



HEIRS' PROPERTY

Frequently Asked Questions

General program information

What is Heirs' Property?

Heirs' property is a family home that has been passed down through generations, without a formal will, probate or updated deed. The Heirs' Property Grant Program addresses the widespread loss of family homes and equity due to the challenges of having unclear ownership. In many places, including Latino communities, informal inheritance practices have left families vulnerable to displacement, forced sales and predatory investors.

What is the HOME initiative?

The UnidosUS [HOME initiative](#) is transforming the economic trajectory of Latinos through homeownership. Our goal is to advance systemic change by adding 4 million new Latino homeowners by 2030. The HOME initiative addresses many of the structural barriers facing moderate-income consumers, including homebuyer readiness, access to credit, housing supply for first-time homebuyers and preserving intergenerational wealth.

Why is Heirs' Property important?

Without clear title, heirs' property owners are frequently unable to access critical resources such as home repair programs, disaster recovery assistance or other wealth-building opportunities. As a result, properties may deteriorate, family wealth may be diminished and housing insecurity can increase.

Eligibility & Participation

What kinds of activities does this program support?

The Heirs' Property Grant Program supports existing efforts that provide:

- Legal assistance and counseling to resolve title and ownership issues
- Estate planning to reduce the risks of heirs' property for future generations
- Education and outreach on property rights, estate planning and inheritance practices
- Other resources and assistance to protect a family's legacy through homeownership

Who is eligible to apply?

Target applicants are UnidosUS Affiliates and partner organizations actively working to expand strategies that promote housing stability, preserve intergenerational wealth and address heirs' property challenges in their communities. To be eligible, organizations must:

- Be a recognized nonprofit or community-based organization, primarily a 501(c)(3), including organizations based in Puerto Rico
- Demonstrate existing programs, services, or partnerships that support heirs' property resolution, estate planning, housing preservation, legal services or related community development efforts
- Show organizational capacity to implement and manage grant-funded activities, including outreach, service delivery, partnership coordination and reporting requirements

Do I have to be an UnidosUS Affiliate to apply?

No. While Affiliate organizations are welcome to apply, non-affiliate, eligible organizations are also encouraged to submit proposals.

Can multiple organizations apply together?

Yes. Collaboration is encouraged. Partnering organizations may submit a joint application; however, the total grant award will be shared. Roles and responsibilities must be clearly defined in the proposal.

Do I have to be located in an UnidosUS priority state (CA, TX, AZ, FL) to be considered?

No. Organizations from all U.S. states and Puerto Rico are eligible and encouraged to apply.

Funding & Support

What is the grant amount and duration?

Selected organizations will receive between \$25,000 and \$50,000 over a one-year period to support their heirs' property efforts.

How are funds disbursed?

Grants will be disbursed in two payments:

- 50% upon signing the grant agreement
- 50% at the conclusion of the grant (contingent on progress and reporting)

Can grant funds be used for capacity-building or operational support?

Yes, if these activities directly support the implementation and scale of your proposed heirs' property efforts. Applicants should describe how funds will be used and provide a high-level budget in their application.

Application Process

When is the application deadline?

Applications must be submitted by October 4 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

When will awardees be notified?

Awardees will be notified in November.

How will submissions be evaluated?

A panel of experts will evaluate proposals based on:

- Innovation, potential impact and scalability
- Relevance to local heirs' property challenges and opportunities
- Alignment with the goals of the HOME Initiative

Can we adjust our goals or budget after being selected?

Yes. While initial proposals should include realistic plans and metrics, selected awardees may refine their goals and budgets in coordination with UnidosUS.