

Request for Proposals

2023 LA BORINQUEÑA GRANT AWARDS

The La Borinqueña Grants Program was created by Kyung Jeon-Miranda and Edgardo Miranda-Rodriguez to support Puerto Rico. What initially started as a response to Hurricane Maria in 2017, has evolved to supporting the continued work of organizations helping Puerto Ricans on the islands of Borikén affected not only by the hurricanes, but the ongoing humanitarian crises that they continue to live through.

We are very excited to announce our continued commitment to our philanthropic efforts in Puerto Rico via the next round of our 2023 La Borinqueña Grant Awards. We support local non-profit organizations and projects in Puerto Rico that are committed to sustainable development. We celebrate work in the areas of child development, women's health, agriculture, environmental justice, and the arts. We also recognize the preservation of Afro-Puerto Rican heritage and envisioning a thriving Puerto Rico that is self-sufficient.

Specifically, funds may be used to:

- Provide educational/recreational/artistic direct services to children: in-school, after-school, summer camps
- Provide vocational/educational/health related services to women
- Provide ecological/environmental preservation services to communities: wildlife, coastal, nature-preserves, water purification, renewable energy
- Provide direct services related to food and agriculture: cooperative farms, soup kitchens
- Provide support for artist collectives or arts organizations

APPLYING FOR A GRANT

Eligible Requests

This Request for Proposals invites applications that directly benefit the people of Puerto Rico by non-profit community-based organizations and agencies based in Puerto Rico. We will not make grants to individuals or government agencies, or for capital building projects, lobbying or religious purposes or non-profits based outside of Puerto Rico. Funds must be used in already existing ongoing projects with measurable and positive outcomes.

Grant proposals should adhere to the format outlined in these guidelines.

Award Amount: Applicants may apply for up to \$5000 for proposed projects and activities. Grants awarded will support one year of activity.

Key Dates: Friday, March 17, 2023, Proposals due by 3:00 PM

Final awards will be announced no later than April 3, 2023.

Proposals must be submitted electronically to Kyung Jeon-Miranda at grants@la-borinquena.com by the due date and time indicated above. **A single PDF file containing all materials is preferred.** Any late applications will not be accepted.

Applicant organizations must meet the following criteria:

- Non-profit corporation based in Puerto Rico - with proof of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status or a fiscal conduit with similar proof and status;
- Evidence of successful completion of a project or data of an ongoing project;
- Experienced, qualified leadership with appropriate credentials; and
- Proven track record of relationships fostered with other organizations and constituencies in the community, and Puerto Rico.

The Grant Review Process

Application Procedures

Please submit an application containing all of the items specified below. We will contact you if we have questions or require additional information. We will acknowledge your application within two weeks of its receipt. If we are interested in funding your proposal, we will contact you to discuss your application within two months.

Application Contents

Your application must include:

1. Narrative (no more than 2-3 pages) that includes:
 - Project Description
 - Brief statement of problem to be addressed
 - Goals and objectives
 - Target population
 - Project activities
 - Plan for measuring project results
2. Project Budget (expenses and income)
3. Supporting Materials
 - Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws
 - Verification of tax-exempt status (IRS determination letter)
 - List of officers and Board of Directors
 - Staff Biographies and Key Staff Resumes