



## Global Support Partners with Austin Nonprofit to Provide Agriculturally Focused Entrepreneurship Opportunities for Refugees



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As a Principal Business Development Analyst, Amy was drawn to become a Team Member because of the company's **purpose-driven mission** and **commitment to community**. "When Whole Foods Market committed to raising the bar on healthy food nearly 40 years ago, it set in motion a revolution that has helped increase consumer awareness around what 'good food' should look, smell and taste like," Amy explains. "We have the **great responsibility** of furthering that mission." For her, that means supporting Multicultural Refugee Coalition's New Leaf Agriculture as a member of the CSA and helping the organization secure a Community First Grant. She understands that this is a critical moment in New Leaf's development and believes the grant can help ensure a **pathway to success**.

### Multicultural Refugee Coalition

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The Multicultural Refugee Coalition is an innovative organization blending skills-based education with social entrepreneurship to create **livelihood opportunities** for refugees in Austin. Through **free and low-cost job training**, they prepare refugees for fair-wage work in one of three social enterprise areas: farming, textile manufacturing and interpreter training. Since 2009, the coalition has supported more than **1,000 refugees from 20 countries**. The Community First Grant will help pay stipends for New Leaf Agriculture, a farm **apprenticeship program** for three to six refugees on a 12-acre commercial farm east of Austin and a **community garden program** for 20 refugee families. Whole Cities Foundation is proud to help the Multicultural Refugee Coalition further develop New Leaf Farm during its second year of production.



Whole Foods Market Team Members can nominate a local nonprofit increasing access to fresh, healthy food or nutrition education for a \$5,000 grant.

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