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Disaster Legal Services offers a centralized California resource that has FAQs, announcements and other materials for the public related to COVID-19. Available [here](#).

The Justice and Diversity has compiled a [list of resources](#) available for San Francisco in English and Spanish.

CARES Act cash rebates and the need for 2019 tax filings

Cash rebates:

This legislation provides \$1,200 in cash payments (\$2,400 for married couples). An additional \$500 cash payment is available per child (age 16 or younger).

- Eligibility requirements:
 - Have a social security number, AND
 - Be a U.S. citizen, Legal Permanent Resident, OR
 - Resident Alien who meets the [substantial presence test](#).
- IRS evaluation criteria:
 - First, will evaluate based on your 2019 tax return
 - If you have not filed your 2019 tax return then will evaluate based on 2018 return
 - If you have not filed either then you will not get a cash rebate
- Other information:
 - If you are retired and collect social security you will get a cash rebate
 - If a member of your household (on tax documents) does not have a social security number you will not receive a cash rebate
 - Cash rebates are automatic, you do not need to apply for them
- **IMPORTANT:**
 - **If an asylee/refugee or asylum seeker was not present in the U.S. in 2018 but does meet the substantial presence test for 2019, they must file a 2019 tax return to get a cash rebate.**
 - **We do not know what date a 2019 tax return needs to be filed by but encourage anyone, but especially those who did not file a 2018 tax return, to immediately file their 2019 tax return.**

Unemployment Benefits

For unemployment insurance questions, I've been recommending that people refer folks to Legal Aid at Work for any questions related to unemployment benefits/workers' rights. General faq's in English and Spanish, and information about making an appointment for a "virtual" Workers' Rights Clinic is available [here](#).

To assist undocumented workers who have lost their jobs or income as a result of the COVID-19, Legal Aid at Work has also compiled a list of known relief funds for undocumented workers. The website says they will be updating this list as new information becomes available. Hopefully this resource can help some of our clients and their families!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IsPLuHoYK6ec7Gzxaw0i7On-NT1Z9IEj/edit>

<https://legalaidatwork.org/blog/relief-funds/>

The California Employment Development Department (CEDD) provides information about how and what is needed to apply for unemployment benefits in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Additional information on immigrants' eligibility for unemployment insurance can be found [here](#).

Financial Support

[Mission Asset Fund \(MAF\)](#) provides financial support to immigrants through a number of programs including an immigration application loan program and community lending circles. In response to COVID-19, MAF has developed a helpful [FAQ](#) with answers to many of the questions our clients have been asking. Information is provided in English and Spanish.

Legal Aid at Work has been compiling a list of relief funds accessible to undocumented folks [here](#) (website version) and [here](#) (google doc version), with information in English and Spanish.

Public Benefits and the Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility

Asylum seekers and asylees alike may have questions about whether they qualify for public benefits like Food Stamps (SNAP) and Medicare (Medi-Cal), and whether receipt of such benefits will have negative immigration consequences for themselves and their family members.

While asylum seekers generally are not eligible to receive public benefits, asylees can receive any public benefits for which they may qualify and are not subject to the public charge ground of inadmissibility. There may be situations in which an asylum seeker *is* eligible to receive

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certain public benefits (e.g. children under 18 years old or through a family member in the same household.) Receipt of benefits under such circumstances will have no effect on their immigration case.

ILRC has updated its [Public Charge Outreach Toolkit](#) in light of COVID-19. The toolkit includes flyers in English and Spanish on What the Community Needs to Know.

The San Francisco Human Services Agency has also prepared [information](#) and an [FAQ](#) on the Public Charge rule and how it applies to the receipt of public benefits.

- Healthcare Coverage for asylum seekers:
 - San Francisco residents may be eligible for healthcare coverage through [Healthy San Francisco](#) regardless of immigration status. Applicants can make an appointment with an enrollment specialist, by calling (415) 777-9992 on Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 5:30pm.
 - Alameda County residents may qualify for healthcare coverage through [HealthPAC](#), a local funded program that helps cover the cost of medical services regardless of immigration status. Individuals can be screened and enrolled at the eligibility departments of the [Alameda County clinics](#) or at Alameda County Health Care Services Agency.
 - PRUCOL – Asylum seekers may be eligible to receive Medi-Cal through PRUCOL (Persons Residing Under Color of Law), a public benefits eligibility category that refers to individuals who are in the U.S. with the knowledge of immigration services and who are not likely to be deported. It is a category used solely for Medi-Cal, not for immigration purposes. PRUCOL includes immigrants who have applied for legal status and are waiting for a response. In practice, many asylum seekers are turned away unless they can demonstrate an urgent medical need for health coverage. For more information on PRUCOL eligibility click [here](#). For a copy of the form necessary to apply for MediCal through PRUCOL click [here](#).

Wellness Resources

The Emerson Collective has collected a list of [Resources for Wellness](#) that may be useful to practitioners and clients alike. Some of the resources on the site are also available in Spanish.

Resources for Parents

The Alas y Voz campaign of Californians Together is committed to sharing resources with parents and to supporting their children's learning at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. Resources are available through their website [here](#).

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Californians Together has also created a [Spanish-language webpage](#) with resources and information related to the needs of families during this time.

LGBTQ+ Resources

Our partners at Oasis Legal Services have created a [Google Doc](#) with helpful resources, with a particular emphasis on the needs of LGBTQ+ immigrant communities.

Bay-Area Specific Grassroots/Community Funds

- Berkeley: [Housing Retention Program](#), [Arts Organization Continuity Grants](#), [Small Business Continuity Grants](#)
- Oakland Undocumented Relief Fund: <https://www.centrolegal.org/our-fund/>
- San Francisco: [Office of Economic and Workforce Development \(OEWD\)](#)
 - Spanish: [Oficina de Desarrollo Económico y de la Fuerza Laboral \(OEWD\)](#)
- Bay Area Counties: [Chronicle Season of Sharing Fund](#)
 - Assistance for Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma residents, based on financial need
 - [How to apply](#) (in English only)
- Bay Area: [Disabled and Elderly \(BIPOC priority\) Support Fund](#)
 - Instructions are in English and Spanish on the form
- Silicon Valley: <http://siliconvalleycf.org/coronavirus-fund>
 - Request assistance: Go online at <https://sacredheartcs.org/covid19/>, call 408-780-9134 or set up an in-person appointment by calling the hotline.
- NorCal refugees: [IRC's Emergency Response Fund - Soft Landing Fund](#)
 - Only available for refugees within the first 30 days of resettlement