

# City of San Diego

## Weekly Immigrant Affairs Update

### CITY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- The City of San Diego [COVID-19 Housing Stability Assistance Program](#) helps to pay past-due, unpaid rent and utilities for individuals and families with low income in the City of San Diego who experience financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic, regardless of immigration status.
- To support the economic recovery of small businesses and restaurants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of San Diego launched the new [Small Business and Restaurant Assistance \(SBRA\) Program](#). Qualified local businesses can access support to easily navigate the City's planning requirements and permitting process, and more. Many small businesses and restaurants with 25 or fewer employees — including restaurants, retail shops, home offices and businesses, gyms, catering facilities, and hair and nail salons — qualify for the SBRA program.
- San Diego's [Access4All](#) program includes [open public wi-fi at over 300 locations](#), and offers an [emergency broadband benefit](#) for discounts on at-home internet service.
- Focusing on often overlooked communities, [Come Play Outside](#) organizes and funds programs such as aquatics, adventure camp, Teen Nite, and movies in the park in [21 recreation centers and aquatic centers](#) across San Diego's South and Central neighborhoods.
- Did you know the City's [Get It Done app](#) now has a Spanish language feature?

### NEW DATA, REPORTS, & PODCASTS

- [A Solvable Challenge: Improving Asylee Access to Health and Other Benefits](#) (Migration Policy Institute)
- [Citizenship for a Stronger Economy: How Waiving Naturalization Fees Can Accelerate America's COVID-19 Recovery](#) (NPNA)
- [The Story Of U.S.](#), a new podcast from the George W. Bush Presidential Center, talks to the children of immigrants to learn their stories, and celebrate how the rich diversity of new American families strengthens our communities – across generations.

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- [Citizenship and Integration Grant Program: Citizenship Instruction and Naturalization Application Services \(due July 16\)](#): The goal of the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program is to expand the availability of high-quality citizenship preparation services for lawful permanent residents across the nation and to provide opportunities for lawful permanent residents to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to integrate into the fabric of American society.
- [Citizenship and Integration Grant Program: Refugee and Asylee Integration Services \(due July 16\)](#): The primary focus of the RAIS is to provide individualized programming to LPRs who entered the United States under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP), were granted asylum, as well as Cuban or Haitian entrants and individuals on an SIV, to attain the skills and knowledge required for successful citizenship and to foster a sense of belonging and attachment to the United States.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Mayor Gloria Announces Hire of City's First Chief Race & Equity Officer, Kim Desmond](#)

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