



## What is EB-5?

EB-5 stands for Employment-Based 5th Preference, which is a United States visa category. Congress created the EB-5 Program in 1990 to encourage job-creating foreign investment in the United States. Immigrant investors are given the opportunity to invest in U.S. economic development projects that create American jobs in exchange for conditional U.S. residency.

In 1992, Congress expanded the EB-5 Program to include the Regional Center Program. Regional Centers are approved by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to pool capital from multiple EB-5 investors to fund projects in an approved geographic area.

## How Much Do Investors Need to Invest?

\$1,050,000; or \$800,000 if the project is in a targeted employment area (TEA), which is defined as a rural area, an area experiencing high unemployment, or an infrastructure project.

## How Many Visas Are Available to EB-5 Each Year?

10,000

## What Happens After the Investment?

Investors go through two petition processes. The first petition is to allow USCIS to determine that project in which they are investing will create the requisite jobs and economic impact. In addition, USCIS will vet the investor, his/her family and source and path of funds. If things check out, the investor will be issued a conditional green card and may move to the U.S. with his/her family. Once the investor's 2-year conditional residency is up, they go through a second petition process to prove to USCIS that their capital was funded to the project and used to create 10 U.S. jobs. Once confirmed, the immigrant investor is approved for permanent U.S. residency, after which they can continue the path for citizenship like any other green card holder.

## What Are the Benefits to the United States and its Citizens?

EB-5 projects bring capital, jobs and economic development to areas of the U.S. that need it most and that might not be served by traditional capital sources. Time and again EB-5 projects have served as a catalyst, revitalizing entire communities across the country.

Since its inception, **the EB-5 Program has created over 1.35 million American jobs from over \$50 billion in investments.**

## What Kind of Projects Have Used EB-5 Funds?

EB-5 projects span all sectors in communities across America. Examples of EB-5 projects include hospitals, multifamily housing, commercial and mixed-use projects, alternative energy plants, hospitality, schools, infrastructure, manufacturing plants, logistics facilities, and redevelopment of closed military sites.