

Press Release



Financial Help for California's Undocumented Immigrants Starts Monday

On Monday May 25, 2020 a new \$75 million state program will help undocumented immigrants who have suffered financially due to the pandemic. California's undocumented immigrants can begin applying for disaster relief payments of up to \$1,000 per household under Gov. Gavin Newsom's coronavirus emergency assistance program. Applications will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis until the state funding runs out. California has more than two million undocumented immigrants. Nearly one in ten workers is undocumented. With the funds spread among so many people, most families will not receive the funding.

The Process of Applying - Called **the Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants Project**, \$75 million in state funding will be distributed to 12 organizations throughout California. Additionally, the governor said \$50 million would be available from philanthropy groups to be supervised through the organization Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR). However, as of Thursday, only \$13 million had been collected from philanthropy through **immigrantfundca.org**. The organizations were selected from among Immigration Services Financing contractors who have existing agreements with the state. The state Department of Social Services also selected nonprofits that have the ability to provide a high volume of application assistance services to undocumented populations in specific geographic locations. Applications will be available until funds for each region are exhausted.

Eligibility - An applicant must be undocumented, over 18 years of age, ineligible for federal assistance related to COVID-19 such as the stimulus check or unemployment benefits, and able to demonstrate that they have faced financial difficulties as a result of the pandemic. Organizations will verify the applicant's documents to ensure they match the information provided and will make the final decisions.

To apply, undocumented immigrants should contact the following group representing their area:

Northern California:

California Human Development Corporation

(707) 228-1338 www.californiahumandevelopment.org/

Covering Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Pleasure, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma Tehama, Trinity

Bay Area:

Catholic Charities of California

Alameda and Contra Costa: www.cceb.org

Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo: www.catholiccharitiessf.org/

Santa Clara: www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/

Central Coast:

Mixteco / Indígena Community Organizing Project (MICOP)

www.mixteco.org/drai/3

Santa Barbara: (805) 519-7776

Ventura: (805) 519-7774

Community Action Board Santa Cruz

(800) 228-6820 www.cabinc.org/

Covering Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz

Central Valley:

United Farm Workers Foundation (UFWF)

(877) 527-6660 www.ufwfoundation.org

Covering Ash, Kern, Kings, Wood, Merced, Tulare and Mono

California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation (CRLAF)

(877) 557-0521 www.crlaf.org/drai

Covering Mariposa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne Yolo and Yuba

Los Angeles and Orange County:

Asian Americans Advancing Justice

(213) 241-8880 www.advancingjustice-la.org

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)

(213) 201-8700 www.chirla.org

Los Angeles Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)

(213) 315-2659 www.carecen-la.org/

Inland Empire:

San Bernardino Community Service Center

(888) 444-0170, (909) 521-7535 www.sbcscinc.org

Covering Inyo, Riverside, San Bernardino

TODEC Legal Center Perris

(888) 863-3291 www.TODEC.org

Covering Inyo, Riverside, San Bernardino

San Diego and Imperial County

Jewish Family Service of San Diego

Imperial County: 760-206-3242

San Diego County: 858-206-8281