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AMSSA's BC Refugee Resource Network Bulletin

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CMHC Launches 3rd Call for Proposals for the Rapid Housing Initiative

Among the many challenges resettled refugees and displaced Ukrainians have upon arrival to Canada is finding housing that is stable, affordable and meets their needs. According to the Rentals.ca November 2022 rent report, rental costs grew 11.8% from between October 2021 to October 2022.

The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation's (CMHC) Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) provides capital contributions for the rapid construction of new housing and/or acquisition of existing buildings for rehabilitation or conversion to permanent affordable housing. The RHI targets the supply of affordable housing for identified vulnerable communities. The CMHC has now launched their call for applications for the 3rd round.

The Rapid Housing Initiative is divided into two streams – the Cities Stream and the Projects Stream. \$500 million has been allocated to **41 municipalities under the Cities Stream**. A total of \$1 billion will be available under the **Projects Stream** via an applications-based process. Eligible applicants for this stream include provinces, territories, municipalities, Indigenous governing bodies and organizations, and non-profit organizations.

The Projects Stream will be open for applications starting December 12th. Information sessions are now being hosted in late November and early December to provide information to potential applicants. For dates and topics, please [click here](#).

Welcoming Newcomer Families: Best Practices for Hosts and Landlords Webinar – December 6, 2022

Together with the BC Refugee Hub and United Way British Columbia, AMSSA's BC Refugee Resource Network will be hosting the webinar: Welcoming Newcomer Ukrainian Families – Best Practices for Hosts and Landlords.

Recently, Canada established a new pathway for the arrival of displaced Ukrainians and their family members called the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET). Providing a free, temporary visitor status, CUAET allows

successful applicants to live, work and study in Canada until it is safe to return to Ukraine. Due to the arrival of displaced Ukrainians, Canadians have been volunteering to temporarily host newcomer Ukrainian families in their homes.

This webinar covers:

- The role of the host and the newcomer
- Best practices for being a host family
- Expectations for hosts/ landlords and newcomer Ukrainian families
- Balancing support vs boundaries
- Ethical considerations
- Positive benefits for the host and the Ukrainian family

Target Audience: This webinar is mainly targeted to past, current and future host families. A secondary target audience are front line workers who are supporting host families and making referrals for host family temporary accommodations.

Event Details

Webinar: Best Practices for Hosts and Landlords

Date: December 6, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. PST

Location: Online

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT](#)



Afghans who have arrived in Canada since August 2021 as of November 2022:

25,400



Ukrainian nationals who have arrived in Canada since January 2022 as of November 2022:

120,842

Source: [Government of Canada - #WelcomeAfghans: Key Figures](#),
[Government of Canada - Ukraine Immigration Measures: Key Figures](#)

[Afghan Resettlement Resources](#)

[Ukrainian Migration Resources](#)

Please take the time to fill out the feedback survey so AMSSA can make Seeking Refuge more relevant to your needs

[Survey](#)



AMSSA's BC Refugee Resource Network is an initiative to strengthen community

capacity to support resettled refugees and displaced Ukrainians through education, information dissemination, research and training. The Seeking Refuge bulletin has been created to keep service providers up-to-date on news, resources, and to provide information on frequently asked about topics related to recent migrations of displaced Ukrainians and resettled refugees. If you know someone who would like to receive this bulletin, please share this [link](#).

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