



Coalition of African and Caribbean Communities in Philadelphia  
*Advocating for African and Caribbean Immigrant and Refugees – Contributing to Global Philadelphia*

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**THE COALITION OF AFRICAN COMMUNITIES (AFRICOM) RECEIVES \$ 11,750.00  
GRANT TO CONDUCT LEGAL IMMIGRATION INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS AND  
CLINICS FOR AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES**

The Coalition of African and Caribbean Communities (AFRICOM) at 5133 Baltimore Avenue in Philadelphia, PA, has received an \$ 11,750.00 grant from The PA is Ready Fund of the Philadelphia Foundation to support its expanding Immigration program. Announcement of the grant was made by Pedro A. Ramos, President and C.E.O of the Foundation.

Dr. Eric Edi, Executive Director and C.O.O of AFRICOM said the funds would be used to implement the PA is Ready in the African and Caribbean immigrant and refugee communities. “Now with this grant, AFRICOM will host a dozen informational, screening, and clinics sessions and help immigrants identify and apply for the benefits they are eligible for, said Edi.

AFRICOM is an immigrant rights coalition. It was started in 2001 by community-based organizations from 15 nationalities. Its mission is to empower African and Caribbean immigrants and refugees to integrate into the social, economic, and educational fabric of the Greater Philadelphia area by facilitating families’ access to health and social services (with a special focus on women, children, and youth), promoting education, community and economic development, and advocating on issues of concerns to African and Caribbean communities. Today, AFRICOM helps annually 800 individuals and families with access to health care, health information, immigration and legal advice, housing, employment, business development, and leadership capacity building.

One of America’s oldest community foundations (founded in 1918), The Philadelphia Foundation (TPF) is committed to improving the quality of life in the Pennsylvania counties of Greater Philadelphia (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia). A foundation and a public charity, TPF connects philanthropic resources to social needs. TPF manages assets of approximately \$ 370 million and more than 900 charitable funds established by its fund holders. It distributes about \$ 25 million annually to nearly 1,000 nonprofits as grants and scholarships, and promotes greater philanthropy and stronger nonprofits in service to community needs. To learn more, visit [www.philafound.org](http://www.philafound.org).

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