



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

BLACK IMMIGRANT ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCE 2018

COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION

Please fill out this form and submit it to membership@nyic.org by 5 PM on **Friday, July 6, 2018**, in order to express your organization's interest in the BIEI campaign.

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

The New York Immigration Coalition is an umbrella policy and advocacy organization for more than 200 groups in New York State in one of the most concentrated immigration hubs in the country. We envision a New York State that is stronger because all people are welcome and treated fairly. 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.

BLACK IMMIGRANT ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE OVERVIEW

The Black Immigrant Engagement Initiative (BIEI), launched in 2016 by the New York Immigration Coalition in partnership with Black immigrant-serving organizations, provides a space and platform to engage, educate and serve African, Afro-Caribbean, and Afro-Latinx community members. The BIEI increases the visibility of Black immigrant communities in local, state, and federal advocacy efforts for immigration rights and broader immigration reform. Through outreach, direct legal services, and advocacy, the BIEI strengthens the organizational capacity of community based organizations to address challenges affecting Black immigrants and helps navigate them toward legal service partner-providers with community, cultural, and linguistic fluency.

The overarching goal of the BIEI is to promote the upward social and economic integration and mobilization of Black immigrants. Collectively, partner organizations develop strong relationships and networks within the Black immigrant community and with organizations serving Black immigrants. This initiative encourages organizations to increase their capacity to provide basic immigration relief assistance, create awareness, and support advocates and leaders. The BIEI increases the engagement of Black immigrant groups and helps to build a more diverse and powerful immigrant rights movement.

CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW: FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

The NYIC seeks proposals from community-based organizations working with New York's African, Afro-Caribbean, and Afro-Latinx immigrant communities to join the Black Immigrant Engagement Initiative.

We are seeking to provide Community-based organizations (CBOs) between \$10,000–\$20,000 to conduct advocacy and base-building efforts together with NYIC and in the broader immigrant rights movement. CBOs will work closely with the NYIC to educate state and local officials on the needs of Black immigrants in NY and will also get involved in at least one other NYIC advocacy campaign. CBOs will also lead know-your-rights workshops for their communities. NYIC will provide training and technical assistance for interested CBOs if they wish to provide pre-screenings for community members in need of legal assistance and help connect the CBOs with legal service providers that might be able to serve them.

We invite NYIC member organizations in New York City and Nassau and Suffolk Counties with a proven track record of engaging and / or providing services to the targeted communities, primarily Black immigrant communities, to submit proposals that include a realistic estimate of the number of individuals to be engaged and / or served.

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

This RFP is open to current NYIC member organizations or organizations in the process of applying for NYIC membership at the time of submission of this RFP and have paid the applicable membership dues. [Please click here to join or renew membership.](#) Selected organizations must also be 501(c)(3) organizations or have fiscal sponsors that have 501(c)(3) status. If you are unsure about your organization's membership status, please contact membership@nyic.org.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Successful applicants will be selected by a committee of reviewers based on the following criteria:

- Ties to communities (e.g. physical location in a neighborhood) with substantial or emerging concentration of Black immigrants and ability to identify high-need and hard-to-reach immigrants;
- Leadership from targeted communities and/or commitment to building capacity of Black immigrant leadership and strong Black immigrant institutions;
- Cultural and linguistic competence and experience with the targeted community/ies;

- Organizational capacity to conduct proposed activities and track record of similar work; and,
- History of engagement with NYIC in the past.
- Experience engaging in advocacy and outreach.

All recipients will be expected to complete periodic reports and respond to occasional reasonable data requests from the NYIC as a condition of funding.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information about the project deliverables under RFP, please contact Kemah George at kgeorge@nyic.org. For more information about applying to this RFP, please contact membership@nyic.org.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested NYIC member organizations should complete this application form and return it to membership@nyic.org no later than 5PM Friday, July 6, 2018.

ORGANIZATION INFO

Use this section to provide general information about your organization.

Organization:

Name

Does your organization have 501c3 status?

Yes

No

If not a 501c3, who is your fiscal sponsor?

Organization Name and Contact Information

Mailing Address:

Street address, city, state, zip code

Select the area(s) where your organization provides services.

Check all that apply.

The Bronx

Manhattan

Staten Island

Suffolk County

Brooklyn

Queens

Nassau County

Other

Which of these target populations do you plan to serve? You may choose more than one.

African

Afro-Latinx

Afro-Caribbean

Other specific focus (e.g. Black LGBTQ, specific country of origin, etc.)

Please describe the demographics of the community your organization serves.

What languages does your organization provide services in? Do you provide translation services?

PROJECT PLANS - COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION

Use this section to provide information on your campaign plan.

1. Please describe your organization's work with Black immigrant communities, and the services you provide (advocacy, social, etc.).

2. Please specify the amount of funding requested and provide a budget for the planned activities.

3. What challenges, either in the immigrant experience or in the provision of services, do you feel are specific to or differently experienced by the Black immigrant communities you serve? How has your organization responded to these challenges?

4. This initiative seeks to develop leadership and capacity in Black immigrant communities as well as Black immigrant-led community organizations.

Please describe your experience with and commitment to this initiative's mission. Please note whether you are located in the community where the majority of your clients live.

5. Please describe your organization's experience with community education, mobilization, and outreach.

6. Please select at least one area of NYIC's advocacy work that your organization will mobilize at least 20 individuals to engage in. All CBOs will be expected to engage in advocacy to educate local and state officials about the needs of Black immigrant communities and how to better serve them.

Green Light NY Driver's License Campaign

New York Counts 2020 (i.e. Census Advocacy)

Public Charge

Mobilizing others to attend local or regional NYIC-organized rallies

NYIC campaigns that focus on intersection of immigration and criminal justice reform

Support NYIC-coordinated media and communication campaign to elevate the narratives of Black immigrants

7. Would you like to include legal pre-screenings as a part of your deliverables?

If so, please describe the immigration challenges faced by the communities you serve. Please describe your plan for providing pre-screening to individuals who do not currently have access to legal services. Be sure to specify the number of people you will have the capacity to pre-screen.

8. Please tell us if you have an attorney or a DOJ-accredited representative on staff and whether your staff or volunteers have been trained as Immigration Navigators or in avoiding the unauthorized practice of law.

Yes

No

I don't know

9. Describe your legal referral process for Black immigrants that your organization serves, if there is one. Please mention any specific legal service providers that your organizations works with.

10. Please use this space if there is any further information that you think would be helpful to the selection committee, including whether the leadership of your organization represents the communities this Initiative will serve.

SIGNATURES

Please have the application's primary point person and your organization's Executive Director fill out and sign the following section as verification that the information contained in this form is correct and accurately represents your organization's vision for this campaign.

Point Person	Executive Director
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