Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants (DRAI) Project

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is providing state-funded disaster relief assistance to undocumented adults who are ineligible for other forms of assistance, including assistance under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and pandemic unemployment benefits, because of their immigration status.

To be eligible for disaster relief assistance, an individual must be able to provide information that they (1) are an undocumented adult (person over the age of 18); (2) are not eligible for federal COVID-19 related assistance, like CARES Act tax stimulus payments or pandemic unemployment benefits; and (3) have experienced a hardship as a result of COVID-19. Assistance will be provided on a first come, first served basis. Submitting a disaster relief application does not guarantee services or assistance.

The disaster relief assistance will be administered and delivered through twelve nonprofit organizations located in various regions of California. The nonprofit organizations will begin providing assistance to complete applications on May 18, 2020. Individuals will only be allowed to receive DRAI application assistance from nonprofit organizations assigned to their county or region.

Information regarding the DRAI project can be found here: https://cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/immigration/covid-19-drai

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