

ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF:

A PATH FORWARD FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

On November 20, 2014, President Obama announced Administrative Relief that could provide more than five million immigrants with protection from deportation and the ability to work legally in the U.S. This seminal moment could bring greater family security, higher wages, expanded career options and increased ability to take part in the formal economy for more than half a million lives in Los Angeles County.

A New Opportunity for New Americans

Imagine the ripple effect when more than 500,000 Angelenos can step out of the shadows and participate in the economy by starting up businesses and buying homes. The Center for American Progress found that legalization in Los Angeles County could add 21,000 jobs, increase labor income by \$10.3 billion and increase tax revenue by \$1.9 billion. Perhaps most importantly, it would end the painful fear of separation and deportation that families face every day.

The President's Administrative Relief programs are designed to preserve families and give parents of U.S. citizens and those who came to the U.S. as children the power to earn their own living. By taking part in the program, eligible immigrants can be granted "deferred action" status, which provides authorization to work in the U.S. and relief from deportation.

But to realize these benefits, eligible applicants must navigate a long and difficult path, facing many obstacles along the way.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO ACHIEVE DEFERRED ACTION STATUS?



DOCUMENTATION

Array of documents from multiple institutions



INFORMATION

Trusted information on how to petition deferred status



APPLICATION

Completed application, full package of supporting materials and application fee.



***** DEFERRED ACTION STATUS *****

WORK PERMIT * DRIVERS LICENSE * FAMILY SECURITY

The New Americans Opportunity Fund

California Community Foundation (CCF) has played a central role in supporting immigrant integration in Los Angeles County for three decades. We have advanced vital programs affecting L.A. immigrant communities, from the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, to the launch of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals to the implementation of California's AB60 Driver's License bill. That's why CCF has committed \$1.6 million to implement Administrative Relief through the New Americans Opportunity Fund.

In partnership with the Weingart Foundation, the California Endowment and concerned donors across Los Angeles, the New Americans Opportunity Fund has already granted more than \$1 million to trusted L.A. nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of Administrative Relief and ensure maximum participation in the application process.

Legal Update

In February, implementation of Administrative Relief was halted by a temporary injunction, which is currently before the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. We are optimistic that the courts will permit Administrative Relief applications to be filed. However long this delay may last, CCF will continue our work to incorporate immigrants in the civic and economic fabric of Los Angeles.

Investing in Opportunity

By investing in the New Americans Opportunity Fund, you can make a tangible difference in the lives of tens of thousands of Angeleno families. Your gift enables eligible immigrants to take control of their own financial futures, protecting their families while growing the economy of Los Angeles. Partnering with CCF ensures that your dollars go to support the most effective and efficient organizations working in the field today. Below are just a few examples of the tremendous impact your gift can create:

\$10,000 covers the \$465 application fee for 21 individuals seeking Administrative Relief.

\$25,000 creates a screening and application clinic for 2,000 people.

\$45,000 allows a full-time community outreach worker to reach 10,000 people in a year.

\$55,000 enables one immigration attorney to represent 150 Administrative Relief cases and assist with an additional 100 in a year.

More secure families, higher wages and expanded career options for new Americans benefit everyone. By enabling every resident to fully participate in the activities that drive our region's economic engine, we can create a more prosperous Los Angeles for all.

To learn more about the New Americans Opportunity Fund or how you can support broader immigrant integration work through California Community Foundation, contact Rosie Arroyo, Program Officer for Civic Engagement, at 213-452-6259 or rarroyo@calfund.org.

Administrative Relief by the Numbers

Up to

5.2 million

eligible immigrants in the U.S.

1.6 million

eligible immigrants in California

500,000

eligible immigrants in Los Angeles County