

City of San Diego

Weekly Immigrant Affairs Update

On January 25, the Biden administration convened its first meeting of the [President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons \(PITF\)](#). The PITF has primary responsibility for coordinating efforts across 20 Federal agencies to combat trafficking in persons, and implementing the recently released [National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking](#).

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has updated its [Policy Manual](#) to reflect new guidance on how they evaluate requests for [expedited treatment](#).

CITY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, & UPDATES

- This week [the City of San Diego unveiled](#) the new [Strategic Plan](#) (in Spanish [here](#)) and [interactive dashboard](#), outlining how the City plans to positively affect the lives of residents. Its priority areas include a focus on housing, mobility and infrastructure, community, sustainability and regional prosperity.
- As part of [Cities For Action](#), the City of San Diego urged the federal government to prioritize language access in its effort to distribute COVID-19 test kits. Read the statement [here](#).

NEW DATA, REPORTS, & PODCASTS

- A [USC](#) report, [Women Putting in Work](#), evaluates the status of women in LA County during the COVID-19 pandemic. The systemic inequities identified and set of recommendations may shed a light on similar challenges in San Diego.
- The [National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants and Migrants \(NRC-RIM\)](#) supports health departments and community organizations working with refugee, immigrant, and migrant communities that have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19. Sign up for their newsletter [here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- The U.S. Department of Labor has launched a [new grants page](#) to help you find funding opportunities, learn how to apply and see DOL grants in action.
- The [Social Entrepreneurs for Economic Development \(SEED\) Grant 2.0](#) seeks to support the entrepreneurship of immigrants and limited English proficient individuals who face significant employment barriers. Deadline is February 8.
- The California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls (CCSWG) [Women's Recovery Response Grant Program](#) seeks to support the existing and emerging needs of women in California who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Deadline is February 4.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- The next [New Asylee Orientation on Benefits & Services](#) is on February 8.
- [San Ysidro Health](#) is hosting Tea Time with Dr. Tamara Mansy on February 7 to discuss COVID-19 vaccination. The event will be held at the Afghan Community Center in El Cajon but will also be livestreamed. See attached flyers.
- The next virtual [Emergency Preparedness & Public Health Training for agencies serving multicultural, immigrant, and refugee communities](#), hosted by San Diego County's Partner Relay Initiative, will be held on February 15.
- [Somali Family Service](#) hosts weekly virtual town halls on Thursdays that are open to the public. Sign up for announcements [here](#), and see attached flyer.
- [Nile Sisters Development Initiative](#) offers a number of programs to help refugee and immigrant women and their families overcome barriers to social and economic self-reliance. See the attached flyer for more information.
- USCIS District 44, the San Diego Field Office, and the Imperial Field Office invite community members and groups interested in immigration to the Winter 2022 stakeholder engagement on February 24. Link to join via Microsoft Teams [here](#).
- The San Diego County Registrar of Voters is [hiring monitors and drivers](#) for their mail ballot drop-off program.

If someone at your organization would like to receive this update, you have ideas for improvement, or you no longer wish to receive these updates, please email Farhat Popal, Immigrant Affairs Manager, at FPopal@sandiego.gov.