

441—61.10(217) Refugee sponsors. The department is required under its resettlement contract with the U.S. Department of State to secure a sponsor for each refugee unit it resettles. Applications for sponsorship through the department are open, but not limited to, Iowans representing: individuals; individuals representing a group, club, organization, or business; and churches or other religious organizations. Refugee sponsors must comply with a formal application process with the department and complete Form 402-0043, Sponsorship Application. The refugee sponsor must be able to provide certain types of nonfinancial assistance to the refugee unit as outlined by the department. The deputy chief of the bureau accepts or rejects each refugee sponsor application.