



4.1 Treasurer Information for Sponsorship of Refugees

CRA has posted an info section on its website outlining some considerations regarding refugees and charities.

Question:

Is our parish's sponsorship of refugees allowed under our existing charity mandate or do we need to contact CRA?

Answer:

The Synod office contacted CRA and it was indicated that the charity purpose of the diocese and its parishes allows the sponsorship activities as they are part of our "objects" of social justice and faith worship.

Question:

Do we record the separate Refugee bank account that holds the monies raised for the sponsorship on our parish's annual T3010 Charity return?

Answer:

Yes, the bank account is considered an asset of the parish and is shown on the T3010.

Question:

How are the monies not disbursed at the end of calendar year reflected on the Parish Financial Return (PFR, previously called PAR)?

Answer:

A line was added under the Outreach page to allow a deduction for the unspent monies.

Question:

Where do we reflect the expenses (i.e. rent, groceries, clothing etc) that are incurred as part of the Outreach costs for the families on the T3010?

Answer:

The costs will be reflected on line 4920 on the T3010.

Line 4920 – Enter the total expenditures not included on lines 4860 and 4810. This line can include expenditures on charitable activities, and grants that have to be returned (if using an accrual basis). Keep a detailed worksheet of the makeup of these costs paid on behalf of the refugees.