

Accept & Expend Request - CA Local Immigrant Integration and Inclusion Grant (LIIG)

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About OCEIA

The Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA) is a policy, compliance, direct services and grantmaking City department.

OCEIA's mission is to promote inclusive policies and foster immigrant assistance programs that lead to full civic, economic and linguistic integration.

OCEIA's Program Areas



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



COMMUNITY SAFETY



GRANTMAKING



**INTEGRATED
IMMIGRANT SERVICES**



LANGUAGE ACCESS

CA Local Immigrant Integration and Inclusion Grant (LIIG)

LIIG is an initiative by the CA Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to provide funding to local governments to support immigrants.

Funding for supporting the development or expansion of immigrant integration efforts, increasing community trust, and enhancing the organizational capacity of local governments.

Eligible Grant Areas:

- Economic Development
- Intergovernmental Technical Assistance
- Civic Engagement
- Social Service Navigation

Local Needs and Landscape

SURGE OF NEWCOMER ASYLUM SEEKERS

- SF has seen a surge in newcomer asylum seekers arrivals that lack access to work authorization or traditional income generation options
- Over 1,500 newcomer students enrolled in SFUSD last academic year, and nearly 1,000 so far this year.
- SF Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative waitlist hit record high of 600 residents needing immigration services

LACK OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDOC IMMIGRANTS

- Long time immigrants, many heavily impacted by COVID 19, remain outside of economic mainstream and ineligible for many support services

THREATS TO DACA, TPS & OTHER IMMIGRATION PROGRAMS

- Ongoing federal policy battles and litigation put many immigrants in danger of losing work authorization through programs like DACA

Immigrant Economic Inclusion Project (IEIP)

With the 1-year grant award, OCEIA will hire an analyst (1822) to launch and lead the Immigrant Economic Inclusion Project.

The IEIP will seek to address existing community needs by:

- Increasing community knowledge & awareness of workforce and economic justice opportunities and resources for immigrants and newcomers
- Increasing economic integration of immigrant entrepreneurs by expanding opportunities for immigrant business ownership, entrepreneurship & income generation
- Building collaboration, capacity and knowledge of economic opportunities for immigrants with local and regional partners

Project Activities and Goals

Develop Local Economic Inclusion Toolkit

Centralize existing resources, programs, tools and services for immigrants in a multilingual toolkit

Educate City, Community and Regional Partners

Educate, inform and train community organizations, city departments and regional partners on resources, best practices and toolkit through forums and convenings

Support Existing Cooperatives and Immigrant Inclusion Models

Provide technical assistance, training and promotional support to existing programs

Incubate New Models in Connection with Existing Programming

Explore cooperative opportunities with DreamSF Fellows and language access programs

Create an Immigrant Workforce Fair/Event

Partner with OEWD and community organizations to create a special event for identifying economic opportunities for all immigrants in SF

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