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## **Afghan Refugee Support Services: FY 2023 First Allocation**

Dear Colleague Letter 23-09

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Dear Colleague:

The Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022, and Additional Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (ASA) provided the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) with specific appropriations to provide benefits and services to the citizens or nationals of Afghanistan delineated in ORR Policy Letter (PL) 22-01, *Afghan Humanitarian Parolees and Unaccompanied Afghan Minors Eligible for ORR Benefits and Services; ASA-Eligible Afghan Populations*. This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) outlines the first FY 2023 allocations to states<sup>1</sup> for ASA Refugee Support Services (ASA RSS) base funding, which totals \$179 million. This amount includes ASA RSS for housing assistance, including any necessary wraparound services during temporary housing, and for other activities as described in ORR PL 22-03, *Refugee Support Services Funded by the Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriation*.

For a description of eligible populations, priorities, service requirements, considerations regarding equity and inclusion, and reporting and monitoring requirements for ASA-funded RSS programming, reference the relevant sections within ORR PL 22-03.

### **Funding Formula and Allocations Chart**

The chart below displays the first allocation of FY 2023 ASA RSS base funding and the “Number of People” used to determine the allocations. For the “Number of People” totals, ORR used the number of Afghan Placement and Assistance (APA) Program beneficiaries who have departed a Safe Haven to their new communities, as recorded in the Hummingbird database. The total excludes Virtual APA beneficiaries.

The formula for future ASA RSS allocations will be adjusted based on updated data, as available.

As required under ORR regulation 45 C.F.R. §400.210, these funds must be obligated by September 30, 2024, and liquidated by September 30, 2025.

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<sup>1</sup> The term “states” throughout this DCL refers to states and replacement designees (RDs) that receive RSS funding from ORR.

### FY 2023 First ASA RSS Base Allocations

State	Number of people	Allocation
Alabama	79	\$190,790
Alaska	112	\$270,488
Arizona	2,174	\$5,250,358
Arkansas	221	\$533,730
California	9,880	\$23,860,871
Colorado	2,164	\$5,226,207
Connecticut	704	\$1,700,208
Delaware	52	\$125,584
District of Columbia	26	\$62,792
Florida	2,158	\$5,211,716
Georgia	1,801	\$4,349,537
Hawaii	1	\$2,415
Idaho	521	\$1,258,250
Illinois	1,998	\$4,825,306
Indiana	786	\$1,898,243
Iowa	1,057	\$2,552,727
Kansas	698	\$1,685,717
Kentucky	1,187	\$2,866,686
Louisiana	62	\$149,734
Maine	249	\$601,352
Maryland	2,062	\$4,979,870
Massachusetts	1,983	\$4,789,080
Michigan	1,787	\$4,315,726
Minnesota	1,303	\$3,146,833
Mississippi	6	\$14,490
Missouri	1,812	\$4,376,103
Montana	123	\$297,053
Nebraska	1,242	\$2,999,514
Nevada	310	\$748,671
New Hampshire	201	\$485,429
New Jersey	789	\$1,905,489
New Mexico	549	\$1,325,872
New York	2,543	\$6,141,518
North Carolina	1,752	\$4,231,199
North Dakota	52	\$125,584
Ohio	1,738	\$4,197,388

Oklahoma	1,853	\$4,475,121
Oregon	821	\$1,982,771
Pennsylvania	2,667	\$6,440,986
Rhode Island	311	\$751,086
South Carolina	445	\$1,074,705
South Dakota	11	\$26,566
Tennessee	689	\$1,663,982
Texas	11,612	\$28,043,766
Utah	932	\$2,250,843
Vermont	250	\$603,767
Virginia	6,213	\$15,004,817
Washington	3,265	\$7,885,197
West Virginia	5	\$12,075
Wisconsin	862	\$2,081,788
<b>Total</b>	<b>74,188</b>	<b>\$179,000,000</b>

## Resources

Please direct any questions about this DCL or ASA RSS allocations to your ORR Regional Representative/Regional Analyst or ORR's Division of Refugee Assistance, at [DRAprograms@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:DRAprograms@acf.hhs.gov). We also encourage you to utilize ORR's [Technical Assistance provider\(s\)](#) for additional resources on serving refugees.

We appreciate all of your work to support the well-being of these new Afghan arrivals.

Sincerely,

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 Director, Refugee Programs  
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