

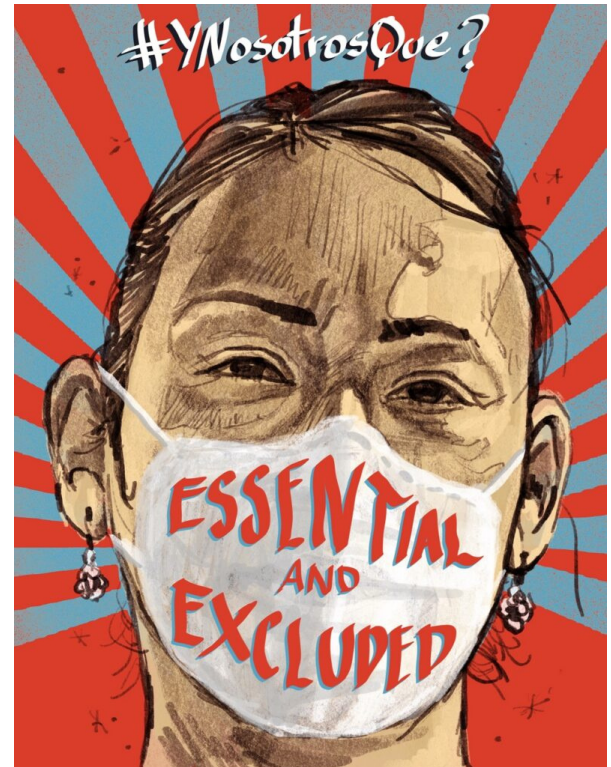
# Excluded Workers Fund FAQ

## Total Allocation: \$2.1 Billion

Period of Time Benefit is Designed to Cover: March 27, 2020 - April 1, 2021

Eligibility - In order to apply, applicant must:

- Be a current resident of New York;
- Have resided in New York prior to March 27, 2020;
- Have lost wages or income after February 2020 because of:
  - COVID-related unemployment, partial unemployment, or ability to work;
  - COVID-related death or disability of a breadwinner or major household source of income;
- Not be eligible for Unemployment Insurance or federal COVID-related income relief; and
- Not have earned more than \$26,208 in the 12 months before the law's effective date.



## Tier System

Workers will be eligible for one of two tiers of benefits:

### Tier One: \$15,600 total benefit

- Have filed a tax return for tax years 2018, 2019, or 2020 using a valid ITIN number; OR
- Provide a letter from an employer showing dates of work and why they're no longer employed; OR
- Provide at least six weeks of pay stubs/wage statements from the six months prior to when the worker became eligible for benefits; OR
- Provide a W-2 or 1099 form for tax years 2019 or 2020 showing wages or income; OR
- Provide a Wage Theft Prevention Act (WTPA) Wage Notice given by employer at time of hiring showing a worker was employed in the six months before becoming eligible for benefits.

### Tier Two: \$3,200 total benefit

*If applicants are not eligible for Tier One funding, they can qualify for Tier Two*

- To be eligible, workers must prove residency, identity, and provide alternative proof of work-related eligibility - the Commissioner of Labor is charged with developing a system and clarifying types of proof to be required.

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## Proof of Residence

**Applicants can prove residency with the following:**

- Non-expired NYS drivers license, non-driver ID or IDNYC, OR
- Any of the following with date limitations to show residency is "ongoing" or "current"
  - Copy of a utility bill
  - Bank or credit card statement
  - A current lease, mortgage payment, or property tax statement
  - Letter addressed to applicant from the New York City Housing Authority
  - Letter to applicant from a homeless shelter indicating applicant currently resides at the shelter
  - Letter to the applicant from a non-profit that provides services to the homeless
- Any other document the NYS Commissioner of Labor deems acceptable

## Proof of Identity

**Applicants use a point system - to be eligible, you need four points:**

- **4 points:**
  - Non-expired New York state driver's license or non-driver identification card
  - A non-expired United States passport
  - An IDNYC identification card
- **3 points:**
  - Non-expired passport issued by a country other than the United States
- **2 points:**
  - NYS office of mental health photo ID card
- **1 point:**
  - Marriage certificate or divorce decree
  - New York state inpatient photo identification card
  - Non-expired parks dept and recreation membership card
  - Foreign birth certificate
  - Consular ID card (or any other photo ID issued by another country to its citizens)
  - Diploma or transcript from a high school, college or university in the US
  - Any other document the DOL decides to accept (must be assigned less than 4 points)

## What We Won

**Workers successfully beat back the worst of Gov. Cuomo's poison pills**

- No limitations barring workers without an ITIN from accessing full Tier One benefits
- The fund permits a variety of documents to prove work history.
- DOL commissioner can adjust what evidence workers can use to prove eligibility - through regulations - as long as AG also approves to protect from fraud

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## Total Number of Workers Who Will Benefit and Economic Boost by Region

Region	Tier 1 (\$15,600/worker)	Tier 2 (\$3,200/worker)	Total Workers Who Will Benefit	Economic Boost**
New York City	67,000	146,000	213,000	\$1.5 billion
Long Island	11,000	24,000	35,000	\$251 million
Nassau	6,000	12,000	18,000	\$128 million
Suffolk	5,000	12,000	17,000	\$123 million
Lower Hudson Valley	6,000	14,000	20,000	\$143 million
Mid Hudson Valley	3,000	6,000	9,000	\$65 million
Capital Region	1,000	3,000	4,000	\$29 million
Northern and Western NY	3,000	6,000	9,000	\$60 million
Central NY	400	1,000	1,000	\$10 million
Finger Lakes	1,000	2,000	2,000	\$16 million
Mohawk Valley	200	400	1,000	\$4 million
North Country	200	400	1,000	\$4 million
Southern Tier	400	1,000	1,000	\$9 million
Western NY	1,000	2,000	2,000	\$17 million
New York State	92,000	199,000	290,000	\$2.1 billion

Estimates from Fiscal Policy Institute based on preliminary analysis of budget language

\*\*Calculated as direct spending from excluded worker benefits. Likely economic impact will be larger due to multiplier effects.

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