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Nuestra Herencia Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Eligibility

- Q: Who can apply for the LHC Grant Program?

A: We welcome applications from 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that are Latinx led and/or serving and work to preserve Latinx heritage and history. If your group does not yet have nonprofit status, you may apply with a fiscal sponsor.

- Q: Can individuals apply?

A: Not at this time. Applications must come from 501(c)(3) organizations or groups with a fiscal sponsor.

- Q: What is a fiscal sponsor?

A: A fiscal sponsor is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that agrees to receive and manage grant funds on your behalf. They assume legal and financial responsibility for the grant, while your group—the Project Organization—leads the work and must meet the other eligibility criteria.

- Q: Are churches or cemeteries eligible?

A: Yes but if you are unsure if your project aligns with our funding goals, please reach out to the [Preservation Grants Manager](#).

- Q: What about privately owned properties?

A: Unfortunately, we don't fund projects involving privately owned properties.

- Q: My organization's mission focuses on Latinx arts and culture, are we eligible?

A: If you meet the basic eligibility requirements, then your organization is eligible to apply, but your project must revolve around preserving Latinx history and heritage. Please reference Nuestra Herencia's funding goals in the guidelines to see if your project idea fits the vision of the program.

Application Process

- Q: What's the best way to prepare before applying?

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A: Review the application template and examples of funded projects from cycle one, attend a webinar or watch the recording, and read the program guidelines in full.

- Q: What's the difference between the Project Organization and the Fiscal Sponsor?

A: The Project Organization is the group doing the work and proposing the project but lacks 501(c)(3) status. The fiscal sponsor is the nonprofit that receives and manages the money on your behalf.

- Q: Can I get help with my application?

A: Absolutely! Our team is here to support you. You can contact the [Preservation Grants Manager](#) here.

Budget & Funding

- Q: Can we include staff salaries or overheads in our budget?

A: Not at this time. We recognize how important staff funding is for grassroots organizations and hope to expand our funding in this area in the future.

- Q: Can I use grant funds to hire consultants?

A: Yes, applicants in all categories can propose hiring consultants for their project.

- Q: Do I need to submit my entire organizational budget?

A: Nope! Just show us how you plan to use the LHC grant funds using the provided budget template.

- Q: Is a cash match required?

A: No! You are not required to match the award amount with your own funds.

Project Categories

- Q: What does "place-based" mean?

A: It means your project is focusing on the history of a specific physical location—such as a building, landmark, neighborhood, community, or city—that holds significance to Latinx heritage and history.

- Q: Do you fund arts and culture projects?

A: We do not fund theatrical performances, festivals, murals, concerts, or general arts programming. We understand that intangible heritage is a critical part of preservation, but our funding goals are currently focused on place-based projects.

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Technical Support

- Q: Is the Submittable platform easy to use?

A: Most folks found it very user-friendly! If you run into issues, staff at LHC and Submittable are available to assist you.

- Q: What's the word limit for responses?

A: Each question has an individual word limit that is noted on the application template and in Submittable.

After You Apply

- Q: When will I hear back about my application?

A: You will receive an update on your application status by the end of May 2026. If selected, you'll get detailed instructions on next steps.