A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to immigration; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “noncitizen” means an individual who is not a citizen or national of the United States. “Noncitizen” includes:

(a) An individual who is a recipient of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(b) An individual who otherwise meets the eligibility criteria to receive the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(c) An individual from Iraq or Afghanistan who was provided with the status of special immigrant by the United States Department of Homeland Security under:


(B) Section 1244(b) of the Refugee Crisis in Iraq Act of 2007, P.L. 110-181, 122 Stat. 397; or

(C) Section 602(b) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009, P.L. 111-8, 123 Stat. 807.

(2) The Department of Human Services shall provide grants to assist individuals who are noncitizens to change their immigration status or obtain lawful permanent resident status.

(3)(a) A grant provided under this section must be used to cover the costs of immigration legal services or the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services fees associated with the process for changing an immigration status or obtaining a lawful permanent resident status.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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(b) Grant moneys awarded under this section shall be paid on behalf of a grant recipient to an immigration legal services provider that has been approved by the department or to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(c) An individual may be awarded no more than one grant under this section.

(4)(a) An individual who has an adjusted gross income for the prior tax year that is not greater than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines shall be eligible for a grant under this section in an amount that covers all costs and fees described in subsection (3)(a) of this section.

(b) An individual who has an adjusted gross income for the prior tax year that is greater than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines shall be eligible for a grant under this section in the following amounts:

(A) $1,500 for an individual who has an adjusted gross income for the prior tax year that is not greater than $60,000.

(B) $1,000 for an individual who has an adjusted gross income for the prior tax year that is greater than $60,000 and not greater than $70,000.

(C) $750 for an individual who has an adjusted gross income for the prior tax year that is greater than $70,000 and not greater than $80,000.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (4) of this section, the department may provide a grant recipient additional financial assistance to cover the costs and fees for obtaining a lawful permanent resident status that are not covered by the grant moneys awarded under this section to the grant recipient.

(6) The department shall prescribe the form and manner in which an individual may apply for a grant under this section.

(7) The department may, in consultation with community-based organizations that have connections to or experience working with immigrants or immigrant populations, establish eligibility criteria that an individual must meet to qualify for a grant under this section.

(8) The department may adopt rules to carry out this section.

SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of $6,000,000, for the purpose of providing grants under section 1 of this 2024 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect on its passage.