

## United Kingdom – Local sponsorship for Ukrainians without family members in the UK

### I want to help people in Ukraine, I do not have direct family members who are impacted, can I sponsor others?

The Home Office will be launching a “Homes for Ukraine” local sponsorship scheme in the coming days. The first phase will require you to name an applicant you wish to sponsor. This may be friends or family or you can reach out to charitable organisations to be connected to individuals or families needing support.

We understand the scheme should be opened up to “unnamed applicants” in phase 2.

The minimum term for sponsorship is 6 months and sponsors will be subject to security/DBS checks before sponsorship is approved.

You can note your interest in becoming a sponsor at the link below:

[Homes for Ukraine – Homes for Ukraine – Local Sponsorship Scheme for Ukraine \(campaign.gov.uk\)](https://www.campaign.gov.uk)

There is to be no upper limit on the number of applicants that may utilise the scheme and individuals will be granted visas for up to 12 months.

You are not required to provide food but must be able to offer adequate accommodation which we understand will be assessed by your local authority to ensure it is fit for the number of applicants you wish to sponsor.

The government will pay a £350 per month “thank you” payment in arrears for up to 12 months. This is limited to 1 payment per household. You must not charge rent onwards to those you wish to sponsor.

The first applications will be processed from Friday 18 March 2022.

### I am part of an organisation, how can we help Ukrainians?

Organisations may register interest to participate in the “Homes for Ukraine” scheme via the link below:

[Register to Support Homes for Ukraine - Organisations - Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities - Citizen Space](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/register-to-support-homes-for-ukraine-organisations)

#### **DISCLAIMER:**

This factsheet is for informative purposes only. We are not able to provide individual support, but the Law Societies for England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland publish a list of immigration solicitors at:

England & Wales: [Find a Solicitor - The Law Society](https://www.lawsociety.org.uk)

Scotland: [Find a Solicitor | Law Society of Scotland \(lawscot.org.uk\)](https://www.lawscot.org.uk),

Northern Ireland: [Solicitor Directory | The Law Society of Northern Ireland \(lawsoc-ni.org\)](https://www.lawsoc-ni.org)

Please note that this information is correct as at 15 March 2022. Whilst this information will be updated regularly, given how rapidly this situation is changing it may not be up to date at all times. For another

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frequently updated source of information please consult <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/support-for-family-members-of-british-nationals-in-ukraine-and-ukrainian-nationals-in-ukraine-and-the-uk>