

weR1 Fund: Cash Assistance for Undocumented Rhode Islanders

What is the weR1 Fund?

The weR1 Rhode Island Relief Fund provides cash assistance to undocumented immigrants who have experienced financial hardship during the COVID-19 crisis.

The fund provides **\$400** on a pre-paid no fee debit card to individuals. The debit card can be used at stores and at banks to withdraw cash. Households can receive \$400 per eligible adult family member.

Who is eligible?

You are eligible for the weR1 fund if you:

- Live in Rhode Island
- Cannot receive either public benefits or the federal stimulus payment because of your immigration status
- Have experienced financial hardship during COVID-19

How can I apply and find more information?

You should call one of the organizations below or check their websites to start your application process. Some of these organizations may post an online application for you to fill out. However, others may only do applications over the phone. Members of the same family must file separate applications. Organizations have multi-language capacity.

- Center for Southeast Asians: 401-274-8811; cseari.org
- Clinica Esperanza: 401- 347-9093; aplacetobehealthy.org/home
- Community Action Partnership of Providence: 401-273-2000; cappri.org
- Comprehensive Community Action Program: 401- 467-9610; comcap.org
- Connecting for Children and Families: 401-766-3384; ccfcenter.org
- Dorcas International: 401-784-8601; diiri.org/wer1application/
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center: 401-846-4828; mlkccenter.org
- Esperanza- Hope: 401-536-2151; esperanzahopeus.org
- Higher Ground International: 401 270-3582; highergroundintl.org
- Hope and Change for Haiti: 401-942-4368 or 401-545-2653; hncforhaiti.org
- Providence Student Union: 401-423-4419; pvdstudentunion.org
- Guatemalan Center of New England: 401-484-0090; guatemalancenter.org
- Tri-county Community Action Agency: 401-351-2750; tricityyri.org
- West bay Community Action: 401-732-4660; westbaycap.org
- AMOR: 401-675-1414; amorri.org
- Fuerza Laboral: 401-725-2700; fuerza-laboral.org
- Progreso Latino: 401-728-5920; progresolatino.org

The organization you apply through will send your information to Dorcas International. Dorcas International will process your application and give your organization a \$400 debit card. Your organization will then let you know how you can pick up your debit card.

Is it safe to apply for the funds?

Yes. All information you provide will be kept confidential by the community organization and Dorcas International. No information will be shared with government agencies or ICE, and the information will be destroyed after 60 days. Receiving this assistance cannot affect a public charge determination in the future.