Benefit Recovery Fund (BRF)
WHAT TO KNOW

About

The Benefit Recovery Fund is a statewide program in Colorado for undocumented workers who receive a W-2 and have taxes withheld from their paychecks, but lack work authorization. The Fund provides unemployment insurance benefits to these workers when they lose their job through no fault of their own.

The State of Colorado selected AidKit as the administrator of the fund to ensure the privacy and confidentiality of applicants to the fund. The government will not be involved in processing your application or deciding who gets benefits. Your former employer will not know you have applied to the Benefit Recovery Fund. AidKit uses data that employers provide to the State on all employees, but only AidKit reviews that data. **No information will be shared with any government immigration agencies.**

Who is Eligible?

- Must be 16 or older, W-2 or pay stub worker without work authorization
- Have earned income as a W-2 worker in a qualified or alternative base period (typically within in the last 15-18 months)
- Not currently receiving or eligible for traditional Unemployment Insurance Benefits
- Separated from employment through no fault of own
- Have valid government-issued proof of identity and Colorado home address

Ways to Apply

- Online Platform: www.brf.aidkit.org/apply
- Phone Assistance: **(720) 902-7643** Mon-Fri 8am-8pm MT / Weekends 10am-5pm MT
- Community Navigators: Visit www.brf.aidkit.org/apply for a list of trusted organizations

Receiving Funds

If approved, applicants can receive the benefit through:
- Direct Deposit
- Mailed Debit Card

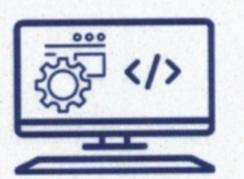## The Application Journey

Start Application	Application Submission	Verification Checks	Application Review	Notification of Eligibility Status
Gather Documents: Identity proof, residency, employer separation form (22-234) and other essentials.	Complete the application form and upload documents. Typically takes 30 minutes or more.	AidKit will confirm your identity. It's important to make sure this funding is going to real people who need it.	AidKit will review all submitted documents and reach out if additional documentation is needed.	A response will be sent to the applicant within 2 weeks unless additional information is needed.

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