



Community Co-Sponsor "Green Light" Form

Co-Sponsor Group Name (Print or type above)

Date

Please check each of the following:

- Our co-sponsor group is constituted as a distinct legal entity (required unless another entity is serving as a fiduciary)
- We have scheduled meetings or identified key connection to secure meetings with local community leaders: at least one elected official, a representative from the police department, and a public school administrator.
- Our Core Team of at least 10 people is organized with clearly defined roles and responsibilities. Together, we are ready to devote 40 hrs/week to resettlement tasks for the first month.
- We have identified interpreters who are willing and available to assist with all important meetings in at least 2 of the following language(s) (Please check any and all that apply): Arabic Farsi/Dari Pashto Swahili
- We have vetted volunteers who will be working directly with refugees. We are prepared, upon approval of this form, to begin the process of having our volunteers and interpreters undergo IRIS-required background checks through Sterling Volunteers (SV). We understand that the Volunteer Programs Specialist at IRIS must approve each background check in order for volunteers/interpreters to engage with our prospective refugee family. In addition, those who will be alone with children must also have done some form of youth protection training (e.g., "safe church" training). For all volunteers who will be driving refugee family members, we have retained copies of their driver licenses and certificates of insurance coverage.
- We have had all core team members and interpreters sign a confidentiality agreement. Copies are attached.
- We have had all the Core team members and interpreters sign the IRIS confidentiality agreement.
- Our Health point people have familiarized themselves with the IRIS resources on Refugee Health Assessments (RHAs) and Mental Health and have identified an RHA provider in our area who accepts HUSKY.
- We have identified primary care providers and mental health providers in our area who are taking new patients, accept HUSKY, and provide interpreters.
- We have a mental-health emergency plan in place.
- We are confident that we can secure affordable housing on 10-15 days' notice (2, 3, or 4BRs).
- An individual or institution affiliated with our group is willing to co-sign the lease.
- All required furniture and household items are collected or at least identified.
- The apartment set-up team is ready to prepare the apartment
- We have raised \$4,000-\$10,000 for up to 6 months of rental assistance.

For groups that have already co-sponsored at least one family:

- The refugees we have co-sponsored are self-sufficient with regard to finances and transportation
- Our group is not providing any continuing services to the family.

Contact Person(s) Name(s) and Signature(s) [can be typed electronically] _____

Name & Address of Governing Organization (e.g., Faith-Based Organization, Group with Non-Profit 501c3 Designation): _____

Phone/Email of Principal Contact Person: _____

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Green Light Approved By (Name & Signature)

Date