

## I. Organizational Overview

The Muslim Foster Care Association is a non-profit organization based in Michigan established to improve the lives of foster children and provide a support network for foster parents.

### A. History

This organization was started by passionate Muslim foster parents and advocates who want to make an impact on the lives of Muslim foster children. MFCA aims to raise awareness of foster care in our communities, address the absence of Muslim involvement in the foster care system, and advocate for improvements in the foster care system.

### B. Service Area

Providing information and raising awareness Nationally, providing services regionally in Southeast Michigan.

### C. Mission Statement

To answer the call of our faith in caring for orphans, by improving the lives of foster children and supporting the foster families who care for them, through community education, support networks, and advocacy.

### D. Goals:

1. To educate and encourage Muslim families to become licensed foster families
2. Provide assistance and local contacts for Muslim families considering foster care licensing
3. Provide support and resources to Muslim children in the foster care system
4. Assist foster children in the transition to independent living
5. To help foster children and their families navigate through the sometimes complicated and overwhelming bureaucracy of the foster care system
6. To educate and provide resources for non-Muslim families that are fostering Muslim children
7. To provide ongoing resources and support to Muslim foster families
8. To educate the Muslim community at large about other opportunities to support foster families and foster kids, through mentoring, tutoring, social work, CASA volunteering, and respite care
9. To provide ongoing resources and support to Muslim foster families
10. To provide a support network for Muslim foster parents
11. To advocate for foster children and their families by promoting funding, and legislative changes that will improve the protection and welfare of foster children at the local, state and national level

## II. Project Goals/Priorities

### A. Impact

1. Provides Muslim foster children and families with material support.
2. Enables Muslim foster children to attend religious services and connect with the Muslim community.
3. Provides training and education to foster parents of Muslim foster children.

### B. Project Design

1. Measurable- Grantee will be able to collect information to demonstrate the impact that has been made.
2. Collaborative- the proposal includes partnering with others
3. Original- Grant proposal will address a need that is important and that is not being met at all nor in the same way by anyone else in the service area.

### C. Grant Amount

Applicants may request up to \$1,000 for the project.

### D. Proposal deadlines

You can apply to the Muslim Foster Care grant at any time. However as a guideline, please submit your proposal before the 10th of each month that gives us time to thoughtfully review each request in time for our monthly board meeting. Once your proposal has been approved and you receive the funds, we ask that you give us a project update 3 months from that date. The project end date and final report should be submitted within 6 months.

### E. Reporting requirements

If a grant is awarded, the grantee will be required to submit a report at the end of the grant period to share the results of the project and to show that all funds were spent as intended.

### F. Expenses that are not eligible for grant funding

1. Salaries
2. Transportation
3. Food

Thank you for considering submitting a proposal to the Muslim Foster Care Association. We value our community partners and grantees, and we want to work with you to improve the quality of life of Muslim foster children and the families who care for them.