2024 Giving Circle Application

Member-Nominated Nonprofit

National Council of Nigerian Muslim Organizations USA



Leader

Kazeem Lawal, President



Summarize what is the core mission & vision

The Mission of the organization is to promote cooperation, unity, charity, and propagation of Islam in our communities in accordance with the principles recommended in the Holy Quran and the tradition of the Holy Prophet Muhammad.

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

NCNMO Founded in 1976 by 3 Nigerian Muslim Communities (chapters) based in New Jersey, Washington DC & New York. The organization was founded with one goal in mind which was and still is our core mission today.

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

We have 33 member chapters (local Muslim communities) spread across the United States with an average of about 200 individual members per chapter.

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

Our Annual Family Convention, Platform, averages 1,600 attendees and includes Islamic education, and community building through lectures, networking, and a Qur'an competition (\$400K budget). The Young Adult Summer Retreat for ages 18-39 focuses on faith development and networking with their peers. The ASPIRE Youth Leadership Academy is a tuition-free program that has graduated 2 cohorts (31 participants) and is currently on its third with a \$35,000 annual budget. Our community impact spans education and healthcare, including \$85,000 in student scholarships over 5 years and Medical Missions to Nigeria that served 3,000 patients in 2022 & 2023. We have donated \$7,500 in charitable giving during our Spring and Fall in-person Meetings. Other activities include Islamic Couples Annual Retreat (ICARE), National Month of Service in September, Quarterly Speaker Series for youth members, Weekly virtual Ramadan Series, and much more.

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

Our Vision 2030 Roadmap outlines NCNMO's goals for the next 5 years and has the following priorities: Youth Engagement, Family Development, and Family & Community Engagement. These three core goals were identified in our most recent Strategic Planning session that took place in December 2023. During the first few months of 2024, we identified key members of our community to lead each of the priorities and allowed new volunteers to join in the work to propel this organization to greater heights. The Roadmap is in its planning stages and over the next few months the teams will finalize the statements of work.

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

Our organization is run entirely by volunteers as there are currently no paid NCNMO staff. The Leadership, the Platform and YASR planning committees, and team leads for the various initiatives/programs are all volunteers who spend hours in service of the Deen.

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

With this funding, we plan to focus on one of the core components of our Vision 2030: Youth Engagement. We hope to use part of these funds towards our YASR program in the summer of 2025 and to increase the reach of our Youth division, the Advanced Platform Committee (APC).

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