



## Agenda Item

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**File #:** 22-0691

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**Requested Agenda Date:**

7/12/2022

**Requested Agenda Title:**

Pass-through Contribution for the International Rescue Committee from open Society Foundation, \$15,000

**Requested Agenda Item Description:** The Salt Lake County (SLCo) Office for New Americans (ONA) respectfully requests Open Society Foundation funding in the amount of \$200,000 to serve up to 765 refugees and fulfill Operation Afghan Resettlement Support (OARS), a 12-month community partnership to meet the urgent resettlement needs of arriving Afghans. With full funding, the OARS project will provide urgent essential resources that propel Afghan refugees to successful integration in Salt Lake County.

Salt Lake County is the nation's first Certified Welcoming County and has prioritized the establishment and growth of relationships with community organizations that support refugees and immigrants. As a proven project leader with a AAA Bond Rating, SLCo will receive, apportion, fulfill, account, and report to meet the project's stated objectives and Open Society Foundation requirements.

The OARS project director, SLCo ONA New American and Refugee Liaison Joseph Genda, came to Utah as a refugee from Sierra Leone in 2007. Through his lived experience and commitment to serve fellow refugees, he possesses the unique ability to convene partners and generate resources to best serve our arriving Afghan refugees. Joseph also participates in the established and ongoing statewide efforts of the Utah Refugee Providers Association and serves on the Utah Refugee Advisory Board.

**Requested Action:** Discussion - Vote Needed**Presenter(s) (with titles):** Joseph Genda, Office of New American Liaison**Time Needed:** Less than 5 MINS**Is this Item Time-Sensitive and/or Requesting a Time-Certain?** Yes and I will send the request in writing**Requesting Staff Member:** Michelle Hicks, Operations Manager**Are Supporting Documents Needed for this Agenda Item Request?** Choose from List

Please attach supporting documentation, including presentations, to the Legistar file.

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