



## Request for Applications

*BUILDING INTEGRATED COMMUNITIES*  
*UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA at CHAPEL HILL*  
The Latino Migration Project

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**Submission Deadline: April 5, 2014**

**Prospective Applicant Webinar Meeting: March 19, 2014**

### *Introduction:*

The Latino Migration Project invites applications from city and county governments in North Carolina to join Building Integrated Communities. Based on your experience and ongoing community work, we hope you will be considering applying on behalf of your municipality to be part of this initiative.

Building Integrated Communities is an initiative that strengthens civic engagement, linguistic achievement, and economic and educational advancement for immigrants in NC municipalities. This statewide initiative helps North Carolina local governments successfully engage with immigrants and refugee populations to improve public safety, promote economic development, enhance communication, and improve relationships.

Since 2010, Building Integrated Communities has worked with the cities of Greenville and High Point to create and implement citywide immigrant integration plans, the first such plans in the South. Between 2010 and 2012, more than 250 foreign-born residents representing 26 countries participated in these planning processes. Examples of successful initiatives include the creation of city advisory committees for immigrants and interfaith leaders, bilingual city communication plans, better access to transit systems in immigrant neighborhoods, and events that build relationships and improve cultural understanding across multiple communities.

Join these important efforts and apply today!

**What UNC-Chapel Hill can provide:**

Our shared goal is that governments and diverse community stakeholders will generate locally relevant strategies to strengthen relationships and outcomes with immigrant communities.

The Building Integrated Communities team at UNC Chapel Hill is able to provide in-kind support from experts in immigration, local government, city and regional planning, and community collaboration. Specifically, the UNC team can provide the following:

- *Needs assessment.* In the summer of 2014, we will work with community and local government agencies to prepare a report on local demographics and community needs.
- *Support for Planning and Facilitating--three workshops.* Over a one-year period, we will plan and facilitate four workshops to help community stakeholders identify challenges and develop solutions. The workshops will provide basic education on local demographics and context. The workshops will begin in the fall 2014.
- *Assistance in Designing Next Steps.* We will help communities develop strategies to address identified challenges to immigrant integration and action plans for implementation.
- *Promising Practices from North Carolina and Beyond.* We will provide examples of promising practices that have succeeded in other communities and help particularize those solutions to the participating communities.
- *Co-Design and Administer Evaluation of Community's Progress.* Performance measures will be built in during the workshops in collaboration with local partners. One year after implementation, we will formally evaluate the outcomes.

The assistance that the Building Integrated Communities team at UNC Chapel Hill can offer reflects the resources currently available to us for this project. At this time we are unable to provide financial assistance for implementation of strategies and action plans, though this may change.

## **Expectations of Participating Communities**

Participating communities are expected to:

- Be open and willing to entertain change and strengthen systems
- Provide logistical support, meeting space, and food for the workshops
- Identify and recruit diverse, local stakeholders to participate in the program
- Participate in all of the community workshops
- Create and implement action plans on a sustained basis
- Help design and participate in an evaluation plan

### *Prospective Applicant Meeting*

**Date:** March 19, 2014

**Time:** 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Location:** Webinar; Please RSVP by email to Building Integrated Communities Program Assistant Sara Kelleher, [BICRSVP@gmail.com](mailto:BICRSVP@gmail.com), to indicate your interest.

Participation in the Webinar is not mandatory, however, it will describe the program in more detail. Examples of successful integration programs from other localities will be shared as well. The purpose of this meeting is to give you the opportunity to learn and ask questions about the program. Please RSVP by **March 10, 2014**.

### *Submission Procedure*

We invite you to apply to participate in Building Integrated Communities. This initiative will start in the summer of 2014 and take place for approximately two years. We look forward to selecting two jurisdictions to work with.

First, fill out the attached application form (below). Applications must be received or postmarked by **April 5, 2014** via email or by postal service. All submissions must be received in .doc, .docx, or .pdf form. Prior to final determination, finalist municipalities will have a site visit or conference call. A committee of community and university participants will select partners. Final decisions will be made by **April 15, 2014**.

To learn more about past participants in the Building Integrated Communities program, visit <http://migration.unc.edu/programs/bic/>  
For questions about the program, webinar, and application, please contact:

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COMING SOON!

**FALL 2014: MUNICIPAL INNOVATIONS IN IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION SUMMIT:**

In October 2014, The Latino Migration Project will host a public forum for municipal leaders throughout North Carolina to learn about Building Integrated Communities methods and tools for launching their own integration efforts. For more information, visit

<http://migration.unc.edu>

**The Latino Migration Project** is an education and research program dedicated to improving public understanding about the impact and implications of the expanding Latin American presence in North Carolina and the Southeastern United States. The Latino Migration Project was established in 2006 as a collaboration between the Institute for the Study of the Americas, one of the oldest centers in the nation for the study of Latin America, and the Center for Global Initiatives at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



