



**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO SPONSOR REFUGEES THROUGH
THE INTER-CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER VICTORIA
UNDER THE PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP OF REFUGEES PROGRAM
IN 2025**

Thank you for your interest in sponsoring (a) refugee(s) under ICA’s Sponsorship Agreement with the Canadian Government. To better understand your proposed sponsorship and to determine whether your case meets the program requirements, we kindly ask that you complete the information below as accurately and fully as possible.

Completed forms are to be submitted to ICA by the 5pm on October 31st, 2024:

Please email the forms to psr@icavictoria.org with the subject EIO 2025 in the headline (late submissions will not be considered)

IMPORTANT NOTE: IN ACCEPTING THIS FORM, ICA IS NOT MAKING A PROMISE TO SPONSOR THE PEOPLE YOU IDENTIFY AS NEEDING RESETTLEMENT TO CANADA.

YOUR INFORMATION

First Name	
Last Name	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Residential Address	

PERSON(S) TO SPONSOR

Please answer the following questions about the person or persons you want to sponsor to Canada. Please be as detailed as possible in your answers as this helps us understand the situation. All information provided is kept strictly confidential.

1. Please list the name(s) of the person(s) you wish to sponsor and their ages. Explain their family composition (for example, couple with two under-age children; couple with one under-age child and one adult child).
Please provide the dates of birth for each person.

2. Explain how they are related to you, or if they are not related, how you came to know them.

3. What is the refugees' country of origin or country of habitual residence? What is their country of citizenship? Please provide this information for each of the persons listed in question #1 above.

4. Where are the refugees currently located? What is their status there (for example, asylum seeker, recognized refugee, permanent resident, visitor, worker)? **Please include a copy of each person's status document(s) in their country of residence (e.g., Refugee Status Determination/Recognition; Refugee Registration; Asylum Seeker Certificate; Study or Work Permit; Visitor Visa). If they do not have any status document, please explain their circumstances.**

5. Why were these persons forced to flee their country? When did they flee? Is it possible for them to return? If not, please explain further?

6. What is their current living situation like in their country of residence? Can they integrate in this country (e.g., can they legally work, receive medical care, education, own real estate?)

7. Have any of the people listed in question #1 above applied for refugee status with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UN Refugee Agency) or with their current country of residence? If yes, what was the result? If they are recognized refugees, please indicate whether it is the UNHCR or their country of asylum that has recognized them.
Please also include a copy of their refugee recognition (Refugee Status Determination) or other document (asylum seeker certificate; registration document) when you send back the completed questionnaire.

8. Do the people listed in #1 above have relatives in Canada outside of Greater Victoria? If so, please list the locations of relatives and how they are related to the people in #1.

SPONSORSHIP GROUP

Please answer the following questions about your sponsorship group.

ICA does not sponsor with individuals alone. Kindly note that ICA will not help you find other sponsors to join your group.

All members of the sponsorship groups must reside in the Greater Victoria area. To sponsor a single refugee, you must have a group of at minimum five persons. For larger case compositions, more persons are required. We require you to have a group who is willing to take on the legal responsibilities of the sponsorship with you.

1. Are you connected with an organization such as a faith community or other incorporated entity that is willing to support your sponsorship (if yes, please provide the name of the organization or entity)? If you are connected with such a group, please explain how they will support your sponsorship (e.g., make a donation; become legally a party to the sponsorship by signing onto the Sponsorship Undertaking).

2. Who are the other individuals willing to take on the legal responsibility for sponsoring with you? Please list their **legal** first and last names of all persons that will form the sponsorship group with you.

IMPORTANT NOTE: ICA only allows persons to join a maximum of two sponsorship groups, regardless of whether the groups are sponsoring with ICA, another Sponsorship Agreement Holder, or with a Group of Five/Community Sponsor. Please make sure that the persons you are listing in this section are not already participating in more than one other sponsorship.

3. Have you and/or any of the other proposed sponsorship group members participated in any training on the Private Sponsorship of Refugees program? If so, please list, for each person, which training they have completed and who the training provider was. If you and/or any of the other individuals willing to sponsor with you have completed ICA's PSR Capacity Training and have successfully passed the test at the end of the training, please submit the certificate(s) together with the completed Expression of Interest.

4. Have you and/or any of the proposed sponsorship group members sponsored any refugees in the past? If so, please list, for each person, which type of sponsorship and the date when the sponsorship was completed.

FUNDRAISING

Sponsorship groups must fundraise a sufficient amount of funds to support the sponsored refugees during their first year in Canada. Approximately to sponsor a single person, the sponsorship cost is a minimum of \$25,000. Approximately to sponsor a family of 5 (father, mother, three under-age children), the minimum sponsorship cost is approximately \$55,000. If there are more adults (persons 18 years or older at time of arrival in Canada) in the family you wish to sponsor, the sponsorship costs will be higher. The exact costs vary based on factors that will need to be discussed in more detail, but please use these figures as approximations. ICA requires that a minimum amount equivalent to the Resettlement Assistance Program rates issued by the Government of Canada (<http://www.rstp.ca/en/bvor/rap-resettlement-assistance-program-rates/>), plus inflationary market adjustment of 25%, be deposited with ICA before an application can be submitted.

- 1. What is your plan for fundraising (please be as specific as possible)?

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please provide **the details** on the source(s) of funding. Answers such as; “We already have all the money in place” or “out of savings” to not provide clear indicators on the source(s) of the funding. **If you already have all the necessary funds in place, please indicate details about the source of the funds (e.g., if the funds are your personal savings, indicate your work history and income levels).** If you anticipate receiving significant funds towards the sponsorship from other persons, please indicate who these persons are, and how they are connected with you or the refugees. Consider the fundraising plan like a business proposal and treat it as such.

If you plan to raise funds through events, crowdfunding, etc., please provide details of the fundraising efforts you have already made or a fundraising plan for the next year.