



Diocese of Toronto

Anglican Church of Canada

2016 GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION DIOCESAN ASSISTANCE FOR REFUGEE SUPPORT

GUIDELINES

The Diocese of Toronto has made a commitment to support refugee work, with \$500,000 from the Ministry Allocation Fund earmarked by Diocesan Council for this work. These guidelines and the attached application form set out the process for allocating funds to assist parishes that wish to initiate and implement a refugee sponsorship.

When the decision to provide this assistance was taken, Archbishop Johnson said he hoped the funds would be used to assist refugees not only from the Middle East, but from other parts of the globe, such as Africa and Asia. While the focus may be primarily on Syrian refugees, there are refugees throughout the world who are eligible to come to Canada if local groups are prepared and able to sponsor them.

Financial assistance will be provided to individual parishes in the form of matching grants to assist parishes with the total cost of a refugee sponsorship. In implementing this program the Diocese will work cooperatively with the Anglican United Refugee Alliance (AURA), which receives financial assistance from the Diocese through FaithWorks and is the official refugee sponsorship agreement holder for the Diocese. AURA is able to set up refugee sponsorships, train sponsors and provide support throughout the sponsorship process.

To receive assistance through the matching grant program a parish must receive confirmation from AURA that, apart from the capacity to fully fund the sponsorship without Diocesan assistance, they meet all of the other basic requirements set by AURA, including the existence of an adequate steering committee and volunteers, police checks for everyone who will interact with the refugees, participation in AURA's training programs, and support of clergy and lay signing authorities for the parish.

As indicated in the attached application form, the degree to which parishes may qualify for a matching grant will vary in relation to the annual revenues of the parish. This approach is intended to direct Diocesan assistance to parishes that do not have the capacity to undertake assistance on their own, or to permit parishes to undertake a more ambitious sponsorship, for example in terms of family size, than they would be able to undertake on their own.

MAXIMUM GRANT

The maximum grant for which a parish may apply will vary in relation to the size of the parish. The ability of a parish to undertake a refugee sponsorship without Diocesan assistance is assumed to be reflected in the average amount of total income reported in the Churchwardens' Parochial Return for the most recent three years.

- Parishes with total annual income of less than \$250,000 may apply for a maximum grant of up to 50% of the total cost of the sponsorship.
- Parishes with total annual income of between \$250,000 and \$500,000 may apply for a maximum grant of up to 35% of the total cost of the sponsorship.
- While parishes with total annual income greater than \$500,000 may apply for a grant of up to 15% of the total cost of the sponsorship, the amount of the assistance requested from the Diocese is expected to be focused on undertaking a more ambitious sponsorship than could otherwise be undertaken by the parish, particularly in terms of the number of family members being sponsored.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

An initial round of applications will be due on March 15, 2016. It is also anticipated that there will be a second round of applications, which would be due on May 15, 2016.

Please submit completed applications by email to rweston@toronto.anglican.ca or by mail to the attention of Ryan Weston, Diocese of Toronto, 135 Adelaide St. E., Toronto, Ontario M5C 1L8. Please note the application deadlines of March 15 (round 1) or May 15 (round 2).

**APPLICATION
DIOCESAN ASSISTANCE FOR REFUGEE SUPPORT**

Name of Parish: _____

Mailing Address (City, Province, Postal Code):

E-mail Address: _____

Episcopal Area: _____

Name of Incumbent: _____

Signature: _____

Churchwardens:

Names: _____

Signatures: _____

Names: _____

Signatures: _____

Name of Contact for this application: _____

Daytime telephone number(s): _____

Email address: _____

Is this the first refugee sponsorship your parish has undertaken? Yes ___ No ___

Names of members of the core sponsorship group that will take primary responsibility for implementing this sponsorship.

Do you agree that in considering this application the Diocese may have access to the related material you have filed with AURA? _____

Please provide basic information concerning the nature of the application, (country of origin of refugees, size of family group, steps in the process already completed, etc.)

What is the estimated total cost of the sponsorship your parish wishes to pursue?

\$ _____

Please attach a breakdown of the expenditure estimate, if it is not already available from AURA.

Of the total estimated cost, how much have you raised to the present time?

\$ _____

In addition to the funds raised by your parish and the funds requested from the Diocese in this application, have you requested support for your sponsorship costs from any other source? *(If yes, provide detail.)*

Please summarize briefly the initiatives your parish has taken to raise the funds required to proceed with the sponsorship:

What is the amount of the grant that you are requesting?

\$ _____

If your parish has total annual income greater than \$500,000, please provide a breakdown of your estimate of incremental costs related specifically to pursuing a more ambitious sponsorship application, indicating the costs associated with sponsoring a larger family or any other incremental costs associated with the pursuit of an expanded sponsorship.

In the absence of support through a matching fund under this program, how likely is it that you will be able to raise the additional funds required and how is that likely to affect the timing of your parish filing its sponsorship application?
