

1. What is the OLA Grants Management System?

The OLA Grants Management System (GMS) is web-based information management tool which we have adapted to facilitate the grant application process. The GMS will prompt you to fill out online forms and upload application documents and other materials (work plan and timeline, budget, staffing plan, etc.) as file attachments. Onscreen instructions will guide you through the process if necessary.

2. Why does my organization need to register for a profile?

Our GMS only allows the system administrator to create profiles. Hence, organizations interested in applying to our grants competition have to register with our office through our registration page found on our website. Once registered, OLA will create a profile, username and password for your organization. This will allow you to log in and begin your online application. Please refer to Section II, page 2, of the RFA for more information.

3. When is the latest I can register my organization to have a profile created?

Please register no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 29th for a profile. No profiles will be allowed to be created past this deadline. Only one profile will be created for each nonprofit organization. Please make sure to coordinate within your organization before signing up. Please refer to Section II, page 2, of the RFA for more information.

4. When is the deadline to apply for the Latino Community Development Grant?

Latino Community Development Grant applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Applications received on or after 5:01 p.m. on September 6, 2011 will not be accepted by the online application system or forwarded to the Review Panel for funding considerations. Please visit Section II, page 3, of the RFA for more information on the application submission deadline.

5. Can I still submit a paper application?

No. All applications must be submitted through the OLA Grants Management System (GMS). OLA will make technical assistance available to organizations with significant limitations in technological capacity.

6. Why are health services not covered under this RFA?

OLA addresses health needs through its Latino Community Health Grant (LCHG) competition, which will begin in October 2011. For more information and to stay updated on the LCHG competition, please visit the OLA website.

7. What priority areas are funded under the LCDG?

OLA seeks to award programs that address the following priority areas:

- Education (all ages)
- Workforce Development
- Economic Development
- Housing Services
- At-Risk Youth Empowerment
- Civil Engagement
- Legal Services
- Crisis Intervention
- Arts, Culture and Humanities
- Gang Intervention

For additional questions, please refer to Section I, page 2, of the RFA for instructions.