

Archdiocese of Seattle – Immigrant and Refugee Ministry

IMMIGRANT MINISTRY GRANT DESCRIPTION

Through the support of generous donors, the Immigrant and Refugee Ministry has funds available to support parishes that desire to create or expand ministries to immigrants. Funds awarded to parishes can be used to cover expenses directly related to parish ministries responding to the call to welcome the stranger. Funds may be used for any related expenses including staffing, materials, supplies, and direct support of immigrants. Please note that grants awarded to parish Welcome Circles are restricted to direct support of sponsored families and cannot be used for staffing or other program expenses.

ELIGIBILITY

Funding is available to parishes in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Eligible activities include, for example, Welcome Circles for Refugees, support for legal fees, hotel vouchers, welcome kits, and similar activities. Welcome Circles that received a mini grant in 2023 are not eligible.

FUNDING

1. Grants will be available and awarded on an ongoing basis while funding remains.
2. Awards are typically \$2000 or less.
3. Grants are made on a one-time basis and do not imply subsequent funding.
4. No proposal for ministries serving immigrants outside of western Washington will be considered.
5. Organizations' activities must be consistent with Catholic moral and social teaching and with 501(c)3 rules regarding partisan political activity.

INFORMATION FOR WELCOME CIRCLES

Parishes interested in forming welcome circles are required by the USCCB to complete a certification process. Please contact Amy Nash, Welcome Circle Coordinator at Amy.Nash@seattlearch.org before submitting an application. Welcome Circles whose certification is pending can apply and be awarded funds, but funds will be disbursed after completing the certification process.

If you have questions about this grant process, please contact the Chris Koehler, Director of Missions and Immigrant Affairs at 206-274-3194 or by e-mail at chris.koehler@seattlearch.org

Proposals will be reviewed monthly.

Return completed applications (email preferred) to Chris Koehler, Director of Missions and Immigrant Affairs at Chris.Koehler@seattlearch.org or by mail to

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