As immigrants, we’ve made Washington our home. If you’re an immigrant experiencing hard times because of COVID-19, and you can’t get federal financial relief or unemployment insurance, this fund is for you.

What is the fund?
The Washington COVID-19 Immigrant Relief Fund provides COVID relief money to immigrants who aren’t eligible for federal stimulus funds or unemployment insurance. If you apply, you can receive a $1,000 one-time direct payment (up to $3,000 per household).

How does it work?
You can apply online, by phone, or by mail. All three options are available in multiple languages. Once your application is accepted, you will receive your payment by check, gift card.

Who runs the fund?
The fund is run by immigrant-led community organizations in Washington—the same people who called for the fund to be created. This includes Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN), Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, and many other organizations. The money is provided by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services.

Is my information safe?
Yes. Nothing in your application will ever be voluntarily shared with the government, ICE, or law enforcement.

Who can apply for the fund?
To apply for the relief fund, you must:
- Be a Washington resident
- Be at least 18 years old
- Have been significantly affected by the pandemic (such as losing work, being infected by the virus, or caring for a family member who was infected)
- Not be eligible to receive federal stimulus funds or unemployment insurance because of your immigration status

When you apply, you’ll need to provide a copy of some documents to show your identity and residency (such as an ID card, a utility bill, or a rent receipt).

Does the public charge rule apply?
No. This fund is considered one-time disaster relief and should not prevent you from getting a green card in the future.