- Elena Conley, Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation
- Millie Brobston, Oak Foundation
- Tanaya Suddreth Lynch\*, Triangle Community Foundation
- Tania Duran\*, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation

*\*Also serving on Unifying Council*

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