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Fiscal 2024 Recommended Budget

Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA)

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Fiscal 2024 Agency Overview

Agency Mission

- MIMA's mission is to promote community well-being, economic development, and the integration of immigrant communities in Baltimore City.

- **Pillar:** Responsible Stewardship of City Resources
- **Service Number:** 125 (Activity 36)
- **FY24 Rec. Budget:** \$1,036,335
- **Service Description:** MIMA's responsibilities include: advising on matters related to foreign born communities; technical assistance for agencies; source of information for Limited English Proficient (LEP) residents, manage the City's language access program; communications and outreach of ethnic civic groups; and respond to needs of immigrants.

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Major Budget Items:

Community Wellbeing

- Safe City Baltimore and Immigration Legal Services
 - CAIR Coalition supported approximately **25 immigrant families** access deportation and removal defense
 - The International Rescue Committee Baltimore screened and connected **117 individuals from Afghanistan** (66 households) to private attorneys for filing and representation on asylum applications.
 - Esperanza Center provided legal screenings for approximately **50 immigrant youth** at Benjamin Franklin
- Baltimore New American Access Coalition
 - Awarded ARPA funds to support **900 households** access public benefits through 2024
 - To date, the program has enrolled over **150 residents**

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Major Budget Items:

Economic Growth

- Employment and ESL Vocational training for refugees in Baltimore
 - Grant award of **\$605,000** to provide workforce services through the International Rescue Committee
 - Enroll **250 people** of whom 50%, or 125, will be from Afghanistan
 - To date, the program has enrolled **114 people** in need of employment services

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Major Budget Items:

Immigrant Integration and Government Accessibility

- Language Access Program
 - Assisted 12 agencies
 - Trained 406 frontline employees and translated 84 documents in 10 languages
 - Awarded ARPA funding to support language access efforts
- Civic and Community Engagement
 - Hosted the New American Leadership Institute and the Baltimore Immigration Summit which had over 200 participants
 - Hosted 23 biweekly community stakeholder meetings, met with 25 partner organizations to reintroduce MIMA following COVID restrictions and participated in 58 in-person outreach events.
 - We launched our first Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Advisory Committee, recruited for the Baltimore City Hispanic Commission, began convening our Community Advisory Board, and started our Language Access Oversight Committee
 - Reached approximately 60,000 users via social media and approximately 8,000 community members and organizations receive our monthly newsletter which provides crucial information in 5 languages.
- Technical Assistance
 - Assisted 15 city agencies to ensure programs and services were accessible for LEP residents

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Fiscal 2024 Goals

- Support immigrant families access social and health resources through BNAAC
 - Enroll 900 residents
- Increase Language Access resources and services
 - Onboard 8 new agencies
 - BCHD, City Council Offices, Law Department, MONSE, BCIT, Comptroller's Office, Mayoral Offices, Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office
 - Translate 400 vital documents
- Continue to assist city agencies to ensure services are inclusive of immigrant communities

