

City of San Diego

Weekly Immigrant Affairs Update

Congress [passed a \\$1.5 trillion spending package](#) this week. Here is an [overview of what is included](#).

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will [propose to adjust the fees charged by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\)](#) for immigration and naturalization benefit requests via a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in March.

On March 3rd, DHS [announced](#) a new Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for Ukraine for 18 months. USCIS [has discretion](#) to take certain measures on a case-by-case basis, if you've been affected by an extreme situation.

USCIS [announced new policies](#) aimed to provide protection to immigrant children who are victims of abuse, neglect, abandonment, or similar maltreatment.

The [Resettlement Support Center \(RSC\) Eurasia](#) has indicated that activities related to the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program are still ongoing, and that events in Ukraine will not have an impact on USCIS decisions or overall case processing. However, the RSC anticipates that some activities may be delayed.

CITY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, & UPDATES

- Mayor Gloria launched the new *Bridge to Home* program to create more affordable housing. Learn more [here](#).
- As Chair of the U.S. Conference of Mayors LGBTQ Alliance, Mayor Gloria [issued a statement](#) regarding Florida's "Don't Say Gay" legislation.
- The City of San Diego has [published data](#) from the past fiscal year that [highlights City-funded nonprofit arts and culture organizations](#) in areas citywide.
- There are over 100 open positions at the City of San Diego—[check them out!](#)

NEW DATA, REPORTS, & PODCASTS

- According to a [U.S. Census Bureau survey](#), the [2020 census undercounted](#) Black, Latino and Native American residents, and overcounted White and Asian American residents.
- Race Forward's Butterfly Lab for Immigrant Narrative Strategy published its [report on Phase 1 learnings, and a toolkit](#) re: [working on narrative projects](#).
- The Local Government ARPA Investment Tracker is an online resource that compiles information from local governments to offer a detailed picture of how large cities and counties are deploying the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund dollars. Check it out [here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- [We Are All America's Opportunity For All Table \(OFA\)](#) is launching the [Ethnic Based Community Organization \(ECBO\) pilot program](#). The \$3,000 mini-grants will be awarded to 3 projects and will support ECBOs that are involved in local refugee and immigrant advocacy and policy efforts. Proposals will be accepted until March 15, and awardees will be notified on March 31.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- The Somali Bantu Association and Alliance San Diego will be hosting an online **Know Your Rights and Family Immigration presentation** on March 16 at 1 pm. See the attached flyers.
- Somali Family Service will be hosting an **Exploring Career Paths Workshop** on Tuesday, March 22 at 3 pm. See the attached flyer and register [here](#).
- [San Diego PACE](#), a division of San Ysidro Health, is committed to providing high-quality, compassionate **health care services for adults aged 55 and older**. See the attached flyers for more.
- Community members can **find help paying for child care assistance** [here](#). See the attached flyers.
- IRC San Diego is offering free **Remote Citizenship Test Prep** classes in April. See the attached flyer.
- The San Diego Workforce Partnership is [currently hiring](#) for a **bilingual English/Arabic and a bilingual English/Spanish speaking Service Navigator**.

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.