Gateways for Growth Challenge (Round II)

Summary of Proposal from the City of San Diego

OVERVIEW

The City of San Diego is applying for the Gateways for Growth Challenge (G4G) to develop a multi-sector strategic plan for welcoming and integrating immigrants and refugees, with the generous support from the California Endowment, and in partnership with the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation (EDC), San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and other non-governmental institutions. This initiative will also utilize the technical assistance, research support and matching grant from New American Economy and Welcoming America to produce a research report on the contributions and trajectory of foreign-born communities in San Diego County, with comparative data on sub-regions (North County, Metro San Diego, South Bay, etc.) and municipalities (San Diego, El Cajon, Chula Vista, etc.). The strategic planning and research process will culminate in a multi-year blueprint to institutionalize efforts of immigrant integration in local government and work across sectors to include immigrants and refugees improvement of systems, economic growth plans, and public policy formation.

STRUCTURE & TIMELINE

Formation of an Immigrant Integration Advisory Council, structured as:

- **Steering Committee** (City of San Diego, EDC, The Chamber, RISE San Diego, Alliance SD, SD Immigrant Rights Consortium, SD Refugee Forum and Multi-sector Alliance)
- **Subcommittees** (each subcommittee must include members from Refugee Forum, SD Immigrant Rights Consortium, business, research, social and government agency):
  - Research & Data
  - Civic Engagement & Inclusion
  - Economic Development & Human Capital
  - Pre-K-14 Education
  - Health & Environment
  - Open & Safe Communities

Timeline of actions (Sept 2017 - Sept 2018):

- **Month 1-3**: identify research questions and datasets, internal assessment of city policies and services, kick-off convening with national partners to learn best practices
- **Month 4-7**: analyze data and conduct surveys/interviews, subcommittees meetings & community listening sessions
- **Month 8-10**: finalize research report and strategic plan
- **Month 11-12**: release report and announce strategic plan
PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS (to be confirmed)

- **Interagency/Government**
  - Department of Economic Development, City of San Diego
  - International Affairs Board, City of San Diego
  - Human Relations Commission, City of San Diego
  - San Diego Unified School District
  - Institute for Local Government (CA League of Cities)

- **Civic/Multisector Coalitions**
  - San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium
  - San Diego Refugee Forum

- **Social Impact/NGOs**
  - The California Endowment
  - Alliance San Diego
  - RISE San Diego
  - San Diego Grantmakers
  - Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA)
  - San Diego Foundation Center for Civic Engagement
  - Mid-City CAN
  - Leichtag Foundation
  - Survivors of Torture, International
  - International Rescue Committee
  - Employee Rights Center
  - SEIU Local 221
  - Flourish San Diego
  - Hope for San Diego
  - YMCA
  - Anti-Defamation League

- **Business**
  - San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation (EDC)
  - San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
  - Multisector Alliance at Partners for Progress
  - CONNECT

- **Academic / Policy Research**
  - Center on Policy Initiatives
  - National Immigration Forum
  - California Immigration Policy Center
  - Yankelovich Center on Social Science Research, UC San Diego
  - Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, UC San Diego
  - Center for US-Mexican Studies, UC San Diego School of Global Policy & Strategy
  - Trans-Border Institute, University of San Diego
  - Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration, University of Southern California