

GRANTMAKERS CONCERNED WITH IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2004 NATIONAL CONVENING

Immigrant Integration in New & Non-Traditional Immigrant Destinations: Building Effective Philanthropic Leadership

OCTOBER 13-15, 2004
LE MERIDIEN MINNEAPOLIS
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Register online at www.gcir.org/2004convening

In terms of volume, the United States experienced the largest wave of immigration in its history during the 1990s. Today, one in nine individuals is foreign born. Unlike previous waves of immigration, today's newcomers come primarily from Latin America and Asia, and nearly one in three immigrants is settling in states with little history of immigration or experience with diversity. This record-breaking demographic shift has prompted philanthropic institutions in both new and established immigrant gateways to consider approaches for integrating newcomers into American society.

Join grantmaking colleagues from across the United States to learn about the concept of immigrant integration and examine strategies, models, and best practices to integrate immigrants fully into the social, economic, cultural, and political life of our communities. The 2004 GCIR national convening will explore immigrant integration as a positive and promising framework for tapping into the assets within immigrant communities, responding to their needs, and engaging native-born residents, community institutions, and newcomers in working together to build strong and cohesive communities.

Through learning-centered grantmaker dialogues, issue workshops, learning tours, and strategy sessions, the convening will provide an intimate setting for participants to:

- *Meet grantmaking colleagues, government officials, businesspeople, and immigrant leaders from emerging and established immigrant destinations;*
- *Deepen your understanding of the immigrant integration framework, including specific issues such as health, employment, language access and acquisition, education, and civic engagement; and*
- *Learn about tools, strategies, and best practices for applying immigrant integration to your grantmaking.*

Minnesota, both the Twin Cities and rural communities, offers a vibrant setting to explore the opportunities and challenges of immigrant integration. Its diverse population comprises immigrants from every corner of the globe, including Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Visit www.gcir.org/2004convening or contact GCIR's program coordinator, Alison De Lucca, (alison@gcir.org or 310-659-5090) for details and updates on the convening.

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PRELIMINARY CONVENING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2004: AN INTRODUCTION TO IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION

10:00AM – 12:00PM Registration

12:00PM – 1:45PM Immigrant Integration: A Promising Grantmaking Framework

After lunch with colleagues, learn about the concept of immigrant integration and how diverse foundations are using this framework to increase the impact of their immigrant-specific and broad grantmaking programs.

1:45PM – 2:15PM Networking Break

2:15PM – 3:15PM Immigrant Integration: Perspectives from the Grassroots

Meet dynamic immigrant and refugee leaders, discuss the challenges to integration, and engage in a conversation about what it takes to successfully integrate newcomers into the social, economic, and cultural fabric of local communities.

3:15PM – 3:45PM Networking Break

3:45PM – 5:15PM Concurrent Workshops: Issue-Specific Approaches to Immigrant Integration

Immigrant Integration Policies

Learn about model public policies that promote the ability of immigrants and refugees to integrate into their new communities in the United States and other parts of the world.

Employment and Economic Mobility

Examine effective strategies that address immigrants' employment needs, tap into the assets and resources of immigrant communities, and facilitate economic mobility.

English Language Acquisition

Discuss model programs that equip immigrants and refugees with needed language skills and empower them in schools, workplaces, and communities.

Health and Well Being

Explore cross-cultural strategies for improving the health and well being of immigrant and refugee communities.

Civic and Political Engagement

Examine effective strategies for engaging immigrants and refugees in civic and political life and organizing newcomers and longtime residents to work together on key community issues.

6:00PM – 8:00PM Reception and Performance, Hosted by the McKnight Foundation

Updates and details on the convening agenda are available online at www.gcir.org/2004convening.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2004: IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION IN PRACTICE

- 8:00AM – 9:00AM** **Breakfast and Context Setting for Learning Tours**
- 9:00AM – 4:45PM** **Learning Tour I: Immigrants in Rural Minnesota**
Meet with community leaders, local government officials, and business representatives in two rural communities to learn about service delivery and other integration challenges, as well as examine collective strategies to address newcomers' needs and facilitate their contributions to local communities.
- 9:00AM – 3:00PM** **Learning Tour II: Immigrant Communities in the Twin Cities**
Tour Minneapolis–St. Paul's vibrant immigrant and refugee communities, learn about their experiences in working toward effective immigrant integration, and gain insights from both their successes and lessons learned.
- 6:00PM – 8:00PM** **Reception Featuring a Performance by Tou Ger Xiong**
Tou Ger Xiong, the first Hmong comedian, storyteller, and rap artist, will bring the pushes and the pulls of immigrant integration to life.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2004: TOOLS AND STRATEGIES FOR APPLYING IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION

- 8:00AM – 8:30AM** **Networking Breakfast**
- 8:30AM – 10:00AM** **Tools and Resources for Building a Local Immigrant Integration Infrastructure**
Examine the multiple approaches foundations have taken to build local immigrant integration infrastructure, and identify strategies you can apply to your own community.
- 10:00AM – 10:30AM** **Networking Break**
- 10:30AM – 11:30AM** **Strategies for Winning Support for Immigrant Integration in Our Foundations**
Learn how fellow grantmaking colleagues have utilized the immigrant integration framework to push forward an immigrant and refugee agenda within their foundations. Explore effective communications messages and strategies that enabled them to win internal support.
- 11:30AM – 1:15PM** **Buffet Lunch and Roundtable Discussions on Winning Support for Immigrant Integration in Our Foundations**
Enjoy a collegial lunch and engage in a facilitated discussion with grantmaking colleagues from your geographic region on how to apply the immigrant integration framework and strategies discussed throughout the convening.
- 1:15PM – 1:30PM** **Break**
- 1:30PM – 3:00PM** **Hmong Refugee Resettlement: Delivering on the Promise of Integration**
Close to 15,000 Hmong refugees will be resettled in the United States beginning in summer 2004. What needs to be put in place to meet the enormous needs of this population? How can philanthropy, government, and business work together to ensure that we deliver on the promise of integration?

2004 GCIR CONVENING LOGISTICS

MEETING LOCATION

The convening will be held at Le Meridien Minneapolis, a union property that offers excellent meeting facilities conducive to discussion, learning, and networking. Located in downtown Minneapolis, the hotel provides convenient access to restaurants, shops, entertainment, and other attractions. Guests can utilize the business center and fitness facilities free of charge. The hotel is 13 miles from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and easily reached by taxi, shuttle bus, or public transit. For more information on the hotel, visit www.lemeridien-minneapolis.com.

ACCOMMODATIONS

GCIR has reserved a block of sleeping rooms at Le Meridien Minneapolis at the following rates, exclusive of a 13 percent room tax:

- \$169 per night for a Superior King or Superior Double
- \$189 per night for an Executive King

Reservations must be made directly with the hotel **no later than September 22, 2004**. Reservations requests received after 5:00PM local time at the Hotel on the cut-off date will be accepted based on space and rate availability. To make a reservation, call **612.677.1100** and request the Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees function rate.

AIR TRAVEL

Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) is located 13 miles from downtown Minneapolis. It serves as a hub for Northwest Airlines, the world's fourth-largest airline. GCIR did not secure a group rate with a particular airline, so convening participants can make arrangements directly with their preferred airlines.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Taxis, shuttle vans, and scheduled ground transportation services are available from the Lindbergh Terminal's Ground Transportation Atrium. Metered taxis from the airport average \$27.00; note that there is a \$2.00 surcharge to and from the airport. The shuttle service costs about \$13.00 each way. A limousine or town-car service ranges between \$35 and \$100 each way. Public transit is available for \$2.25, also each way.

WEATHER AND ATTIRE

The average high in October is 61 degrees, and the average low is 40 degrees. Be prepared for the possibility of rain and general climate unpredictability. Business-casual attire, along with a light jacket or sweater, is recommended. In addition, you will want to bring comfortable walking shoes and clothing for the learning tour.

CONVENING REGISTRATION INFORMATION

WHO CAN REGISTER

To create an optimal environment for learning and relationship building, registration will be capped at 100 participants. Registration is open to all GCIR members and by invitation only to non-GCIR members.

HOW TO REGISTER

You can register using either the printed or online registration form (www.gcir.org/2004convening). Please mail the completed registration form along with a *check payable to Northern California Grantmakers to:*

Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees
Attn: 2004 Convening Registration
P.O. Box 1100, Sebastopol, CA 95473-1100

Payment is by check only; GCIR regrets we are unable to accept credit cards.

Late registrations may be faxed to 707.581.1716, but space is not guaranteed until payment is received.

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee covers all sessions and events, scheduled meals, conference materials, and learning tours.

Standard Registration <i>(up to September 17, 2004)</i>	Late Registration <i>(after September 17, 2004)</i>
GCIR Member* \$350	GCIR Member* \$400
Non-Member \$425	Non-Member \$475

*Join GCIR or renew your membership now and take advantage of the discounted conference registration rate. Your membership will be good for three extra months, through December 31, 2005!

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION

You will receive an email confirmation of your convening registration and receipt of payment within one week of registration.

TRANSFERS, CANCELLATIONS, AND REFUNDS

Registrations may be transferred to a colleague within your organization. Written cancellation requests received by close of business on September 28, 2004 will receive a full refund, less a \$75 processing fee. We regret that no refunds can be made for cancellations after that date. Email or fax your cancellation request to Joan Jeffery at joan@gcir.org or 707.581.1716.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions please contact Alison De Lucca, GCIR's Program Coordinator, at alison@gcir.org or **310.659.5090** between 8:30-5:00 Pacific time.

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Please duplicate this form and submit one for each registrant from your organization.
Registration deadline is September 17, 2004.

Registrant's Name	Title	
Organization		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone	Fax	
E-Mail (for registration confirmation)		

Please indicate which learning tour you would like to take (see description in brochure).

Urban Rural

Please tell us what you're interested in learning from the conference.

Dietary Needs

Vegetarian Vegan Kosher Low Fat Allergies: _____ Other: _____

Accessibility Needs: _____

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

(based on foundation's current-year grants budget)

Membership is open to foundations, other grantmaking institutions, and public funding agencies only.

Institutional Membership

\$150: up to \$500,000

\$300: \$500,000+ to \$1 million

\$600: \$1 million to \$5 million

\$1,000: \$5+million to \$10 million

\$2,000: \$10+ million

Sponsor Level

\$5,000: supporting member

\$10,000: sustaining member

Payment Information:

Registration Fee \$ _____

Membership Dues \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

For GCIR Staff Only

_____ Amount Paid

_____ Check Number

_____ Date Received

_____ Confirmation

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