

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
OFFICE ON LATINO AFFAIRS**



Open Government Report 2014

To institutionalize a culture of transparent and open government, accountability, and to expand opportunities for resident participation and collaboration, this Report describes how the OFFICE ON LATINO AFFAIRS has and will continue to develop and enhance transparency, public participation, and collaboration. In accordance with Mayor's Order 2014-170, this report addresses the following topics:

1) Transparency

Describe the steps your agency has taken or plans to take to be more transparent.

- *A significant portion of the Office on Latino Affairs budget (64.6%) is awarded as grants to community-based organizations to provide direct services to constituents. Grant Recipients are published on its website.*
- *All grant competitions and notice of funding availability are announced on the DC Register.*
- *The Office on Latino Affairs meets all its obligations pursuant to the District's Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act, by posting relevant documents on its website and responding to FOIA request within the required timeframe.*
- *The Office on Latino Affairs will continue to make Commission on the Latino Community Development meeting minutes available on its website.*
- *The Office on Latino Affairs is working closely with the Office of the City Administrator (OCA) and the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) to identify a significant number of datasets that OCA and OCTO expect to publish online later this year. If no dataset from the Office on Latino Affairs is selected to be included in this 2014 release, we will continue to work with OCA and OCTO to identify datasets appropriate to publish in 2015. In the future, requirements for open data reporting will be provided by the Chief Data Officer."*

2) Public Engagement and Participation

Describe the steps your agency has taken or plans to take to enhance or expand opportunities for the public to participate in agency decision-making.

- *The Office on Latino Affairs does not address issues regarding rules and regulations, however, it does on a regular basis, convene constituents, community leaders, subject matter experts and representatives from*

community-based organizations to identify and find solutions to issues affecting the Latino community.

- *The Office on Latino Affairs develops and produces directories, guides and FAQs sheets to share information and resources with constituents and community-based organizations, which are available at OLA's website and office.*
- *The Office on Latino Affairs holds quarterly forums with various stakeholders to address issues related to public safety, housing, health, education and workforce development.*
- *The Office on Latino Affairs solicits feedback on its services through its multi-platform communications tools, such as website, social media, email, and text-messaging. Additionally, the Office on Latino Affairs conducts customer satisfaction surveys of OLA sponsored events and grants funded programs to ensure delivery of relevant and high quality services.*

3) **Collaboration**

Describe the steps your agency has taken or plans to take to enhance or expand cooperation among departments, other governmental agencies, the public, and non-profit and private entities in fulfilling its obligations.

- *The Office on Latino Affairs has partnerships with over 65 community-based organizations and 34 DC Government agencies, through grant agreements, MOUs and general collaborative efforts to better serve constituents and improve the quality of life for Latinos in the District of Columbia.*
- *The Office on Latino Affairs proactively identifies and creates opportunities to collaborate with organizations on issues of interest to the Executive Office of the Mayor, the Office on Latino Affairs and the Latino Community.*