

# COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP ESSENTIALS

*An interactive, user-friendly online training for community sponsorship programs.*

This training equips sponsors with:

- > A background on the **history of refugee resettlement in the United States**
- > Key mindsets needed when **approaching community sponsorship**
- > **Roles and responsibilities** of community sponsor groups
- > **Key terminology and policies**
- > Key examples of **best practices** when engaging in community sponsorship

**WHY?** This training was co-developed by the [Community Sponsorship Hub](#), [Refugee Welcome Collective](#), and [Welcome.US](#) in direct response to surveys distributed to all national resettlement agencies and forwarded to their local affiliates, as well as [Community Sponsorship Catalyst Fund](#) grantees and the [Sponsor Circle Program](#) coalition. Responses to those national surveys indicated a clear need from the resettlement community for a comprehensive baseline training for prospective community sponsors that could be utilized by all organizations.

- > Assist community sponsorship program staff in providing a comprehensive, foundational training for new community sponsors
- > **Streamline the workload for management of community sponsorship programs**
- > **Create greater awareness of and increase engagement with community sponsorship**
- > Facilitate cross-fertilization of best practices in training for community sponsors

**DEVELOPMENT** Design of this training draws on years of shared knowledge and lessons learned about community sponsorship training and sponsor assistance from both the national and local levels. An initial prototype was sent out for review in Spring 2022, feedback was collected, and user testing was conducted to ensure the training was appropriate for all resettlement partners managing and supporting community sponsorship programs. Built-in mechanisms will continue to gather user feedback to keep the training up-to-date and tailored to the needs of new community sponsors.

## ACCESS



This training should be completed with guidance from a community sponsorship program. It is hosted on the e-learning platform, **Coassemble**. It can be accessed through a mobile app as well as by internet browser. The training can also be accessed from the following partner websites: [Community Sponsorship Hub](#), [Refugee Welcome Collective](#), [Welcome.US](#).

**AVAILABLE AUGUST 2022**

## WHAT'S NEXT?

- > Upcoming onboarding sessions will be held for interested program staff.
- > Other tools and resources will be made available to provide further guidance for staff.

