

Agency 68 - Mexican - American Commission

Statutory Authority:

The Mexican-American Commission was created by LB 1081 of the second session of the Eighty-second Legislature in March of 1972. Its mandate and functions are described in Chapter 81, Sections 8.262 to 8.271 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Vision Statement:

Our vision is that all Mexican-Americans/Latinos have the opportunity to utilize their fullest potential to participate in the good life of Nebraska.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Nebraska Mexican-American Commission is to serve as a voice in the Nebraska State Government for Mexican-Americans/Latinos.

Our principles include: respect for all citizens of the state of Nebraska, regardless of their race or national origin; the rights of all citizens to pursue their highest goals in life, limited only by their abilities; the role of government in advocating for the protection of individual rights; the development of information; and the education of all of the citizenry.

Goals:

Goals for the 2006-2007 Biennium:

- 1) to serve as an effective advocate for the Mexican-American/Latino population of Nebraska;
- 2) to serve as a comprehensive source of information regarding the issues and contributions of Nebraska's Mexican-American/Latino population;
- 3) to strengthen the Mexican-American Commission in its role as collaborator with state government (Governor, Legislature, state agencies), municipalities and local, state and national private organizations; and,
- 4) to enhance the capacity of the Mexican-American Commission to utilize maximum resources for the advancement of our mandate and mission.

Financial Data:

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General Fund	189,866	191,898	197,385	196,444	197,385	201,412
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Performance Measures:

- 1a) Increase newsletter circulation; establish distribution centers; create PSA's; create and maintain web page, hire Public Information Officer.
 - 1b) Collect, document, analyze and share information of data collected with collaborative partners.
 - 1c) Establish Latino leadership programs in communities.
 - 1d) Increase knowledge and participation in the political process by Latino leadership.
- 2a) Produce annual reports for distribution.
- 3a) Identify key persons to serve on Educational Advisory Committees with MAC and Department of Education.
 - 3b) Restructure role of volunteer commissioners and orientation process.
 - 3c) Create structure for review and dissemination of Legislative information to communities.
 - 3d) Facilitate communications and working linkages between Governor and Legislature and community.
- 4a) Continue to create new collaborative relationships with Hispanic/Latino leadership in state; identify new individuals for leadership; enhance relationships with existing collaborators.