

Human Rights and Community Partnerships – 2015 Commission Goals

Commission: Denver Immigrant & Refugee Commission

Mission Statement: The Denver Immigrant and Refugee Commission advocates for the immigrant and refugee communities of the City of Denver, connects them with allies, stakeholders and resources available to them in Denver, engaging these communities in an integrative/meaningful way, and educates the immigrant and refugee community: by raising awareness and with access to resources that will make their integration to the Denver community constructive.

Goal # 1: Immigrant Integration. Explore ways to involve multiple communities and partners in a larger conversations about immigrant integration.

Why this Goal is a Priority: Immigrant integration is a critical priority that impacts the social stability and economic mobility of immigrant residents. It also strengthens community bonds by bridging immigrant and non-immigrant residents together.

Potential Strategies to Achieve Goal #1:

1. Partner with the Denver Office of Immigrant & Refugee Affairs to identify, select and support the immigrant integration mini-grant recipients
Target Start and End Date: March - October
2. Plan a meet & greet with the Aurora Immigrant & Refugee Taskforce
Target Start and End Date: April
3. Monitor legislation (Federal, State and Municipal) for areas of impact to immigrant & refugee communities and draft letters or memos as appropriate to the Mayor and/or HRCP Executive Director.
Target Start and End Date: State (Jan-May); Local and Federal (Ongoing)
4. Support community events throughout the year
Target Start and End Date: Jan-December

Potential Partners for Strategies of Goal #1:

1. Denver Office of Immigrant & Refugee Affairs, Aurora Immigrant & Refugee Taskforce, community partners

Community Engagement component(s) of this Goal (e.g., Town Hall, Publicize outcomes, Public Forum, etc.)

Mini-Grant effort is focused on community engagement

Identify the Potential Ways Your Commission May Spend its \$1000 Budget (e.g., Food, Printing, Parking, Awards, Community Engagement)

\$200-\$300 for partnership event with Aurora; Unknown amount to support community events

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Goal # 2: Economic Development: Hold 1 Small Business Expo or Fair

Why this Goal is a Priority: Small business development and entrepreneurship are vital sectors in the immigrant and refugee community but support from City structures can be better structured

Potential Strategies to Achieve Goal #2:

1. Develop an outline or plan for a summer expo or fair

Target Start and End Date:

2. Invite city agencies to host a table

Target Start and End Date: Yearlong

3. Outreach

Target Start and End Date: Yearlong

Potential Partners for Strategies of Goal #2:

1. City Departments: OED, OWD, Excise & License, Environmental Health,
2. External Partners: Mi Casa Resource Center,

Community Engagement component(s) of this Goal (e.g., Town Hall, Publicize outcomes, Public Forum, etc.)

1. Expo/Fair for the public

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1. Additional funding may be identified for this effort from community partners
2. \$300 for community event – food and marketing

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Goal # 3: Listening Session: Explore the needs of the immigrant & refugee communities with regard to Safety/Safety Net

Why this Goal is a Priority: The immigrant communities of Denver depend upon a variety of Safety Net programs, their feedback and input or outreach strategies can be enhanced.

Potential Strategies to Achieve Goal #1:

1. Hold a listening session to hear from community groups, NPO's and agencies that serve immigrants & Refugees

Target Start and End Date: October ?

Potential Partners for Strategies of Goal #1:

1. Denver Office of Immigrant & Refugee Affairs, nonprofits, government agencies

Community Engagement component(s) of this Goal (e.g., Town Hall, Publicize outcomes, Public Forum, etc.)

1. This event would be a public testimony event

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None Identified

1. \$300 for food, beverage