

Applying to be a Community Sponsor: Choosing the Right Application Route

<p style="text-align: center;">Option One: Standard Route</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Option Two: Standard Route Approval In Principle (AiP)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Option Three: Principle Sponsor Application Process (PSAP) <i>(Available for groups applying through a "Principal Lead Sponsor")</i></p>
<p>Step One: Apply to the Home Office with everything in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed Standard Application form - Local Authority Permission to Apply - Safeguarding Policy - £9,000 - House - Property Offer Form - Approval from local police that house is in a safe area (this is a simple form) <p>Step Two: You will have a call with the Home Office. You will receive Full Approval. This takes several weeks.</p> <p>You will then be matched with a family, who will arrive 6-8 weeks later.</p>	<p>Step One: Apply "in principle" as soon as you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed Standard Application form - Local Authority Permission to Apply - Safeguarding Policy <p>Step Two: You will have a call with the Home Office. You will receive "Approval in Principle" (AiP). This takes several weeks.</p> <p>Step Three: Once you have everything in place, you can reapply for Full Approval, and include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £9,000 - House - Property Offer Form - Approval from Police that house is in a safe area (this is a simple form) <p>You will receive Full Approval (this takes about 1-2 weeks). You will then be matched with a family, who arrive 6-8 weeks later.</p>	<p>Step One: Apply to the Home Office with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed Stage 1 PSAP Form (this is much simpler than the Standard form) - Local Authority Permission to Apply - Safeguarding Policy - £3,000 ringfenced for the project - A House OR a clear strategy to finding a house _ PSAP Property Offer Form <p>Step Two: You will have a call with the Home Office. You will be matched with a family.</p> <p>Step Three: You reapply within 4 months with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stage 2 application form completed (this is very similar to the application form for the "standard route", but you will know the family's details, so you can tailor your answers more specifically). - £9,000 ringfenced in total - House - Approval from Police that house is in a safe area (a simple form they need to fill out) <p>Once you have resubmitted and been approved (usually about 1-2 weeks), the family will arrive 6-8 weeks later.</p>

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Option C: Full Approval	Option B: Approval in Principle	Option A: PSAP
<p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One-step application process - You will be matched with a family according to the size of the house, so your house search is not limited. <p>Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you secure a house early on, you can't give a clear timeframe to landlord. - You are writing a resettlement plan without having details of the family, so some parts will be theoretical (for example, creating a Social Welfare budget; contacting schools; etc.). 	<p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You don't have to keep a house empty while waiting for home office approval. - You have a stamp of approval from Home Office- gives you legitimacy while fundraising/house searching. - You can do several steps in tandem (e.g. you can fundraise at same time as waiting for approval). - You will be matched with a family according to the size of the house, so your house search is not limited. <p>Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You are writing a resettlement plan without having details of the family, so some parts will be theoretical (for example, creating a Social Welfare budget; contacting schools; etc.). - Several stages to go through. 	<p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can get through Stage 1 quite quickly – good for group momentum and moral. - You will know the family details much earlier and can tailor your application form/resettlement planning accordingly. - Having Home Office approval gives you legitimacy when looking for house and fundraising. - Knowing who the family are makes it is a more tangible ask when looking for funds/house/volunteers (NOTE: You will need to be respectful about what details you share about the family) - It can be useful to have a clear timeframe. - You can do several steps in tandem (e.g., you can be fundraising at same time as waiting for approval). <p>Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unless you already have a house when you apply in Stage 1, you must find a house that matches the family size – which limits your search criteria. - You must be confident that you will have found a house and raised the money within 4 months.