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The Latino Social Venture Fund is requesting proposals from community-based 501 (c) (3) organizations primarily charter schools, low income housing developers, and health care clinics.

Eligible grant investments can cover predevelopment activity necessary to complete site acquisition, site development and construction-financing commitments, as well as activities that will facilitate strategic growth planning or implementation. This would include all typical third party and consultant assistance required to address key design, site development, construction feasibility issues and strategic growth issues to initiate the applicant's planned real estate project or organizational growth phase.

Grants awards will be up to \$25,000. A higher award may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Eligible Target Areas

1. Emerging Latino Communities: NCLR Affiliates and other Latino serving agencies in states that experienced growth of the Latino population in excess of 200% in a minimum of two counties, based on the 2000 Census
Applications for projects in the following states will be eligible:

Pennsylvania	Arkansas
Virginia	Louisiana
North Carolina	Colorado
South Carolina	Idaho
Georgia	Iowa
Ohio	
Kentucky	
Indiana	
Tennessee	
Alabama	
South Dakota	
Oregon	
Utah	
Minnesota	
Wisconsin	
Nebraska	
Kansas	
Missouri	
Oklahoma	



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Please answer the following questions; please note your responses will be critical in evaluation of your grant proposal. Note that responses need to respect the length requirements; readers will not read additional pages of material. Only answer the questions that apply to your project/proposal.

- Target and Community Impact (20 points, up to 2 pages)
 - Describe your target for this project and how your organization determined the need for this project.
 - What will the impact be on the targeted population? How will the organization measure the intended impact of the project?
 - What is the population of targeted students in your area? How does the size of the Latino student population compare? How will you address any specific needs that the Latino students may have such as language and cultural issues? (Only Charter School Applicants)

- Project Feasibility and Readiness (35 points, up to 4 pages)
 - Outline the project and the pre-development request you are applying for with this proposal.
 - What is the project's timeline and discuss the progress to date. If applicable, will your development timeline allow you to begin the project within the next 18 months?
 - Discuss existing project site information.
 - Provide a financial analysis of the project and attached any exhibits in support thereof. In your response please address the availability of working capital to complete the project. Does your organization have financial commitments or capital for an equity contribution for the acquisition, leasing or construction needs of the project?
 - If you are planning a new school, have you received funding commitments from other sources for start up operations and from what sources? If you are planning to expand or replicate your educational program, have you received funding commitments from other sources? (Charter School applicants only).

- Agency Capacity (20 points, up to 2 pages)
 - Describe your organization's mission and history serving the target and how will the proposed project fit into its overall operation. Describe the organization's previous experience in the project area.
 - Provide most current fiscal year audited financial statements, if available. Provide existing budgets and/or financial statements for the organization.

- Why is your organization creating or operating a school or alternative education program? How do you define “high quality” schools and education? How is your current school(s) achieving quality for Latino students or how would the school or educational program you are proposing achieve the standard of high quality? (for Charter School applicants only)
- Please describe the schools or educational programs you are currently operating, and include a school or program history, a description of school or program founders and leadership, the numbers and types of schools or educational programs currently in operation, the school and/or educational program design/model, the number of students and ages/grades served per school or program, and, where applicable, charter status, state ranking or grade, and /or No Child Left Behind AYP status. (for Charter School applicants only)
- Project Team (25 points up to 2 pages)
 - Explain the management strategy for the program/project; and outline overall commitment, experience on the proposed area.
 - Please list the names of your Board of Directors and Staff and highlight those who will be directly involved with the project and describe their expertise to carry out this project. Include any consultants and/or advisors who are responsible for this project.
 - List your local partners and other organizations involved with this project. For example, partnerships with city governments, or other community based organizations. Briefly describe the nature of the relationship and how it affects the project.

Note: All responses should be typed single space Times New Roman 12pt. Attached the following files to the narrative above, if available:

1. Most current organizational business plan
2. Project business plan
3. Project letters of support