

Eviction and Homelessness Prevention Program for Refugees

A Collaboration of Presbytery of Cayuga/Syracuse

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The Problems to be Solved

Factors Affecting all Refugees

- The cost of housing
- The cost of utilities
- The danger of eviction
- The job losses of the pandemic
- Single women
- Mothers without spouses

The Afghan Crisis in Specific

- Suddenness of resettlement
- The large numbers to be resettled
- Unmet Needs

3 Grants provided:

\$35,000	(June 2021)	Homelessness & Eviction Prevention
\$10,000	(November 2021)	Rental Assistance and Unmet Needs for Single Women
\$7,150	(March 2022)	Rental Assistance and Unmet Needs for Single Women

Metrics – Homelessness Prevention

- # of people served- **104**
- # of families served- **23 families**
- Average amount of support per family **\$300-\$2,000**



Metrics – Single Women

- # of single women served- 13
- # of women with families served- 12
- Average amount of support per family
\$500-\$1500



Rental Assistance vs. Utility Assistance

(both Programs)

Rental

- \$19, 629.00
- 16 families
- \$500 – \$2,000

Utilities

- \$5,791.
- 7 families
- \$300 – \$1,500

Case Story Title for Homelessness Prevention: Emergency Utility Assistance

- Syrian family resettled by IFW 12/21
- Spouse with 4 children
- Husband lost his job and was in process looking for another job
- The job loss result to cumulative of utility bill
- National Grid shut off the electricity and gas service on 7/27/22
- Family reached out to IFW seeking help
- IFW Staff visited the family on 7/27/22
- Children were panicked, wife was crying
- The limited restrictions in the Presbytery funds helped the family to restore their electricity and gas services within 24 hours
- Husband employed now at Roth Global Plastic since 8/22



Case Story Title for Support for Single Women

- Congolese single women with 1 young adult and one child
- Lost her job due to medical complications
- Was not able to maintain her housing and pay monthly rent
- Received eviction notice
- Client reached to our staff for assistance
- IFW Housing team placed her in temporary housing while looking for an affordable house
- Housing team placed her in affordable house after staying one week in temporary housing
- Security deposit paid by the Presbytery funds (grateful for the instructions)
- IFW Case Worker linked the women with government assistance to help with her monthly rent
- IFW Employment team found full time job for the young adult son



Budget Expenditures

\$35,000 Homelessness Prevention

- 10 families of 4-7 people
- Avg. range of support was \$500 – 2,000
- Total expended \$10,213
- Funds remaining: \$24,787
- Populations: Afghans, Congolese, Syrians, Central Africa
- Zip Codes: 13208, 13203, 13206 13210, 13224

\$17,150 Support for Single Women

- 13 single women
- 12 families of 4-6 people
- 1 woman alone
- Avg. range of support was \$500 – 2,000
- Total expended \$15,206
- Funds Remaining \$1,944
- Populations: Afghans, Congolese, Syrians, Central Africa

Unexpected Benefits or Challenges

- American Recovery Act Program Funding – restricted funding to be spent by 4-23
- When Eviction Ban was lifted, the County invested more money for landlords
- Utilities became a much bigger problem, as no government program covered this. The Presbytery gift has assisted us greatly in this area.
- IFW became well-known as an important ally to poor people in assisting with this critical issues. This is great and also a concern! When the funding is depleted, we will need help again from private and public sources.

Thank You
Questions?