



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

BLACK IMMIGRANT ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCE 2018

LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDER

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

The NYIC seeks proposals from legal service providers working with New York's African, Afro-Caribbean, and Afro-Latinx immigrant communities to join the Black Immigrant Engagement Initiative, an initiative that engages community members, mobilizes these individuals to join the broader immigrant rights movement, and helps navigate them toward legal service partner-providers with community, cultural, and linguistic fluency.

The project's ultimate goals are to build capacity, experience, and networks within Black immigrant-serving organizations and communities to rapidly ramp up for action. We seek to increase the engagement of black immigrant groups in advocacy for immigration rights and broader immigration reform as well as to help build a more diverse and powerful immigrant rights movement.

We are seeking to fund legal service providers (LSPs) to receive between \$15,000–\$20,000 to provide legal assistance to either:

- **GROUP A CASES (new affirmative asylum and/or deportation defense cases): provide at least 15 new clients with comprehensive immigration legal screenings and eligibility determinations, in addition to directly representing 10 out of these 15 screened individuals in affirmative asylum or deportation defense proceedings. The filing of a formal notice of appearance will be considered the commencement of a new case. Any form of relief sought in proceedings would count toward this category.**

OR

- **GROUP B CASES (all other legal cases): provide at least 25 new clients with comprehensive immigration legal screenings and eligibility determinations, in addition to providing direct representation to at least 15 new clients out of these 25 screened individuals. The filing of a formal notice of appearance will be considered the commencement of a new case.**

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 providing appropriate and culturally competent services to Black immigrants.
- Priority will be given to proposals demonstrating that proposed services are tailored closely to needs of the targeted Black immigrant communities. In many communities, the greatest needs are for asylum and deportation defense (Group A cases). LSPs applying to Group B should explain what types of cases they expect to handle and how that representation is tailored to the needs of the targeted communities.

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. You are able to select more than one.

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, etc.)

Please describe the demographics of the community your organization serves. Please note whether you are located in the community where the majority of your clients live.

What languages does your organization provide services in? Please also describe the translation services your organization provides.

PROJECT PLANS - LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDER

Use this section to provide information on your campaign plan.

1. Please describe your organization's work with Black immigrant communities and the types of cases you have worked on.

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

3. Please select the type of cases your organization has the capacity to handle for this initiative (SELECT ONE):

- **GROUP A CASES (Asylum and Deportation Defense):** immigration legal screenings and eligibility determinations for 15 people, and direct representation for at least 10 individuals out of the 15 screened. Any form of relief sought in proceedings would count towards this category.
- **GROUP B CASES (all others):** immigration legal screenings and eligibility determinations for 25 people,) and direct representation for at least 15 individuals out of the 25 screened.

4. What is your legal organizational capacity?

Please cite the number of attorneys and DOJ-accredited representatives your organization has on staff each, the level of immigration law experience of attorneys who would be involved in this initiative, the languages spoken by those attorneys, their experience representing the targeted population, and the type of supervision provided.

5. What types of cases has your office handled in the past in working with this community?

6. What legal challenges do you feel are specific to or differently experienced by the Black immigrant communities you serve? How has your organization responded to these challenges?

- 7. Do you have staff capacity to participate in at least one (1) community forum or event in collaboration with NYIC or a partner CBO to provide legal education during the period of this initiative?**

- 8. Describe the manner in which you reach your clients (referrals, outreach, walk-ins, etc.) and your process of fielding legal referrals for Black immigrants that your organization serves. Mention any specific community-based organizations that your organization works with.**

- 9. 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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