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Western Union Foundation Awards Grant to African Mutual Assistance Association of Missouri

The AMAAM Board of Directors is proud to announce a grant of \$10,000 from the Western Union Foundation. The funds will be used for operating costs.

In addition to its many services, AMAAM will be able to provide and expand necessary education for African legal immigrants and naturalized citizens.

For over two decades, African Mutual Assistance Association of Missouri, formerly the Ethiopian Community Association of Missouri, has been providing complementary and supportive social adjustment services to African refugees, asylees and other categories of legal immigrants to improve their lives and assimilate to our society in St. Louis. These complementary and supportive services directly and indirectly benefit this population group in addition to mainstream services provided by larger resettlement agencies for self-sufficiency.

The Western Union Foundation has begun in 2000 as a philanthropic organization to facilitate a charitable giving program worldwide. Through the generous donations of the Western Union Company, its employees and Agents, the Foundation helps to fund programs that enhance the quality of life for those most in need around the world. Western Union Company, together with its affiliates Orlandi Valuta and Vigo, is a leading provider of global money transfer services, providing people with fast, reliable and convenient ways to send money around the world, pay bills and purchase money orders through a network of more than 305,000 Agent locations in over 200 countries and territories. Since 2001, the Western Union Foundation, in collaboration with its Agents and employees, has granted nearly \$40 million to more than 1,500 NGOs in 70 countries around the globe to support humanitarian projects, provide disaster relief and fund education, health and human service programs. "Western Union Foundation is indeed part of the spirit and generosity of the American people that provides funds for worthwhile causes, recognizing the motto *GIVING IS RECEIVING*", Mr. Metaferia said.