

# Appendix A

## Financial Guidelines

### a) Cost of Sponsorship

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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 figures below are based on the national average of financial assistance provided to government-assisted refugees.

#### Sponsorship Cost Table

| Family Size                                | Estimated Liability for Cases Submitted in 2020 (Expected 2022 Arrival) |  |
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| 1  | \$18,300  | <b>Dependent Adults:</b> Immigration Canada (“IRCC”) defines dependent adults as unmarried children between the ages of 16 and 21. For the purposes of IRCC forms, dependent adults are considered as part of the family unit, and are to be included in the one set of forms for the family.<br><br>However, IRCC treats dependent adults differently from a financial perspective, requiring additional monies to be provided for every dependent adult in the family. For example: The finances required for a family of 4 (father, mother, one child age 12, and one child age 17) are to be calculated as a family of 3 + 1 (\$29,600+\$18,300=\$47,900) and not as a family of 4 (\$31,800). Please take this into consideration when calculating the total cost of sponsorship. |
| 2  | \$27,500  |  |
| 3  | \$29,600  |  |
| 4  | \$31,800  |  |
| 5  | \$34,000  |  |
| 6  | \$35,500  |  |
| 7 or more, for each additional member, add | \$1,500   |  |

- b) The cosponsor to have sufficient resources to support the privately sponsored refugee(s) for twelve (12) months or until the refugee(s) become self-sufficient, whichever comes first.
- c) Varying amounts of funds to meet the basic costs of living are needed in different areas of Canada. The level of support which cosponsors are expected to provide to the refugees is at least that of the prevailing Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) rates in the expected community of settlement. However, cosponsors should also consider other RAP and/or provincial/municipal social-economic benefits over and above the sponsorship cost table, such as (but not limited to) transportation allowance and/or health-related expenses. The total sponsorship costs may be reduced through the donation of "in-kind" goods, which may include lodging, furniture and clothing. Where practicable, the refugee should have the responsibility to manage his or her own financial affairs.
- d) Cosponsors are responsible for financial obligations that they have agreed to in this Agreement and the Sponsorship Undertaking.
- e) Cosponsors acting on behalf of refugees will not accept funds from the refugee(s) either before or after their arrival in Canada for the submission of a sponsorship nor as a prepayment or repayment for lodging, care and settlement assistance or as a deposit to guarantee they will remain with the cosponsor for one year post arrival. Any relatives or friends of the refugees may contribute their own funds to the SAH to assist in the resettlement costs for the refugees.