A landlord’s guide to
Refugee Resettlement in St. Louis

The International Institute of St. Louis, a charitable organization located on the city’s south side, serves as St. Louis’ welcoming center for New Americans. We meet refugees at the airport and transport them to their new homes, usually a rental unit. In the next year we are approved to welcome more than 1,400 refugees from Afghanistan, Syria, the Congo and other locations. Depending on the needs of the refugee family, initial welcoming services can include registration for English classes for adults and public school for children, job program registration, community orientation, healthcare access and more.

We seek multi-bedroom apartments, especially 3-4 bedrooms, as well as single family homes. IISTL will provide a minimum of three months’ rent and security deposit, client orientation and services, and can provide translation services, in addition to services listed below.

The US Department of State, Bureau of Population, Migration & Refugees (PRM) provides a modest per capita resettlement grant to each sponsoring agency to help address the refugees’ housing, food and other basic needs for up to 90 days after arrival.

Help newly arrived families get the right start. Make affordable and safe rental properties available today.

### Rental Requirements

- **Safe code-compliant housing:**
  - Meets safety standards
  - Operational gas, electric, water
  - Lead-free or freshly painted interiors
  - No drug or illegal activity in the building
  - No pest or rodent infestations
  - Habitable and sanitary at time of move-in

- **Affordable rent:**
  - 1-2 bedroom $550-650 a month
  - 2-3 bedroom $700-1,000 a month
  - Negotiated month-to-month lease
  - Stove and refrigerator must be provided

- **Repairs:**
  - Contact phone number must be provided for landlord and/or property manager
  - Repairs must be made in a timely manner

### Supportive Services for Landlords

IISTL will:

- Provide a minimum of 3 months rent and security deposit, if required, and if client remains continuously in the apartment.
- Provide detailed client tenant orientation
- Arrange utility services
- Work with adults to obtain employment
- Enroll families in Public Assistance to ensure an income source until work is found

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