

Carrington Uniting for Ukraine Sponsorship/Supporter Grant

Introduction:

The City of Carrington through its Economic Development Fund offers a Uniting for Ukraine Sponsorship/Supporter Grant. This grant initiative is being undertaken to support individuals willing to sponsor/support Ukrainians fleeing Russia's invasion of their country.

On April 21, 2022, the United States announced a key step toward fulfilling President Bidens commitment to welcome Ukrainians fleeing Russia's invasion of their country. Uniting for Ukraine provides a pathway for Ukraine citizens and their immediate family members who are outside the United States to come to the United States and stay temporarily for a two-year period of parole. Ukrainians participating in Uniting for Ukraine must have a sponsor/supporter in the United States who agrees to provide them with financial support for the duration of their stay in the United States.

This grant for reimbursement of actual sponsor/supporter costs will be limited to the proposed guidelines. The grant also requires the sponsor/supporter to have completed and is approved under the terms of the US Citizenship and Immigration Services form I-134A. (Request to be a sponsor/supporter and declaration of financial support)

The Ukrainian individuals participating in the Uniting for Ukraine program are considered Parolees under this immigration terminology.

Sponsor/Supporter:

It is understood the Sponsor/Supporter will be working with a local contract person familiar with the Uniting for Ukraine process. The contractor will identify the Ukrainian parolees, (individuals/families) and will compare their actual skills to the various employment opportunities with plans of the parole's landing employment in the Carrington area within 30 days of their arrival here. The contractor will be responsible for locating housing, and any social services programs tailored to the parolees and their family.

Grant Overview

The maximum grant reimbursement will be as follows:

One adult Ukrainian parolee, \$2,500.00 maximum reimbursement to the sponsor/supporter.

Second adult Ukrainian parolee, Spouse, \$2,000.00 maximum reimbursement to the sponsor/supporter.

Children under the age of 18, dependents accompanying their parents, \$1,000.00 maximum reimbursement for each Child to the sponsor/supporter.

Travel Expense:

In the event the Paroles are unable to cover their own travel expenses to the US, the sponsor/supporter will be reimbursed up to 50% of the actual cost not to exceed \$600.00 per parole.

Conclusion:

In the event the sponsor/supporter incurred less costs than these maximum reimbursements, the grant reimbursement shall not exceed their actual investment per individual parolee. Sponsor/Supporter will need to present paid receipt invoices or canceled checks as proof of expenditures in order to qualify for reimbursement.

Example: A family of three, husband, wife and one child would have a maximum grant reimbursement to the sponsor/supporter of \$5,500.00 plus potentially \$1,800 for travel for a total of \$7,300.00.

The employer will be encouraged to help with up to 50% of the remaining travel expenses, if any.

Application Requirements:

Complete the Carrington Uniting for Ukraine Sponsorship/Supporter Grant Application.

Include a narrative summary of the proposed Ukrainians being sponsored/supported and their potential employment opportunities.

The Business/Employer and the Employment must be located within the City Limits and/or Extraterritorial Limits of the City of Carrington.

Approved Status of the sponsors/supporters US Citizenship and Immigration Services Form I-134A

Final reimbursement to be made upon receipt of actual paid expenses, which will be limited to the program's reimbursement schedule or actual costs. Proof of employment in Carrington or extraterritorial area, signed by employer, is required. Also, grant funds will be disbursed 50% after grant application is received along with receipts; then the remaining 50% disbursed after 9 months provided all conditions are still being met.

Application for Carrington Ukraine Sponsorship/Supporter Grant

Immigrant Proof of Employment

Date: _____

Name of Employee: _____

Information Required:

Employer: _____

Employer Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date of Hire: _____

Employer Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to:
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