

American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery Fund Recommendation Cover Sheet

Please submit this document with any recommendations for funding from Rhode Island's allocation of federal fiscal recovery funds available through the American Rescue Plan Act. This information will be made available to the public along with any detailed documents submitted that describe the proposal. It is encouraged that such documents identify clear goals and objectives and quantifiable metrics.

This is not a formal request for funds, and submission of recommendations does not guarantee a response, public hearing, or appropriation from the General Assembly.

Name of Lead Agency: Elmwood Avenue Church of God: Haitian Refugee Relief Program

Additional agencies making recommendation (if applicable): _____

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Brief Project Description (attachments should contain details)

Elmwood Avenue Church of God a predominantly Haitian church seeks to welcome and care for Haitian refugees and undocumented.

Total request: \$ 402,150.00

One-time or Recurring Expense? One Time

ARPA Eligibility Category (check all that apply) – See link for further information
<https://www.rilegislature.gov/commissions/arpa/commdocs/Treasury%20-%20Quick-Reference-Guide.pdf>

- Respond to the public health emergency and its economic impacts X
- Premium pay to eligible workers X
- Government services/state revenue replacement _____
- Water/sewer/broadband infrastructure X

Description of the program for which we are seeking funding:

Elmwood Avenue Church of God seeks to welcome and care for Haitian refugees/undocumented. As a church, we value the lives of human beings and believes they should be treated with respect and dignity. Hence, we want to provide families with the support needed when they arrive in Rhode Island by providing them with the following:

- Culturally relevant food,
- Cleaning supplies,
- Household items,
- Immigration application assistance,
- Rental assistance,
- English as a second language classes
- COVID-19 educational toolkit and,
- Internet access to help them communicate with families back home and with their immigration officers.

In addition, our refugee relief program will provide each family with a counselor to ensure that families are well informed of resources that are available to them in the community, help them to become familiar with their new home and provide them with basic needs.

What are the program goals?

The goal of the program is to provide support to Haitian refugee families around the state and to be available to them upon request. Upon arriving to the state of Rhode Island, we aim at assisting each family at enrolling them in English language education programs for adults and children, assisting them in applying for health services, assisting them in finding affordable housing, provide them with information in their native language about COVID-19 while demonstrating the importance of being vaccinated against the virus if they have not done so. Last but not least, we assist them in finding ways to become self-sufficient to live independent lives in the state of Rhode Island.

Description of the population we serve. How are we addressing community needs, including systems of distribution and any collaborative efforts?

Elmwood Avenue Church of God serves families with all backgrounds throughout Rhode Island for about 40 years. We are a predominantly Haitian church and we have been a place of reference for all Haitians in Rhode Island and abroad. After several unfortunate disasters that occurred in Haiti, we have collected all kinds of donations such as food, clothes, money, perishable, and non-perishable items to send to Haiti to help those in need.

Thus, after seeing thousands of Haitians crossed the Texas border roughly two years ago, fleeing torture, kidnapping, and poverty, seeking better opportunities here in the United States, we cannot remain silent and not offer to help the refugees that arrived at our church over the past several months seeking for help.

We address community needs by doing surveys to see what the community is mostly in need of. For example, when the pandemic started, we distributed cleaning supplies as the community arrive to the church, we disseminated information on how people should stay safe during the pandemic by following all guidelines set by the Rhode Island Department of Health and we collaborated with sister churches or community non-profits by establishing COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites. To this day, many churches throughout the community send their parishioners to come get vaccinated at our church and non-profit organizations partner with us to vaccinate their staff and members.

Currently, the refugee individuals that arrived at the church need clothes, shelter, food, medical needs, COVID-19 information, test and vaccination, internet services to name a few. We have responded to some of those needs and families within the church have collaborated as well, but we would like to expand on this opportunity by creating a center focusing on this population to help them thrive upon their arrival.

What efforts is our organization currently engaged in to continue this program beyond the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)?

To continue this program beyond the ARPA support, families within the church have responded by donating clothes, money, food, transportation to help refugee families and church members have also opened their doors to some refugee families for shelter.

As a church body, we provide those families with spiritual and cultural support, food, money, clothes and have people available upon request for transportation. Nonetheless, since the program started back in November 2021, it has grown exponentially. Initially, we started with roughly six to seven families, presently, we have more than thirty families, they are all in great needs of support and every week anywhere between five to 10 families are being added. The church does not have sufficient funds to sustain this program thus we are applying for this grant to provide services to those families.



Elmwood Avenue Church of God Refugee Relief Program

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	To:	American Rescue Plan Act	4/11/2022
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	Description	Total
1	Stipend - Case Worker Coordinator (\$30/hr x 20 hrs/wk x 9 months)	\$21,600.00
2	Stipend - Assistant Coordinator (\$25/hr x 20 hrs/wk x 9 months)	\$18,000.00
3	WECARE english tutoring (\$25/hr x 10hrs/wk x 9 months)	\$9,000.00
4	Childcare/ Babysitter (\$15 x 2ppl x 9 months + \$200/mth)	\$9,000.00
5	School Lunch (\$20/wk x 90ppl x 36 wks)	\$64,800.00
6	Broadband/Internet (\$60/month x 90 ppl x 9 months)	\$48,600.00
7	Cash Assistance - grooming, laundry, etc. (\$100 x 180 ppl x 9 months)	\$18,000.00
8	Rental Assistance (\$600/month x 9 months)	\$5,400.00
9	Office Equipments (office supplies, staff phones, etc.)	\$5,700.00
10	RIPTA WAVE bus passes (\$70/month x 180 ppl x 9 months)	\$113,400.00
11	Medical Expenses (\$100/family x 90 family x 9 months)	\$81,000.00
12	Municipal ID PVD (\$15/person x 180 ppl)	\$2,700.00
13	Petty Cash (parking, meals, etc.) (\$250/month x 9 months)	\$2,250.00
14	Mileage	\$2,700.00
		\$402,150.00

I hereby certify that I have reviewed this report/invoice, I verify that the information contained above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
 By signing below, I also certify that the payment request is for valid services per the agreement for the Church of God Refugee Relief Program.

	Signature: Anne Eugene	Date: 4/11/2022
	Anne Eugene, Case Worker Coordinator	

Elmwood Avenue Church of God is a non-profit religious organization providing spiritual, social, and educational services to help people thrive in their daily activities.
 501(c)3 Nonprofit Organization

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Department of the Treasury
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Internal Revenue Service
Washington, DC 20224

Date:

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In reply refer to:

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Keith at 25th Street
Cleveland, Tennessee 37311

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Gentlemen:

Based on the information supplied, and assuming that your operations will continue to be as stated, we rule that you and your subordinates, as listed on your group exemption roster, are recognized as being exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

This ruling does not extend to any subordinate which has previously received a ruling or determination letter holding that it is not exempt. Its qualifications to be included in this group ruling must be separately established.

Additionally, we have classified you and the subordinates you operate, supervise, or control, and which are covered by your notification to us, as organizations that are not private foundations as defined in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Code.

You are not required to file the Return for Organizations Exempt From Income Tax, Form 990, as you come within the exception contained in section 6033(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Code. Your subordinates are also not required to file the Form 990 if they qualify as churches or integrated auxiliaries of churches or otherwise come within the exceptions provided in section 1.6033-2(g) of the Income Tax Regulations.

You and your subordinates are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you or your subordinates are subject to this tax, an income tax return on Form 990-T must be filed. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your activities or those of your subordinates are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You and your subordinates are not liable for social security (FICA) taxes unless you and they file a waiver of exemption certificate as provided in the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. You and your subordinates are not liable for the taxes imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

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Contributions made to you and your subordinates by individuals are deductible by such donors as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes as provided in section 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

You should advise each of your subordinates of the provisions of this ruling, including the requirements for filing information or other returns.

Each year within 45 days after the close of your annual accounting period, please send the following to the Philadelphia Service Center, 11601 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19155, Attention: EOR Branch:

1. A statement describing any changes during the year in the purposes, character, or method of operation of your subordinates.
2. Lists of the names, mailing addresses, including Postal ZIP Codes, and employer identification numbers of subordinates that during the year
 - a. changed names or addresses;
 - b. were deleted from your roster; or
 - c. were added to the roster.
3. For subordinates to be added attach
 - a. a statement that the information upon which your present group exemption letter is based applies;
 - b. a statement that each has given you written authorization to add its name to the roster;
 - c. a list of those to which the Service previously issued exemption rulings or determination letters; and

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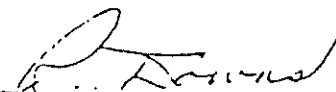
- d. a statement that none of the subordinates are private foundations as defined in section 509(a) of the Code.
4. If applicable, a statement that your group exemption roster did not change during the year.

This ruling does not apply to any of your subordinates organized and operated in a foreign country.

Please be sure to enter your employer identification number on all tax returns and in your correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

Your key District Director in Atlanta is being advised of this action.

Sincerely yours,


Acting Chief, Rulings Section
Exempt Organizations Branch



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
ANDOVER, MA 05501

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 06-17-88 CP 578
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 05-0438628
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For assistance you may
call us at:
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or you may write to us at the
address shown to the left. If you
write, be sure to attach the bottom
part of this notice.

Notice of New Employer Identification Number Assigned

Thank you for your Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number (EIN). The number assigned to you is shown above. This number will be used to identify your business account and related tax returns and documents, even if you do not have employees.

Please keep a copy of this number in your permanent records. IRS uses the information provided on Form SS-4 to establish your taxpaying entity. Entity information includes your EIN, business name, trade name, street address, city, state and ZIP code. When filing tax documents or making FTD payments, it is important to use the IRS prepared label and/or coupon. However, if this is not possible, your EIN and complete entity information as shown below must be used to properly identify your account and avoid processing delays. If for any reason this information is not correct, please return the bottom portion of this notice indicating the changes.

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If your business is a partnership which must obtain prior approval for its tax year, the tax year you entered in Block 3 of your Form SS-4 does not establish a tax year. For guidance in determining if you must request prior approval and the method of doing so, see IRS Publication 538, Accounting Periods and Methods, available at most IRS offices.

Please note that the assignment of this number does not grant tax-exempt status to nonprofit organizations. Any organization (other than a private foundation) having annual gross receipts normally of not more than \$5,000 is exempt by statute if it meets the requirements of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. These organizations are not required to file Form 1023 (Application for Recognition of Exemption) or file Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax). However, if the organization wants to establish its exemption with the Internal Revenue Service and receive a ruling or determination letter recognizing its exempt status, it should file Form 1023 with the Key District Director. For details on how to apply for this exemption, see IRS Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, available at most IRS offices.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Keep this part for your records.

Form 8503 (4-86)