

Refugee Partnership Grant

Presbytery of Great Rivers Visioning Team

January 2025

Grant Description

The Visioning Team leads and equips the Presbytery to live into its mission of following Christ, and is eager to fund partnerships between congregations and refugee resettlement agencies in their local communities. The Refugee Partnership Grant provides up to \$5,000 toward living expenses for refugees who have recently arrived in the United States. Funds are intended to be directly disbursed to churches or agencies to then pay refugee expenses. Any congregation who has partnered with a refugee resettlement agency or refugee family is encouraged to apply. Multiple grants per congregation will be considered with separate applications, and will be evaluated for equitable distribution of limited funds throughout the Presbytery. Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2025, and considered until funds are depleted.

A complete application will include the following items:

- Completed Application Form
- Official Endorsement Letter from Session

Any applications received without all of the items above will be returned for completion.

Instructions for Submitting Proposal Materials

All proposal materials should be submitted in a single email to PGRVisioning@greatriverspby.org with "Grant Application" in the subject line, or sent by mail to:

Presbytery of Great Rivers
Attn: Visioning Team
3601 N Sheridan Rd.
Peoria, IL 61604

Grants will be reviewed as they are received. Please contact Co-Chair Chip Roland at 309-253-6459 if you do not receive an acknowledgement of your application within two weeks of its submission. You may also contact Chip via phone or PGRVisioning@greatriverspby.org with any questions. Incomplete applications will be returned for completion.

Program Reporting Requirements

We want to know how things went! We request that a budget report and blurb sharing news of your partnership be submitted to the Visioning Team by email to PGRVisioning@greatriverspby.org with "Grant Report" in the subject heading or by mail at the address listed above. Program reports should be submitted within a year of receiving funds.

Presbytery of Great Rivers Refugee Partnership Grant Application Form

General Information

Name of Congregation:

Name & City of Resettlement Agency:

Amount of Grant Funding requested:

Church Member Responsible for Reporting on Partnership

Contact Name and Title:

Address:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Grant Payment Should be Mailed To (Church or Agency Treasurer)

Contact Name and Title:

Address:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Partnership Information

Name of Refugee Family or Program:

Approximate Date of Arrival:

Country of Origin:

Number of Family Members:

Funds are intended for basic living expenses for new refugees (rent/housing, utilities, transportation, groceries, household items, healthcare, school supplies, clothing, etc). How does your congregation plan to use these funds?

What other donations, funds, or volunteer time does your congregation commit to this partnership?