

2024 AMCF Muslim Women's Giving Circle

Grantee Q1 Reporting - Pillars of Peace

Recipient of \$3000 from the 2024 Women's Giving Circle Cycle

What did Pillars spend the money on? (100 words or less)

We have used the money on setting up our internal microgrants program. Through our work we have seen there are many clients who are in need of a few hundred dollars that cannot wait for the Zakat Fund application process which usually takes a few weeks. We have been wanting to set up an internal microgrants program which allows clients to apply for \$300 or less and receive a decision in 2 business days. These funds can be used for professional license renewals, food, children's needs, public transport costs, etc. We have held the \$3,000 from AMCF in our account specifically for this microgrant program. We officially launched the program in February of 2025.

What was the impact on your clients of the Giving Circle grant? (100 words or less)

Since our launch, we have been able to provide \$300 to one of our shelter residents who successfully completed her time at the shelter, is in school, and has just secured permanent housing. She needed some money to purchase a bedframe and mattress as soon as possible. We are so happy to have had the means to provide her this assistance. With Ramadan being over and new shelter residents entering Noora House, we anticipate an increase in our applications in the next few months.

What were successes this past quarter? (100 words or less)

Our success is piloting our microgrant program and being able to provide one of our shelter residents with funds for her new apartment within 2 business days.

What are the current challenges? (100 words or less)

No challenges as of yet, we are excited to provide this smaller funding for our clients!