

The EB-5 immigrant investor visa program is an excellent opportunity for foreign nationals to become lawful permanent residents of the United States. The Regional Center Pilot Program makes the EB-5 process even easier by providing a conduit between investors, USCIS, developers, and financiers, but it is essential for investors to know that their funds are secure throughout the I-526 approval process.

As the leading provider of EB-5 escrow and fund administration solutions, NES Financial has prepared some helpful guidelines to ensure your funds are safe during the application process.

- **Funds held with an Independent Escrow Agent.** Not only is it important to have an independent escrow agent controlling the funds, it is imperative that the escrow agent also understands the EB-5 application process. Working with an experienced EB-5 administration provider will add security to the escrow.
- **Understand the process and timing.** Make sure you familiarize yourself with the requirements of the I-526 process. Ask how long the approval process takes, what documentation is necessary, where your funds will be held, and look for complete visibility of both the document trail and your investment funds for the duration of the process.
- **Funds held in highly secure segregated accounts.** Make sure your funds are held in a leading bank and are insured by the FDIC, a United States Government Corporation. Your funds should always be discernable from other investors, projects, and Regional Centers.
- **Visibility of funds.** The escrow administrator should provide you with 24/7, secure, password-protected access to account information, including all related documents and your funds, so you know where everything is being held at all times.

As the leading provider of EB-5 escrow and fund administration solutions for investors, Fortune 500 companies, financial institutions, and law firms, NES Financial combines state-of-the-art technology and the highest level of expertise in the industry to deliver flexible and scalable solutions that safely process more than \$85 billion dollars annually.

The EB-5 program offers many advantages for immigrant investors. Taking a few simple steps toward the secure and transparent handling of your funds goes a long way in ensuring a smooth I-526 application process.