

**Notice of Funding Availability from
The National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders to
Promote Asset Building in Predominately Latino,
Low-Income Communities in Eight States
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Call for Applications

National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB) requests proposals from non-profits located in Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oregon, Idaho or Washington. We seek organizations that are engaged in, or seek to build the capacity, in one or more of the following asset building activities:

- the development or management of affordable housing, including providing resident services
- implementing neighborhood economic development strategies or commercial development in predominately Latino and low-income communities
- supporting small business with technical assistance and/or micro-lending
- leadership development of “next generation” community leaders
- providing family wealth building products and services

NALCAB will consider requests that either (a) build organizational capacity toward implementing an asset building program or (b) measurably advance a specific asset building project already in process. In addition to grant funding, NALCAB will provide grantees with technical assistance in program/ project development and in leveraging other sources of funding for the identified project or program.

NALCAB offers a total of \$95,000 which will be available in amounts not to exceed \$15,000 per grant. This support will be made available to community-development and asset-building organizations in eight states. The intent of these grants is to strengthen the organizational capabilities of participating entities.

These grants are made possible by funding provided to NALCAB by the Northwest Area Foundation which enables NALCAB and its partners to offer training in the following areas:

- resource development (Financial and Human Capital)
- organizational leadership
- board and staff development
- pre-development assistance for asset building projects

Grant Application Format

The grant application should not exceed six single spaced pages and should include responses to the following questions.

Statement of Purpose - Please provide a brief summary of the purpose of this grant request. Please indicate which type of asset building activity the grant will support and whether the primary purpose is to build organizational capacity or advance a specific asset building project.

Organizational Description - Please provide a brief organizational history, the mission statement and an overview of the organization's primary activities / programs. Primary focus should be on asset building programs and how your organization addresses poverty.

Project Description – Please describe, in greater detail, the capacity building effort or specific asset building project that the grant would support.

What will be necessary to sustain organizational capacity? How will this initiative take the organization to the next level and ensure its sustainability?

How does this small grant fit into the overall capacity building effort or project plan? How does this project connect to your organization's mission? What will be necessary to sustain this project into the future? How is the project currently evaluated and what benchmarks have been achieved?

Budget and Justification - Please provide a line item budget and a short narrative description of each line item. Please describe any other leveraged funding and how this small grant will fit into an overall budget for this capacity building effort or project.

Impact - Please describe how this grant will build capacity within your organization and improve the community your organization serves. Please describe the end results and how the success will be measured, quantified or verified.

Technical Assistance – NALCAB has the capacity to provide grantees with technical assistance support in order to help ensure the success of their proposed efforts. Please indicate whether your organization will seek technical assistance from NALCAB in connection with this grant request and what type of technical assistance will be needed.

Deadline and Grant Application Submission

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to: csanchez@nalcab.org no later than 5 pm PST on March 15, 2010. NALCAB will confirm the receipt of grant applications by e-mail during normal business hours.

Grant Application Review

NALCAB will appoint a five-person review committee to independently review and score the grant applications. The meetings of this committee will be facilitated by NALCAB's Executive Director, however the NALCAB will not be directly involved in the decision making efforts. The appointed review committee will be asked to score the applications against the scoring criteria presented below. Award announcement will be made on April 15, 2010 and the checks will be mailed to Grantees on April 30, 2010.

Scoring Criteria (100 points)

- Connection to Asset Building – 20 points
- Need for Assistance – 10 points
- Clarity of Request and Feasibility of Project – 10 points
- Budget & Justification – 10 points
- Capacity Building Impact for the Applicant Organization – 25 points
- Community Impact - 25 points

Reporting Requirements

Grantees will be required to submit a midpoint progress report by Oct. 31, 2010 and a final report will be required by May 01, 2011. Also grantees will be required to submit documentation of grant expenditures. A basic reporting template will be sent to all selected applicants to assist with the reporting requirement.

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Background

This funding availability is made possible by a \$300,000 grant to NALCAB by the Northwest Area Foundation for an asset-building collaborative that will make grants to community-development and asset-building organizations serving predominately Latino, low-income communities. Grant dollars will also fund professional development opportunities, including a fellowship program for practitioners.

NALCAB, of San Antonio, Texas, represents and serves a geographically and ethnically diverse group of Latino-led asset building organizations; which include affordable housing developers, micro-lenders, economic development corporations and consumer counseling agencies. NALCAB's mission is to build financial and real estate assets as well as human and technology resources in Latino families, communities and organizations.