

**Request for Proposals: Rapid Response Funding
Combatting Hate Crimes & Intimidation
This is Our New York Campaign
The New York Immigration Coalition**

Overview

The New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC) is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals (RFP) for its This is Our New York Campaign, which was created to coordinate response efforts to protect and promote the interests of immigrants in the wake of the new federal administration.

About the NYIC

The New York Immigration Coalition was created in 1987 as a coalition of immigrant-led and immigrant-serving organizations. We envision a New York State that is stronger *because* all people are welcome, treated fairly, and given the chance to pursue their dreams. Our mission is to unite immigrants, members, and allies so *all* New Yorkers can thrive. We:

- Represent the collective interests of New York's diverse immigrant communities and organizations and devise solutions to advance them;
- Advocate for laws, policies, and programs that lead to justice and opportunity for all immigrant groups; and
- Build the power of immigrants and the organizations that serve them to ensure their sustainability, to improve people's lives, and to strengthen our state.

Funding for Combatting Hate Crimes & Intimidation

NYIC is pleased to invite member organizations to apply for regrants to combat hate crimes and intimidation, bullying or harassment, as part of their rapid response efforts post-election. Specific activities to be supported include holding public information sessions, community forums, and other types of trainings and presentations to support communities affected by or at risk of hate crimes and intimidation in their communities, schools or other settings.

It is anticipated that grant sizes for this RFP will range from \$5,000 to \$15,000 over the course of **six months**, subject to the availability of funds. NYIC is actively working to raise funds to make additional regrants for the This is Our New York campaign, as described below.

Application Process

Organizations who are NYIC members are invited to submit brief proposals, approximately 3-6 pages, and should include a description of the organization, summary of the hate-related problems to be addressed, proposed activities, expected outcomes (including the number of people to be served, if applicable), and the amount of funds requested. Proposals should also include a budget and mention of staff involved in the project.

If you already submitted a proposal focusing on rapid response work on hate crimes and intimidation to the NYIC's RFI process, we have your proposal and you do not need to resubmit.

However, you are welcome to submit a revised or updated proposal focusing on hate crimes and intimidation.

Proposals should be submitted to OurNewYorkRFI@nyic.org by **February 21, 2017**. Applications may be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Selection Process and Criteria

Funding decisions will be made by a selection committee made up of NYIC staff, board, funders, and independent experts.

In order to be considered for a funding, an organization must be a 501(c)3 nonprofit in New York and [renew or apply for NYIC Membership for 2017](#). NYIC Members are dues-paying nonprofit organizations that are committed to advancing the NYIC's mission. Selection criteria will include:

- Relevance, timeliness, and urgency of proposed activities
- Organizational capacity or track record for doing similar work
- Cultural competence and experience with the targeted community/ies
- Engagement with the NYIC and its member organizations
- Availability of funds

The selection committee reserves the right to request additional information from certain applicants before making decisions.

This is Our New York Campaign

After the recent presidential election, it is more important than ever for immigrant communities, friends, and allies to band together to promote our shared interests. In response, the NYIC created the This is Our New York Campaign, which envisions work throughout the state on each of five issues over the next 18 months, and beyond. These are:

- Outreach & Community Education – with training and resources from the NYIC, carry-out community education forums, intensive community outreach, and linkages to additional services, including legal services.
- Legal Services - provide time-sensitive services, including consultations for those fearful of deportation including current DACA recipients and legal permanent residents seeking to naturalize, as well as developing innovative strategies to help more immigrants with limited resources, to prepare for providing necessary services once the new landscape becomes clear.
- Combat Hate Crimes & Intimidation – support a tracking system for hate crimes, [engage in community outreach and education \(subject of this RFP\)](#), and work closely with law enforcement to ensure they enforce protections for immigrants across the state through the coordination of the NYIC.

- Advocacy & Organizing – collaborate to hold large-scale actions, build a base of immigrants and allies across the state, and fight to protect DACA, welcome refugees, push-back against deportations, and more.
- Soft Power – build bridges with non-traditional allies and with communities not traditionally sympathetic to immigrant concerns.

We aim to regrant a substantial portion of funds from the campaign to NYIC member organizations engaging in these activities, both for rapid response activities and for ongoing work. Partners will also receive a number of capacity-building opportunities around training, coordination, and data security.

The NYIC has issued an open-ended Request for Interest (RFI) for rapid response work, and will issue specific RFPs when targeted funding is received for certain purposes.

It is anticipated that funds will be divided between (1) rapid response and (2) ongoing support throughout the 18-month campaign, and organizations may choose to apply to one or both. Additional RFPs will be issued as additional funds become available.