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Happy Immigrant Heritage Month!

June is Immigrant Heritage Month! Baltimore is committed to being a [Welcoming City](#), and this month we recognize and celebrate the many ways our immigrant communities are making Baltimore a brighter, better place. Join us on Facebook and Instagram this Immigrant Heritage Month as we highlight some individuals who have gone the extra mile to keep our communities happy, healthy, and celebrated.

This month is also Pride Month, so we also celebrate our LGBTQ+ immigrant community members, who have made countless contributions to our history, whether in Baltimore or beyond.

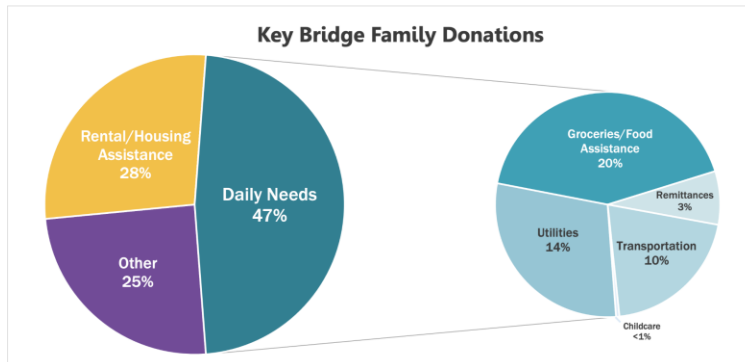
Know someone who deserves to be celebrated this month? Give them a shoutout on social media using the hashtag #BmoreWelcoming and tagging @mimabaltimore.



Key Bridge Emergency Response Fund Update

Shortly after the Key Bridge's collapse on March 26, the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA) organized the Key Bridge Emergency Response fund through the Baltimore Civic Fund. The primary objective of this fund is to alleviate the financial burden faced by the survivors and victims' families. The fund has received overwhelming support: as of Thursday, May 30, the fund had received 5,584 donors for a total of \$858,164.41. Thank you for your generosity and support to these families during this difficult time. The Mayor also announced at the end of May that the fund will be extended until August 31. Please visit the Baltimore City website to read the fullpress release.

As of April 18, funds have started reaching families to cover basic needs (rent, food, utilities, childcare, remittances, etc.). MIMA and the Civic Fund will continue to assist these families until funds are exhausted. Please see a breakdown of what these funds have been used for in the graph below.



Thank You!

The Key Bridge Emergency Response Fund has so far received donations from 5,584 donors, for a total of \$858,164.41. These donors have exemplified the meaning behind “Baltimore Strong” showing their commitment and care for their neighbors during this time of hardship and grief. Below we have listed the individuals and groups who donated more than \$1,000 before May 30th and who have consented in having their name shared with the public. Their generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

\$1,000 - \$9,999

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| ActBlue Charities | Hill-Snowdon Foundation |
| Maria Anderson | Index Analytic |
| Dwight Bartholomew | Peter Keisler |
| Boscov's Department Store | George Korpage |
| Cape Foundation of Maryland | Lega Calcio Serie A |
| Deight Chandler | Asuncion Martinez |
| Annie Demczak | Memorial Episcopal Church |
| Marc Dixon | Jennifer Molina |
| Domino Foods Inc | NOVA Catholic Community |
| Dutch Courage | Oriole Advocates Charitable Foundation, Inc. |
| James Chapman | Michelle Pratt |
| Louis Christopher | Magan Ruthke |
| Nancy Codori | Timothy Soncrant |
| Ebenezer Baptist Church | Southway Builders Charitable Trust, Inc |
| Cecil Flamer | Barbara Stiefel |
| Linda Foreman | Matthew Vieyra |
| Harkins Foundation Inc | Woo-suk Yang |



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\$10,000 - \$29,999

Clayton Baker Trust
James & Joyce Giles Foundation
Maryland Brand Management
New Birth Missionary Baptist Church
Puppie Love
Southwest Airlines

\$30,000 and more

Comcast
Constellation
Vivian Mora Duenas
George A. Roche

If you are interested in donating, please visit the Baltimore Civic Fund [website](#). MIMA and the Civic Fund are committed to providing monthly updates to stakeholders, donors, and the wider community on the use of the funds.

Updates from our Office

MIMA Bill 23-0438 Update

On May 1st, MIMA's codification bill, Bill 23-0438, went through Third Reading and was passed by the City Council. As of May 1, the bill has been sent to Mayor Scott. Once signed, the bill will officially establish the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA). Thank you to all our community partners who have attended hearings, spoke on our behalf, and continued to support us. This wouldn't have been possible without you. You can continue to [follow the progress of this bill on the Baltimore City Council legislation website](#).

Thank you for an outstanding Baltimore Immigration Summit!

Thank you to all those who were able to attend this year's Baltimore Immigration Summit. We hope that you were able to make connections, learn from our peers, and be inspired to continue to serve immigrants in the Baltimore region. If you'd like to mark your calendar for next year's Summit, it will be on May 30th, 2025, at Towson's University Commons. To see photos of the event, [please visit here](#).



NALI 2024 Applications are Now Open!

NALI 2024 applications are now open! Apply now to be one of the emerging immigrant leaders who join us at City Hall to learn about leadership and advocacy skills! More details about NALI can be found on our MIMA [website](#). Applications are due August 16th, 2024! Apply at bit.ly/ApplyNALI2024.

MIMA BALTIMORE CITY **MIMA**
Maryland Immigrant and Migrant Affairs New American Leadership Institute

For our emerging immigrant and refugee leaders...

New American Leadership Institute

Join our four-session academy to elevate your leadership and advocacy skills alongside a cohort of your peers!

Applications open now!
Applications close August 16, 2024
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COVID-19 Updates

An updated version of the COVID-19 vaccinations is available to anyone older than 6 months of age. The updated vaccine offers the best protection against the current, most contagious strain of the virus. Vaccinations are covered by health insurance and available for those without health insurance through special programs for children and adults. [Use this link to find a vaccination site near you.](#)

- If you do not have health insurance, you can receive a free vaccine at any local CVS or Walgreens Pharmacy using the Bridge Access Program.
- If you or a family member live in Baltimore City and are not able to leave your home for the vaccination, call (443)-984-8650 to schedule an in-home vaccination appointment
- The CDC provides information on the [most recent recommended vaccinations in over 65 languages on their website](#). For more information on how to get vaccinated in Baltimore City, please visit the [Baltimore City Health Department](#). If you need a vaccination at home [please schedule online](#) or call 443-984-8650.

City Services

Call to Get Help: About 211

[211 Maryland is the state's most comprehensive health and human services resource database](#). [Search for resources](#) in the 211 database, based on your need.

Baltimore City Community Action Partnership

Call a Baltimore City [Community Action Partnership](#) (BCCAP) Center. It's a one-stop resource for utilities, water, and rental help. There are CAP centers in the following ZIP codes: 21213, 21212, 21215, 21225, 21224. [Find a CAP center](#) and the appropriate transit routes to get there.

Obtain a FREE Fire Alarm!

Don't have fire alarms at home? Did you know that the Baltimore City Fire Department offers **FREE** smoke alarms and **FREE** installation to residents of Baltimore City? All you have to do is call 3-1-1 and be present at the time of installation. The Fire Department will come and install 10-year lithium battery smoke alarms on every floor of your home.

Port of Baltimore City Employee Assistance

The Baltimore City Community Action Partnership (BCCAP) is administering support for employees of the Port of Baltimore City. To be eligible, you must be a Baltimore City resident, be an employee of the Port of Baltimore, and be impacted by the collapse of the Key Bridge. If you need assistance filling out the form, visit one of the Community Action Partnership Centers for support!

The Baltimore New American Access Coalition-Advancing with Resources

The Baltimore New American Access Coalition (BNAAC) is a group of community organizations [CASA, Esperanza Center, Southeast CDC, and Global Refuge], led by MIMA. Throughout the program coalition members offered public benefit navigation to immigrant families in Baltimore. Eligible clients received help with applying for programs, including, health care coverage, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), childcare, Water4All, and more.

Since its inception, the BNAAC program has enrolled 731 clients, comprised of 2,570 residents from 23 different Baltimore City zip codes. Benefit Navigators aided in filling out 2,613 public benefit applications. The program is currently providing benefit navigation support in over 16 languages.

What's New This Month?

Apply Now for FAFSA! - Maryland Office of Children & Family Success

The US Department of Education is currently implementing significant changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The 2024-25 FAFSA form is now available for students to apply for financial aid to help pay for college attendance between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. This application is necessary for students and families to apply for federal student aid, including federal grants, work-study funds, and loans. The FAFSA form is free to complete and submit, and it provides students with access to the largest source of financial aid to help pay for their higher education. For updates on any changes to the 2024-2025 FAFSA form, please visit www.studentaid.gov.

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

MDHCD promotes and preserves homeownership through community development initiatives to meet the challenges of a growing Maryland. Through the Maryland Mortgage Program, the department has empowered thousands of Maryland families to realize the American dream of homeownership. [To find out more information about the program and financing solutions that help families, communities, and businesses.](#)

Join Baltimore City's Community Emergency Response Team!

The Baltimore City Office of Emergency Management is putting together a CERT Team and are seeking volunteers. CERT members play an important role in helping people in your neighborhood or workplace before, during and after an emergency. The Baltimore City Office of Emergency Management [has upcoming CERT classes in August and November.](#)

Baltimore City Recreation & Parks - Pools are back!

Park pools are back in operation! Baltimore City park pools are open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am - 3 pm and 4 pm - 8 pm. [Find a pool near you by checking on the Baltimore City Rec n' Parks website!](#)



Baltimore City Office of Emergency Management

CERT

Community Emergency Response Team

REGISTER FOR AN UPCOMING TRAINING!

CLASS WILL BE FROM 9 AM - 5 PM EACH DAY

JUNE 8-9, 2024	AUGUST 17-18, 2024	NOVEMBER 9-10, 2024
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SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER AND GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT CERT!



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CASE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM

In Partnership With Global Refuge, Asylee Women Enterprise, & Esperanza Center

CMPP is a case management program that can help you establish your needs and assist you in obtaining the services listed below.

Participation is selected via random selection and is free, voluntary and ensures removal from electronic monitoring (ISAP).

AVAILABLE SERVICES:

- Legal Information & Referrals
- Cultural Orientation
- Mental Health & Physical Referrals
- Trafficking Screening & Referrals
- Pre-Departure Planning and Reintegration Assistance
- Community Resources

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE:

If you are currently, or have recently been on electronic monitoring.

INQUIRE ABOUT SERVICES BY EMAIL OR CALLING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS, MONDAY-FRIDAY



430 S. Broadway,
Baltimore, MD 21231
(667) 600-2052
cmppinfo@cc-md.org



701 S Charles St,
Baltimore, MD 21230
(443) 365-0472
baltimorewc@globalrefuge.org



4500 Frankford Ave,
Baltimore, MD 21206
(443) 850-0827
info@asyleewomen.org

Case Management Pilot Program

The Esperanza Center, Global Refuge, and Asylee Women Enterprise have teamed up to offer CMPP, a case management program that will assist individuals who are or have recently been on electronic monitoring. They are offering assistance with legal information, cultural orientation, mental health & physical referrals, trafficking screening & referrals, pre-departure planning and reintegration assistance, and community resources.

Grant/Scholarship Opportunities

Baltimore Community Foundation - Key Bridge Grant

The Baltimore Community Foundation continues to offer a grant for those impacted by the collapse of the Key Bridge, namely: port workers and their families, first responders and their families, and surrounding communities. [Learn more about the grant and apply on their website.](#)

Baltimore Community Foundation - Stronger Schools Stronger Neighborhoods

The Baltimore Community Foundation recently adopted a new strategic plan to guide our work from 2023 – 2025. They are welcoming applications from organizations across Baltimore City and

Baltimore County that are strengthening schools and building neighborhoods where children and families can thrive. They are particularly interested in proposals focusing on Kindergarten Readiness and Judy Centers, Student Mental Health, and School Climate and Culture. [Apply on their website today!](#)

Events

Every Thursday: Fresh Food Boxes

Don't miss the opportunity to get fresh food boxes for free every Thursday from 12 pm to 4 pm! BCRP is inviting you and your friends to the Plantation Park Heights Urban Farm, located at 3811 Park Heights Ave. This event is open to everyone. Mark your calendars and be sure to check out the event calendar for [upcoming BCRP fresh food events!](#)

All Summer: Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks Summer Camps

The end of the school year is swiftly approaching. Camp Baltimore, B'More Summer Fun and a variety of Specialty Camps will be offering summer activities at sites all across Baltimore! For eight weeks children will enjoy fun-filled activities. [Explore all camp locations and register on BCRP's website!](#)

June 16: Rainbow Health & Equity Fest

Join organizers on June 16th from 12 - 4 pm in Fells Point Square for a fair focusing on health and equity for residents in Baltimore City!

June 21st: Immigrant and Refugee Hiring Event

MIMA, Global Refuge, MOED, and Tent Partnership for Refugees will be hosting the Welcome Works Refugee & Immigrant Hiring Event on Friday, June 21st. The event will be at Middle Branch Fitness and Wellness Center (201 Reedbird Ave Baltimore, MD 21225) from 10am - 2 pm. The registration tabling fees start at \$75. [If you would like to table please fill out this form Employer Registration.](#)

June 26: Healthcare Resources Session with Coaching Salud Holistica

Coaching Salud Holistica is hosting a healthcare resources call for people without health insurance in Maryland on June 26. The session will be held over Zoom in Spanish at 5:30 pm. [Please register online!](#)

National Happenings

USCIS Announces Open Application Period for the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program

Since 2009, the USCIS Citizenship and Integration Grant Program has awarded \$155 million through 644 grants to immigrant-serving organizations. These grant recipients have provided citizenship preparation services to more than 300,000 immigrants in 41 states and the District of Columbia. USCIS expects to award up to 40 organizations up to \$300,000 each for two years to expand the availability of high-quality citizenship and integration services. This grant opportunity will fund public or nonprofit organizations that offer both citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to lawful permanent residents. **Applications are due by June 21.**

Employment Opportunities

[Senior Director Education Programs-Young Men United](#), United Way of Central Maryland

[Family Services Manager](#), United Way of Central of Maryland

[Workplace Development Program Manager](#), Johns Hopkins Medicine

[Director of Workforce Development](#), Johns Hopkins Medicine In Johns Hopkins Health System

[Bilingual Program Supervisor Blueprint](#), Mayor's Office of Employment Development

[Various Openings](#), Johns Hopkins Medicine

[Case Manager Virtual Resettlement](#), United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

[Police Report Reviewer](#), Baltimore City Police Department

[Basketball Coach](#), Islamic Leadership Institute

[Teacher \(Eastern Region\)](#), State of Maryland

[Apprenticeship and Internship Specialist,Blueprint, Grant Service Specialist III](#),MOED

[Executive Assistant to the Executive Director\(NCS\)](#), Baltimore City Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System

[9-1-1 Operator](#), Fire Department

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