



PARTNER WITH US: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Protecting Immigrant Families, Advancing our Future (PIF) Campaign – a collaborative project between the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) and the National Immigration Law Center (NILC) – is now inviting proposals from community-based non-profit organizations for a grant application to enhance capacity of our partners to provide community education regarding “public charge.” Funding will support organizations in engaging with their networks and disseminating accurate and understandable information through trusted sources about the conditions under which public charge factors can be taken into account for immigration purposes -- and when they cannot -- both abroad and in the U.S.

We invite proposals for grants of \$10,000-\$20,000 for a project period of approximately eight months, starting immediately. Grant awards may vary slightly based on full consideration of the proposals submitted, the number of organizations applying together, and the number of applications received from a particular state. Preference will be given to organizations and coalitions well-positioned to directly interface with immigrant communities, monitor the impact of public charge and other anti-immigrant policies, and diversify the breadth of immigrant and people of color voices in the PIF campaign. Coalitions may be national or state/local in scope, and either broadly serve immigrant communities and/or communities of color or specific populations. We encourage the submission of joint applications from groups to promote collaboration and coordination but ask that you identify one organization as the applicant organization/ fiscal agent. All funds in this round of funding must be used for 501(c)(3) allowable purposes, not electoral activities.

In addition to funding, organizations will be provided with template community education materials that grantees can modify for their needs and may be offered scholarships to participate in PIF Campaign trainings.

Brief application materials are due by **April 15, 2019**. Grant decisions will be announced by April 30, 2019.

Funding Criteria

The selection committee will use the following criteria in reviewing your application:

- Commitment to and capacity to engage in the following activities:
 - Community education and engagement - Provider/ advocate/ ally/ community education and engagement before and after finalization of the proposed public charge rule.
 - Story advocacy, focused on empowering impacted individuals and/or communities and diversifying the breadth of immigrant and people of color voices in the PIF Campaign
 - Specifically, the PIF Campaign requests connections to at least 3 impacted individuals, to provide input for a qualitative study on the impacts of public charge on immigrants and their families. Requests for anonymity of the storyteller will be honored.
 - Monitor the impact and document the harm of policy proposals and changes. Provide ongoing written and/or verbal feedback to the PIF Campaign with regard to how immigrants and their families, as well as your community, are responding to public charge and related threats. Depending on your organization’s connections, this may include anecdotal examples of impacted community members or more quantitative data on access and enrollment from your local providers and government agencies.
 - Coalition-building focused on sustaining and activating relationships across various sectors and strengthening connections to immigrants and communities of color.



- Strong relationships with affected communities, including ability to communicate through trusted messengers.
- Grantees will be selected to maximize the range of immigrant communities reached, including attention to both geographic and ethnic diversity.

How to Apply

Please respond to the following questions *in four pages or less*:

1. What is your connection to immigrant communities and/or communities of color, and how do you take an immigrant-serving approach to your work? What particular communities will be the focus of your work under this project? In what geographic areas?
2. Briefly describe your past education, outreach and enrollment activities related to some or all of the following programs: Medicaid/CHIP, Medicare Part D, SNAP, and public housing and housing subsidy programs. How has your organization influenced immigrant access to these programs?
3. Please explain the connection of your organization(s) to coalitions and other diverse partners (e.g., immigrant rights organizations, in-person assisters, community health centers, child care centers, health departments, hospitals, food pantries, faith-based organizations, etc.). *Where possible, we strongly encourage you to apply together with partner organizations for this funding opportunity.*
4. What are your planned activities to educate and engage allies, providers and advocates prior to the public charge rule finalization? What are your planned activities to educate and mobilize affected communities and allies if/when the rule is finalized? *Examples include: developing screen tools and translated community education material, hosting train-the-trainer sessions or listening sessions of diverse groups, educating enrollment workers, distributing Know Your Rights resources, working with local media, etc.*
5. How will you collect stories? What experience do you have with story advocacy efforts, if any? How will your work diversify and lift up the voices of immigrants and people of color? *This can include plans to provide media trainings to potentially affected individuals and/or allies, gather research/data/stories of impacts on the ground for advocacy and other purposes, etc.*
6. How are you currently and/or how do you plan to document the impact of public charge and related policies on immigrants in your community? How would you share this information with the PIF Campaign?
7. What other funding already supports your public charge work? If not yet applicable, do you have immediate prospects for funding?
8. Please provide a basic outline of how you will use the sub-grant to engage in the work described above. This does not need to be a detailed line item budget -- just a general explanation of how the funds will be used (e.g., \$500 for office supplies, \$1000 for running ads on radio and social media, \$5,000 for hiring bilingual part-time organizers, \$700 for supporting a convening of state partners, etc.)



The deadline to apply is 5pm ET on Monday, April 15, 2019. Please email your proposal to Kat Lundie (lundie@nilc.org). You can direct any questions regarding this funding opportunity to Madison Hardee (mhardee@clasp.org) and Connie Choi (choi@nilc.org).

Funding Notifications and Next Steps

If your organization is selected to receive a community education grant from the PIF Campaign, you will be contacted by email or phone and asked to submit the following information as quickly as possible:

- A completed W-9 form
- A copy of your organization's 501(c)(3) letter
- Address of where the check should be sent
- A signed agreement between your organization and CLASP and/or NILC

Payment will then be mailed to your organization. Once your organization receives the sub-grant, you will be required to: 1) spend all of the funds no later than December 31, 2019; 2) become a PIF Active Member Organization ([Click here to learn more](#)); and 3) submit a two-page final report to lundie@nilc.org by the end of January 2020 with the following information:

- Your activities and the number of individuals and organizations reached;
- Subsequent activities or events by outside organizations thanks in part to your work
- Any successes, lessons learned, and/or challenges in meeting the grant deliverables;
- How the grant amount was spent, including specific dollar amounts (receipts are not required);
- A list of community partners who assisted you in this effort and their specific role(s).

Additional instructions will be provided after final funding decisions have been made. We look forward to hearing from you by the **April 15** deadline!