

WELCOMING THE STRANGER AMONG US—GRANT FORM

For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. (Deuteronomy 10:17-20)

In order to receive this grant you must have entered into a partnership, co-sponsorship agreement, or another arrangement with an agency who is an initial sponsor of refugees.

Name of your church _____

Address of your church _____

Person responsible for this grant request & ministry _____

Email of responsible person named above _____

Phone number of responsible person named above _____

Which agency have you contacted & who at that agency _____

Who are your team members _____

If you are partnering with another church, which church _____

This is an undertaking that brings with it a lot of joy but also a lot of responsibility and commitment. We want to encourage churches to prayerfully and honestly think through this ministry. Jesus advised us to give due consideration before undertaking endeavors (Luke 14:25-33).

On separate page, briefly describe how you came to this decision and how you envision the form this ministry will take?

Please include in your description the following:

- Describe the process your congregation has used in deciding to become involved in refugee resettlement ministry.
- What financial resources, excluding the ABCNYS grant, has your congregation raised or dedicated to supporting this ministry?
- What steps has your congregation taken to prepare to welcome an individual or individuals from another culture?
- What are your expectations of the individual/individuals you will welcome?
- How do you hope your congregation will be impacted by helping to welcome a new neighbor to your community?

Return this form to Jim Kelsey at jkelsey@abc-nys.org or 3218 James Street, Syracuse NY 13206

If you wish to talk with someone about this ministry you can call Jim Kelsey at 315.863.7336.