

NUESTRO FUTURO FUND

The results of the November 8th election have shaken many of us to the core. The Campaign promises—and the subsequent actions and appointments by the incoming administration—present a real threat to Blacks, Latinos, Muslims, immigrants and refugees. Since the days following the election, organizations that have historically stood on the frontline serving, defending, and protecting these communities have been flooded with calls and visits from families, school administrators, and local business owners in search of answers and guidance. These organizations—which had already been stretched at capacity and under-resourced—are gearing up to double down their efforts to defend and protect these families and communities.

In response to the need for immediate action, the Latino Community Foundation (LCF) launched the **Nuestro Futuro Fund** to execute quick strike grants to Latino-led organizations that are equipped to provide legal aid, defend immigration rights, and/or support youth civic and political engagement.

LCF will continue to assess the ongoing needs and demands of these organizations and provide funding for core operations and ensure the leadership and staff have the necessary support to continue moving forward. Simultaneously, LCF will work with our community partners to devise a longer-term offensive plan to uphold the core values of justice and equality.

Areas of Focus

Based on conversations with community leaders, LCF will prioritize funding to Latino-led organizations that provide free legal services, defend immigrant rights, and/or support youth civic and political engagement. Example of activities that will be carried out by organizations:



Free and local legal services for Immigration Defense Removal, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.



Organizing, setting an agenda, training, and protecting people of color, DACA students, and immigrants.



Unrestricted support for organizing, sanctuary, and rapid response taking place at schools, community colleges, and universities across the state.

Organization Profiles

To date, LCF has identified several organizations that are trusted community anchors equipped to take on the necessary action to protect, defend, and serve families and youth.

California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance is a civic engagement and advocacy organization that trains and coordinates diverse immigrant youth-led organizing efforts in the state of California.

CARECEN SF empowers Central Americans and all immigrants by defending human and civil rights, working for social and economic justice, and promoting cultural diversity. Located in the heart of the Mission District, CARECEN has been at the forefront of defending SF as a sanctuary city and has since held onto the commitment of providing a safe haven for families and youth.

Catholic Charities of San Mateo is the only organization working with clients to help them establish legal status and economic self-sufficiency. They also work with families to become fully active participants in the social and civic life of their communities. Their programs are designed to advise and guide clients through the immigration process and to help immigrants know their rights under the law.

Centro Legal de la Raza is a comprehensive legal services agency protecting and advancing the rights of immigrant, low-income and Latino communities through bilingual legal representation, education, and advocacy. By combining quality legal services with know-your-rights education and youth development, they promote access to justice for thousands of individuals and families each year throughout the East Bay region of Northern California.

Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto provides legal services to Palo Alto's most marginalized residents. Services range from advice and counseling, brief services, and full representation.

Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice (CURYJ) believes that youth and young adults need to be involved in developing the policies that impact them. CURYJ is dedicated to providing training and technical assistance to elevate youth voice and power. They empower young people that have been impacted directly and indirectly by the criminal justice system to make positive changes in their lives and prepare them to become the community leaders of today.

Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project has been at the forefront of defending and advocating for immigrants as they navigate the complex immigration system. They provide various services to clients under the Community Education, Direct Representation, Pro Bono, and Affordable Services Programs.

Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education Network (SIREN) empowers low-income immigrants and refugees through community organizing, leadership development, policy advocacy and naturalization services. SIREN elevates the voices of Latino families and ensures that there are essential services and protections for all regardless of citizenship status. SIREN works to deepen the civic participation and leadership of immigrants to promote social justice, freedom from oppression, and an end to poverty.

PODER SF organizes Latino immigrant families and youth to put into practice community rooted solutions that are locally based, community-led and environmentally just. They elevate everyday people's leadership, regenerate culture, and build community power.