

Agency 068 - COMMISSION ON LATINO AMERICANS

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The Latino American Commission, originally known as the Mexican-American Commission, was created by LB 1081 of the second session of the Eighty-second Legislature in March of 1972. On February, 2010 the name was changed to Commission on Latino Americans by LB 139 in order to reflect more inclusiveness of the increasingly diverse Latino population in Nebraska.

VISION:

The vision of the Latino American Commission is that all Latino Americans/Latinos have the opportunity to utilize their fullest potential to participate in the good life of Nebraska.

The Vision's goal is to "Empower the Latino community through a fully funded, fully staffed pro-active Latino American Commission that advocates for and provides services in the areas of education, social, economic and political opportunities in Nebraska and globally.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

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

Mission Definition "The Latino American Commission serves as a link between the Nebraska state government and the Hispanic/Latino community. We assist our constituents through advocacy, empowerment, and referrals."

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:

1. Conduct two studies per year to Identify major socio-economic issues that affect the Latino community.
2. Hire a new Public Information Officer.
3. Guarantee the continuity of the Latino Educational Summit.
4. Increase awareness and participation in educational funding opportunities and diverse options and services within the communities.
5. Propose pro-diversity legislation by introducing legislation to enable paper-based GED testing in Nebraska.
6. Redesign our newsletter, website, news releases, letters to the editor, etc. to address issues that concern Latino Americans.

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Financial Data

	FY18 Actual	FY19 Approp	FY20 Request	FY20 Recomm	FY21 Request	FY21 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	190,333	211,023	279,859	215,116	287,359	218,421
Cash Fund	328	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	190,662	216,023	284,859	220,116	292,359	223,421
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	190,333	211,023	279,859	215,116	287,359	218,421
Cash Fund	328	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	190,662	216,023	284,859	220,116	292,359	223,421