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EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program: Investment-Based Green Card

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A U.S. green card for investors who fund a new U.S. commercial enterprise creating at least ten full-time jobs, with no employer, job offer or degree required.

$ 800,000
Minimum in a TEA or infrastructure project

$ 1,050,000
Standard minimum investment

10
Full-time U.S. jobs created per investor

2 years
Conditional green card before Form I-829

Why the EB-5

The EB-5 program grants U.S. green cards to investors who place qualifying capital into a new U.S. commercial enterprise that creates at least ten full-time jobs for U.S. workers. You can invest directly in a business you manage or passively through a USCIS-designated regional center project. No employer, job offer or degree is required, and your spouse and unmarried children under 21 are included.

Key benefits

No sponsor needed
No employer sponsor, job offer, degree or language requirement.

Family included
Spouse and unmarried children under 21 included.

Live anywhere
Regional center investors can live, work and study anywhere in the U.S.

Passive option
Passive investment option, with indirect and induced jobs counted.

At a glance

Visa type
Conditional green card, then permanent

Investment
$800,000 TEA or $1,050,000 standard

Employer sponsor
No

Job creation
10 full-time U.S. jobs per investor

Program overview

- Reserved (set-aside) visas for rural, high-unemployment and infrastructure projects
- Investors already in the U.S. may file for adjustment of status concurrently with the I-526E
- Path to permanent residence and citizenship after conditions are removed

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Investment categories

Minimum amounts in effect through 31 December 2026, invested directly or through a regional center.

Option 1
Targeted employment area

$ 800,000

Reduced minimum for a project in a targeted employment area (TEA).

Option 2
Infrastructure project

$ 800,000

The same reduced minimum applies to a qualifying infrastructure project.

Option 3
Standard investment

$ 1,050,000

The minimum for any other qualifying new U.S. commercial enterprise.

Option 4
Regional center

Passive

Invest through a USCIS-designated regional center project and file Form I-526E; indirect and induced jobs count.

Option 5
Direct investment

You manage

Invest directly in a new business you manage and file Form I-526.

Eligibility requirements

- Create at least 10 full-time jobs for qualifying U.S. workers
- Document the lawful source and full transfer path of all invested funds
- Keep the capital at risk for the required period
- File Form I-829 to remove conditions on residence

Project administration fees and professional costs apply in addition to government fees.

Good to know

- Minimums are scheduled to adjust for inflation on 1 January 2027; USCIS has not yet published the new figures.
- Analysts project new minimums of about **$900,000** and **$1.2 million**.
- The regional center program is currently authorized through 30 September 2027, so filing timing matters.
- USCIS fees: **$11,160** for I-526 or I-526E, **$9,525** for I-829, **$1,440** per I-485 applicant aged 14+; no premium processing.

Your application journey

Strategy

01 Strategy session with Phoenix: goals, budget, timing, NIW and E-2

02 Project due diligence on regional center or direct options

Investment

03 Assemble source-of-funds and path-of-funds documentation

04 Invest and file Form I-526E (regional center) or I-526 (direct)

Green card

05 Two-year conditional green card via I-485 or consular processing

06 **File I-829 showing investment and jobs sustained; get permanent card**

Talk to a Phoenix advisor

We assess your eligibility, compare the routes open to you and manage your application from first consultation to approval.

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