



Request for Applications

BUILDING INTEGRATED COMMUNITIES

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA at CHAPEL HILL

Building Integrated Communities, an initiative of the Latino Migration Project at UNC Chapel Hill, invites local governments in North Carolina to apply. **Deadline January 30, 2020.**

Building Integrated Communities (BIC) is a statewide planning and leadership initiative that partners with local governments to create inclusive policies and programs with immigrant and refugee residents. Local governments and community stakeholders work together to improve communication, public safety, mobility, entrepreneurship, and leadership. The BIC initiative aims to 1) build capacity for local governments to communicate with residents and facilitate language access; 2) strengthen civic engagement and leadership; and 3) generate feasible strategies to address local needs. Outcomes include a **community assessment** and **action plan**.

Since 2010, BIC has partnered with the cities of Winston Salem, Sanford, High Point, Chapel Hill and Siler City to create and implement comprehensive integration plans. Between 2010 and 2019, more than 2500 foreign-born residents representing 26 countries participated in these planning processes. To learn more about these plans, visit the BIC webpage at <https://migration.unc.edu/building-integrated-communities/>. To view a webinar, visit <https://migration.unc.edu/call-for-applications-2019/>.

Expectations of UNC-BIC staff

The UNC BIC team travels to partner localities over a two-year period to provide the following:

- Community assessment to understand local demographics and residents' experiences
- Presentations on promising practices
- Meeting facilitation, documentation and communication with stakeholders
- Spanish interpretation and translation services
- Evaluation plans

Expectations of local government partners

Participating local governments are expected to:

- Identify and recruit diverse local residents to participate in the program
- Identify and recruit local government staff from all or most agencies/departments to participate
- Participate in all meetings
- Provide logistical support, space and refreshments for meetings
- Communicate with local elected officials about BIC progress
- Implement action plans
- Participate in an evaluation plan

Deadline for applications is January 30, 2020. Prior to the final determination, there will be a site visit or conference call. Final decisions will be made by March 1, 2020. New partnerships will start in April 2020 pending funding approval.

For questions about the project, please contact: **Hannah Gill**, Director, The Latino Migration Project, 919.962.5453, hgill@email.unc.edu

The Latino Migration Project is an education and research program dedicated to improving public understanding about the expanding Latin American presence in North Carolina. 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.

Building Integrated Communities Application Form

1. What is your motivation for participating in this project? (Type inside box, 400 word max)

2. What resources, programs, or organizations currently exist in your local government and community to support residents born outside the U.S.? (Type inside box, 400 word max)

3. Do you have any specific desired outcomes from participating in the program? If so, please describe. (Type inside box, 400 word max)

4. Letters of commitment and support. Please obtain letters of support and scan them along with application. These letters should come from:
 - a) The director or leader of a local community-based organization or business that represents or works with immigrant and refugee residents. This letter should commit staff participation in the BIC process.
 - b) A county commissioner, town/city council member, or mayor.
 - c) A city/town/county manager. This letter should commit local government staff participation in BIC process and outline which departments or agencies will participate.

5. Who will be the program liaison in local government? Please provide contact information.

To submit, send the application and letters of support in pdf form to **lmp@unc.edu** with the subject "BIC Application." You should receive a confirmation of receipt within one day.