



OUR MISSION

To improve the quality of life of the District's Latino residents by addressing a broad range of social and economic needs through strategic management of public and private partnerships, expertise on policy, community relations, civic engagement, and community-based grants.

The Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs (**MOLA**) is part of the Executive Office of the Mayor of Washington, D.C. MOLA provides a wide range of vital support services to Latino residents of the District of Columbia. MOLA'S work is of extreme significance given that **1 in 10 District residents are of Latin descent**. MOLA'S role is to serve as a bridge between the Latin community, Mayor Muriel Bowser, District government agencies, community based organizations, and private businesses.



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OUR PROGRAMS

With programs centered around community relations, outreach, language access, financial assistance, and technical assistance, the Mayor's Office of Latino Affairs is enabled to provide residents unparalleled development and growth possibilities.

Community Relations and Outreach

The MOLA Community Relations and Outreach Program main focus is to establish partnerships, engage residents, and disseminate information to District Latino residents so that they may increase their knowledge of and access to vital programs and services available to them. MOLA also works with city agencies to coordinate events that aim to inform Latinos about services and programs and improve community access to such services. Some examples of events coordinated with support from MOLA include the Hands on Heart, DC Health Link Open Enrollment, Hiring events and other community events.



Language Access

The MOLA Language Access (LA) Program exists to ensure District residents who are limited or non-English proficient are afforded equal access to information and services provided by the District. Residents who speak little English must be offered interpretation services and/or translated documents when obtaining government services, as required by the Language Access Act of 2004. The LA Program staff engage in extensive community outreach, provide training and technical support to District agencies working with LEP/NEP residents, and measure the effectiveness of agencies in serving such populations by examining resource allocation and service delivery.

Financial and Technical Assistance

The MOLA Grants Department provides financial and technical assistance to DC Community Based Organizations to enhance their capabilities to deliver the provision of culturally and linguistically appropriate services to improve the lives of DC Latino residents. In order to accomplish this every year MOLA solicits grant applications from qualified 501 (c)(3) CBOs through its Latino Community Development Grant (LCDG). The target population for the LCDG is Latino individuals of all ages who reside in the District of Columbia and/or business owners in the District of Columbia.



OUR COMMITMENT

MOLA's resources are available to the 74,400+ District Latino residents through grants, which support more than 51 community based organizations. We continually organize events, such as informational fairs, capacity building workshops, community activities and meetings with the Mayor. We serve as a liaison between District Latino residents and District agencies to promote programs and services. We advocate for equal access to government services and programs for Latino residents in the areas of health, education, housing, economic development, and employment.

