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## **Latinos in Heritage Conservation Receives \$4 Million Grant from Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to Advance Latinx Heritage Preservation**

*Funding Will Support Organizational Growth and Key Initiatives*

**NATIONAL, September 4, 2024**—Latinos in Heritage Conservation (LHC), a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Latinx places, stories and cultural heritage across the Nation, announced receiving a \$4 million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in partnership with the Social Impact Fund. The grant will support LHC’s efforts to expand organizational capacity, strengthen their Abuelas Project, develop a Latinx preservation toolkit for the Borderlands region, and establish a regranting program to steward Latinx heritage sites.

“We are deeply grateful to the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for this generous grant, which will enable us to expand our work to preserve and protect Latinx heritage significantly,” said Sehila Mota Casper, executive director of Latinos in Heritage Conservation. “This funding enables us to greatly expand our reach and impact, ensuring that Latinx heritage is recognized, protected and celebrated.”

The grant will be distributed over three years and will support the following initiatives:

- **Establishment of a Regranting Program:** LHC is introducing a new grant program that will provide \$600,000 in annual funding over three years to help support Latinx nonprofits across the Nation.
- **Expansion of the Abuelas Project:** The Abuelas Project will extend its reach into the United States-Mexico Borderlands region.
- **Development of a United States-Mexico Borderlands Latinx Preservation Toolkit:** LHC will create a toolkit to provide resources and guidance to communities and organizations working to preserve Latinx heritage along the historic region.
- **Organizational Capacity Building:** LHC will invest in staff and leadership development to enhance its ability to deliver programs and services nationwide.

“This grant is a major milestone for Latinos in Heritage Conservation,” said Desiree Aranda, LHC board chair. “It will allow us to make a lasting impact on preserving Latinx heritage for generations to come.”

### **About Latinos in Heritage Conservation**

Founded in 2014, Latinos in Heritage Conservation is the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Latinx places, stories, and cultural heritage across the Nation. Our diverse, intergenerational network of advocates is committed to conserving Latinx sites and living cultures within the fabric of American society, affirming the value of our history in the broader hemispheric struggle for social justice. For more information, visit [latinoheritage.us](http://latinoheritage.us).

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