

IMMIGRATION RESOURCE DASHBOARD

Data and Methodology Notes

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Data Collection and Methodology

Researchers compiled the programs and resources displayed in this dashboard in 2024 via internet research, primarily using federal agency websites and opportunities posted on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

The dashboard prioritizes funding opportunities, resources and programs that are available for local governments at the time of publication or as forecasted opportunities in the short-term future. Several programs in the dashboard have applications available on an annual basis. Even if these applications are not open at the time of publication, the programs are included in the dashboard for awareness as applications will open within the year. Please note that researchers plan to update the dashboard on a quarterly basis to: 1) ensure program details are accurate and up-to-date, 2) incorporate new funding opportunities, and 3) remove grants that are no longer available.

Researchers categorized the programs into six main topical areas based on themes that emerged from data collection. These areas are education, employment, finance, health and wellbeing, housing and resettlement, legal and safety. These categories could potentially expand in future dashboard updates to encompass additional topic areas and programs. Please note that these are not mutually exclusive categories. Many of the programs in the Immigration Resource Dashboard align with more than one area, and in this case, the program will appear under each relevant area in the dashboard.

Dashboard Notes

The dashboard is separated into two audiences: Local Governments and Immigrants/Residents. The Local Governments section includes programs where the recipient is a local government –

i.e., they are the program applicant and receive funds. The Immigrants/Residents tab includes programs that local governments should be aware of, but the intended recipients of program benefits are the migrants, refugees or asylees within their communities. For the programs under Immigrants/Residents, the program description includes text recommending how local governments may use the resource to share with their agencies and local partners to best support their community members.

The federal agency associated with each program is denoted at the highest level. There are two exceptions: for programs under the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), these offices are noted in the dashboard as they are distinct offices focused on immigration.

The grant type for each program was categorized based on whether localities can directly apply to the funding opportunity or whether it is a formula program that localities may need to engage with their federal or state partners to receive an allocation of funding. If the grant type is N/A, the program does not have concrete funding attached and is instead a resource for local governments to use themselves or share with community partners to best support immigrants in their community. While these may not be distinct funding sources, they were included in the dashboard with the purpose of providing relevant resources for local leaders to use in tackling the complex challenges of in- and out-migration.

It is important to stress that this dashboard is not an exhaustive list of all programs and resources that are related to immigration. Additionally, this dashboard is intended as an interactive database of programs and resources for local governments, but municipal leaders should use the program links provided to determine eligibility requirements, upcoming due dates, and the application process for each program. It is not guaranteed that every resource in the dashboard will be applicable for every local government.

Questions?

Please contact advocacy@nlc.org with questions about the development of this resource.