

Cost of Sponsorship

Although the cost of living varies from one region to another, the following table can assist the sponsoring group in estimating the cost involved in sponsoring a refugee family for 12 months. The required financial resources indicated in the Sponsorship Cost Table are roughly equivalent to local social assistance rate figures.

| Family Size | 12 Months of Income Support | Start-up Costs | Estimated Total Annual Settlement Cost (\$ (dollar)) |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--|
| 1 | 9,800 | 2,800 | 12,600 |
| 2 | 16,800 | 4,400 | 21,200 |
| 3 | 17,700 | 5,300 | 23,000 |
| 4 | 20,000 | 7,000 | 27,000 |
| 5 | 22,500 | 7,200 | 29,700 |
| 6 | 24,500 | 8,000 | 32,500 |
| Additional member | 1,550 | 1,000 | 2,500 |

Income Support can vary depending on ages of various dependants which play a role in determining monthly income support for shelter, food, transportation and incidentals.

Start-up costs include: one time payment for household items, furniture, linens, food staples, clothing & winter clothing, deposit for utilities, phone installation and first month's rent. These are approximate rates only and should be used as a guideline. Contact your local Citizenship and Immigration Centre (CIC) should you be interested in your local Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) income support rates which are in line with local social assistance rates.

For details on how to contact your local CIC (Citizenship and Immigration Centre), refer to the *Guide to the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program* (</english/resources/publications/index.asp#refugee>).

Several factors may reduce the amount of financial support that the sponsoring group must provide. Examples of these factors may include: in-kind donations and financial resources the sponsored refugee brings to Canada. The chart below provides an estimated value for certain in-kind donations. For more information on the cost of sponsorship, contact your local Citizenship and Immigration Centre or the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program (RSTP). For details on how to contact the RSTP (Refugee Sponsorship Training Program), visit their website at www.rstp.ca (<http://www.rstp.ca/index.php>).

In-Kind Deduction Table (\$)

| Family Size | Shelter | Clothing | Furniture | Start-up Costs (Household Needs) | School Start-up Costs | Food Staples |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|--|--|-----------------|
| 1 | 6,000 | 500 | 1,500 | 325 | | 175 |
| 2 | 7,100 | 1,000 | 2,000 | 350 | | 250 |
| 3 | 7,800 | 1,375 | 2,500 | 375 | | 325 |
| 4 | 8,400 | 1,750 | 3,000 | 400 | | 400 |
| 5 | 9,600 | 2,125 | 3,500 | 425 | | 475 |
| 6 | 9,600 | 2,500 | 4,000 | 450 | | 550 |
| For additional member, add | 900 | 375 | 500 | 25 | 150/per child between ages 4-21 | 75 |

The In-kind Deduction Table is based on annual costs. Start-up Costs include: bedding, linens and household items. These are approximate rates only and should be used as a guideline. Contact your local Citizenship and Immigration Centre (CIC) should you be interested in your local Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) income support rates which are in line with local social assistance rates.

Start-Up Costs

Sponsoring groups might find it useful for their own planning purposes to be aware of the financial assistance Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) provides to government-assisted refugees in order to cover standard household start-up costs. The following information describes some of the various needs that are considered when CIC (Citizenship and Immigration Centre) establishes the amount for the initial start-up cheque. Individual start-up costs with established maximums:

Clothing: a one-time basic clothing allowance is provided.

- \$325 per adult
- \$250 per dependant child

Winter Clothing: winter coat, winter boots, mittens, scarf, snow pants for children, etc. (et cetera)

- \$175 per adult
- \$125 per dependant child

Basic Household Needs Allowance: Suggested items include: beds, table and chairs, bed linens, basic window coverings and common household products such as kitchen utensils, pots, pans, brooms, mops, detergents and cleansers.

The following maximum allowance rates apply:

- Per single without accompanying dependants \$1,330
- Per single plus one (1) dependant \$2,340
- Per single plus two (2) dependants \$2,665
- Per couple without accompanying dependants \$1,960
- Per couple plus one (1) accompanying dependant \$2,455
- Per couple plus two (2) accompanying dependants \$2,945
- Per couple plus three (3) accompanying dependants \$3,515
- For each additional dependant \$350

Food Staples: flour, sugar, rice, spices and condiments, etc. (et cetera)

- \$175 for the first person in each household
- \$75 for each additional dependant (no maximum)

School Start-Up allowance: an allowance of \$150 for school-age children and young adults attending K-13, between the ages of 4-21 to defray costs for school supplies, activity fees, gym clothing, etc. (et cetera)