About the Helen Rodríguez-Trías Award

The Helen Rodríguez-Trías Health Award recognizes NCLR Affiliate organizations with exceptional records to close gaps in care and improve the health and well-being of Latinos through implementing culturally and linguistically appropriate community-based programs or services. Organizations that have worked to transform systems and programs through outreach, education, or care coordination efforts and have resulted in improvements to accessible, equitable, and quality health and health care are encouraged to apply. One organization will be honored at the 2016 NCLR Annual Conference taking place July 23–26, 2016 in Orlando, Florida. The award includes a $5,000 cash award.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: JUNE 22, 2016

Please send your complete submission, including the Official Entry Form, via email to Ilemus@nclr.org.

Thank you for your entry.
Who was Helen Rodríguez-Trías?

The award is named in honor of Dr. Helen Rodríguez-Trías, an internationally recognized health care leader and advocate who dedicated her life to improving women’s and children’s health and well-being and expanding the range of public health services not only throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, but also in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico. Dr. Rodríguez-Trías was a pediatrician, educator, and women’s rights activist. She was the first Latina president of the American Public Health Association (APHA), a founding member of the Women’s Caucus of the APHA, and the recipient of the Presidential Citizen’s medal.

ELIGIBILITY

To apply, the organization must meet all of the following criteria:

• Have been an NCLR Affiliate for at least three years (please provide Affiliate ID number).
• Be in good standing with its dues, partnership fees, and recertification requirements.
• Documented improvements in making qualitative or quantitative impact among populations served through an increase in access to health care services.
• Exemplifies innovative practices to improve health equity through key partnerships.
• The awardee will have made a significant contribution to improving their client’s or community’s health through strategies that support the provision of accessible and timely health care services. These programs showcase the organization’s efforts to address social determinants of health. The social determinants of health are the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life. These forces and systems include economic policies and systems, development agendas, social norms, social policies, and political systems. *
• Upon closing, all eligible applications will be reviewed by a panel of judges working with NCLR’s Institute for Hispanic Health. Applications will be judged based on how well entries meet the application criteria. One finalist will be selected.
• The 2016 awardee will be recognized among its peers and colleagues during the Health Reception at the NCLR Annual Conference in Orlando on the evening of Sunday, July 24, 2016. The recipient selected to receive the award must be present at the Health Reception and will have an opportunity to provide brief remarks.

Instructions for Submission of Entries

Please read and fill out the enclosed Official Entry Form for consideration. All eligible organizations are invited to apply. Only one proposal per organization will be considered.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Page 1: Completed Official Entry Form

Page 2–5: Please respond to the following questions.

Section I: Organizational Background (10 Points)
Briefly summarize history and mission of the organization. What are your major health programs or initiatives and how do these address the needs of Latinos in the community beyond health (e.g. education, housing, workforce, etc.)? How do these programs align with NCLR's mission?

Section II: Organization’s Programs Impacting Health (25 points)
Describe your organization’s approach to increase access to, or engage in, an individual’s health or health care in a timely, respectful, and equitable manner. What are the key programs or initiatives that expand beyond health that your organization has in place? How do you go about implementing these programs for the community and service area? Include in your application whether promotores de salud (community health workers) or other peer support staff/care coordinators are part of a team-based approach.

Section III: Impact in the Community (40 points)
Describe the impact, qualitative or quantitative, that your health or social service programs have had in improving the health and safety of your community. How have these efforts changed the outlook in your community as a result of your organization’s health and social services?

Section IV: NCLR Partnership (25 Points)
Describe at least two instances in which your organization has partnered with NCLR, the Affiliate Network, and other key partners around a programmatic initiative or an advocacy or issue campaign. How did this engagement impact Latinos in your community? Describe how your organization promotes and communicates its affiliation with NCLR.

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Official Entry Form

Name of Organization

Street

City  State  ZIP

Phone  Fax

Executive Director

Affiliate ID

Submitted By

Name

Title

Company

Street

City  State  ZIP

Phone  Fax

Email

Submission Checklist

Ensure that you have followed the instructions on the previous page in filling out this submission form. Check that you have completed the following steps, as we will not accept incomplete submissions:

- Completed Official Entry Form
- Answered all questions
- Informed nominee of submission/checked on nominee’s availability

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