BEFORE YOU START

What to gather

1. Passports and birth certificates for your family
2. Tax returns for the past 5 years
3. Bank statements tracing the funds
4. Records of any sale, loan or gift used
5. Project offering documents
6. Marriage certificate
7. Any prior U.S. visas and status

Beware of “notarios.” In the U.S., a notary public is not a lawyer and cannot give immigration advice. Only a licensed attorney or an accredited representative can.

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A green card for you, your spouse and your unmarried children under 21, through an investment that creates U.S. jobs.

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The basics

How much

$800,000 in a targeted employment area (rural or high-unemployment) or $1,050,000 elsewhere. These amounts are scheduled to increase on January 1, 2027.

Jobs

Your investment must create at least 10 full-time jobs for U.S. workers.

Two paths

Invest directly in your own business, or through a USCIS-approved regional center project. The Regional Center Program is authorized through September 30, 2027.

The process

1. Investor petition

File Form I-526E (regional center) or I-526 (direct) showing the investment and the lawful source of your funds.

2. Conditional green card

Through a consular visa abroad, or adjustment of status if you are in the U.S. and eligible. The green card lasts 2 years.

3. Remove conditions

File Form I-829 to show the investment was sustained and the jobs were created, and receive a 10-year green card.

Protect your investment

Source of funds

Every dollar must be traced to a lawful source: salary, business profits, a sale, a loan or a gift. This is where most cases are won or lost.

At risk

The money must be at risk. Guaranteed returns are not allowed.

Independent counsel

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