

Community Sponsorship Local Program Overview

Catholic Charities of Oregon (CCO)

2740 SE Powell Blvd

Portland, OR 97202

<https://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org>

National Resettlement Agency: US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

Community sponsorship contact: info@salemforrefugees.org
(503) 714-1339

General community sponsorship program description: CCO's community sponsors help to provide wraparound support for their newly arrived refugee individuals and families. Community sponsors partner with CCO on multiple levels, including housing setups, donations, tutoring, cultural mentorship, bus training, and more.

Community sponsorship program name: Community Partners

Time commitment: 12 months

Service commitment: There is no service commitment required, but CCO recommends that Community Partners select activities from a list provided by CCO prior to committing to sponsorship.

Financial commitment: While no financial contribution is required, community sponsors are encouraged to complete a housing setup for new arrivals, complete with in-kind contributions pulled together by the group.

Preferred size of community sponsor groups: N/A

Types of cases matched with community sponsors: Newly arrived with friends or family in the area, newly arrived without friends or family in the area, Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders, asylees, and victims of trafficking.

Community sponsorship training: A staff member provides an in-person 2 hours training followed with a background check requirement. CCO also has various resources, handbooks, and workbooks for their community partners to use as they see fit.

Background checks: Every volunteer that interacts with clients is required to go through a criminal background check. If they are willing to drive clients, they also have to undergo a motor vehicle background check. The usual estimated cost to the volunteer is \$35.