



## **REFUGEE/IMMIGRANT FAITH -BASED ADVOCATES GRANT OPPORTUNITY May 2, 2022 DEADLINE**

For the second year, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) has designated \$100,000 to provide grants to support the capacity of refugees and immigrants engaged in US immigration policy advocacy.

The purpose of these grants is to provide financial support to groups of refugee or immigrant leaders who are already engaged in public policy advocacy. Funds can be used to support the capacity of a local/grassroots refugee or immigrant group so that it can connect local and personal experiences with the national dialogue and advocacy campaigns. While specific campaigns and actions will vary it is important that it connects to national policy issues, such as:

- Immigration Detention
- Asylum Reforms, including US/Mexico border policies
- Refugee Resettlement
- Integration & Citizenship, such as pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients
- Temporary Protected Status and other forms of humanitarian relief from deportation

PDA works in partnership with the Office of Immigration Issues and the Office of Public Witness, two other national offices of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA), to advocate for more just and humane refugee and immigration policy. PCUSA is part of the Interfaith Immigration Coalition which includes other national faith communities as well as refugee and immigrant-led organizations. PCUSA is interested in strengthening existing relationships and developing new ones that will center our advocacy on the experiences and voices of refugees and immigrant members of our faith community (actual “members” and those who are connected to PCUSA congregations). Investing in refugee and immigrant is part of a larger commitment of our denomination to de-center whiteness, confront xenophobia in our society, and work for the dismantling of racism within U.S. policies and the U.S. immigration system.

**Please download the application form here: [PDA grant application](#) or request by email: [pda@pcusa.org](mailto:pda@pcusa.org)**

In selecting grant recipients, PDA will strive for diversity in nationality and language groups, geographic reach within the U.S. and immigration policy focus. While not necessary to be a member of the PCUSA, priority will be given to supporting leaders with ties to the PCUSA. Maximum grant amount is not to exceed \$50,000. **Application deadline is May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Funds will be distributed in June.**

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### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Who do you consider a refugee or immigrant advocate?**

For the purposes of this grant, a Refugee/Immigrant Advocate is defined as someone who has come to the U.S. as a refugee, asylum seeker or for other humanitarian reasons and whose lived experience is directly relevant to the immigration policies being proposed. This includes former refugees, asylees or other status as well as those currently in immigration proceedings.

#### **What kind of organization may apply?**

PDA will consider grant requests from all types of local groups, coalitions and non-profits that have refugee and immigrant leadership. The actual grant payment, however, must be made to a registered non-profit organization, 501(c)(3) organization. Grant requests can be made through an umbrella organization who agrees to serve as the fiscal agent. However, the leadership and direction must be set by a group of refugees or immigrants. A letter from the fiscal agent should be included with the application.

#### **What do you mean by Presbyterian connection?**

PDA will give priority to organizations and groups who are in some type of relationship with the Presbyterian Church (USA). If you are not an official "PCUSA" group or entity, it is helpful to request emails or letters of support from Presbyterians. Examples of PCUSA connection:

- An outreach ministry of a local congregation, worshipping community or validated ministry
- A coalition or group with Presbyterian leadership/active membership
- A coalition or local non-profit where Presbyterians volunteer, provide financial or in-kind support, or other type of on-going participation.
- A coalition that is an advocacy partner with a PCUSA office

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Interested applicants are encouraged to send any additional questions to Susan Krehbiel, Associate for Refugees & Asylum, at [susan.krehbiel@pcusa.org](mailto:susan.krehbiel@pcusa.org)