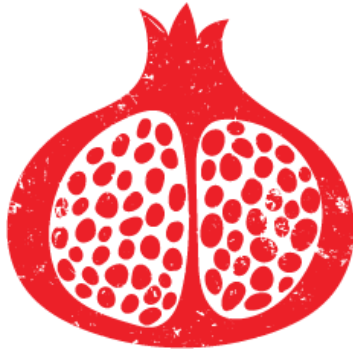


2024 Giving Circle Application

Member-Nominated Nonprofit

ANAR

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PROJECT
ANAR

AFGHAN NETWORK FOR ADVOCACY & RESOURCES

Leader

Laila Ayub, Co-Director and Immigration Attorney

Summarize what is the core mission & vision

We offer community-based legal services, education, and engagement through the lens of immigration justice. We envision a world in which Afghans, and all people, can move freely, without the barriers imposed on them by the systems that displaced them to begin with. We envision an Afghan community in the U.S. that is empowered to engage in individual and collective immigration advocacy. We recognize that Afghans have faced barriers as a result of decades of foreign policy intervention, and we view individual and collective access to immigration as a form of reparations for our community.

Briefly explain when your nonprofit was founded, why and by whom.

ANAR was founded in 2021 by a group of Afghan American women attorneys and organizers, along with other Muslim women attorneys and allies. We launched organically as a grassroots legal services mutual aid project in response to the urgent immigration needs our community was facing, and to uplift narratives that center the humanity and dignity of our community members.

Who is your constituency and approximately how many people are served by your nonprofit?

Our constituency is the Afghan non-citizen community as well as the broader BAMEMSA immigrant community; We have served ~2,000 a year directly, and 20,000+ through our resources and advocacy

What is the impact of your nonprofit over the past five years?

Since 2021, we've won affirmative and defensive asylum for clients, gotten dozens of people to the U.S. through family reunification and humanitarian parole, and accompanied these services with persistent, values-based, community-driven advocacy. We have grown from an ad hoc project to raise over 2 million dollars and grow a full-size team of 6 attorneys and organizers/legal assistants.

What is your goal for the next 1-5 years?

Our goal is to continue to adapt to our community's evolving immigration needs, while engaging in long-term advocacy and active solidarity work to empower others to use our models to build power within their communities. We hope that those we serve will be able to lead others through advocating for themselves throughout the immigration process.

What is one key item our giving circle members should know?

ANAR is uniquely positioned as both a legal organization and a community-based organization, and fills a gap within the landscape of immigration organizations, legal organizations, and BAMEMSA community organizations.

If you receive funding from the Women's Giving Circle, how would you plan to use the funds?

Donations like this enable ANAR to reach those who often need our services most. We would use the funds towards our removal defense work, including transportation assistance for clients to attend workshops, compensating interpreters, enabling detention center visits for attorneys and allowing us to conduct research and know your rights presentations in shelters for asylum seekers.

Learn more about NAME

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Additional Information

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Fiscal Sponsor Information

 *ANAR Proof of Fiscal Sponsorship 501c3 - Laila Ayub.pdf*

Videos

 *Video on Iftars for Asylum Seekers.MOV*

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