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## Refugee School Impact Refugee Support Services Set-Aside: FY 2023 Supplemental Funding

Dear Colleague Letter 23-22

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Dear Colleague:

ORR will issue a supplement to the Refugee School Impact (RSI) “set-aside” within the fiscal year (FY) 2023<sup>1</sup> Refugee Support Services (RSS) formula Refugee and Entrant Assistance (REA) allocation, as detailed in [ORR Dear Colleague Letter \(DCL\) 23-04](#). This letter explains ORR’s method of determining supplemental RSI FY 2023 awards and details the funding amounts. For a description of program goals and services, eligible populations, and program reporting and monitoring requirements, please reference [ORR Policy Letter \(PL\) 22-07, Refugee School Impact](#).

### Qualification for FY 2023 Supplemental Allocations

FY 2023 is the second year of a three-year qualification period for the RSI program. States that qualified for funding last year will remain eligible to receive funding for this year and next. In FY 2023, forty-five states whose arrived/served population was above the RSS base formula floor threshold<sup>2</sup> received an RSI Set-Aside allocation. Current floor states may also see increasing arrivals, and ORR may elect to include additional states in the future depending on arrival patterns and overall availability of funds.

States that did not receive FY 2023 REA RSI funding were offered the option to receive a FY 2023 supplemental RSI allocation; three of those states elected to receive supplemental RSI funding. Receipt of supplemental funding does not guarantee future RSI funding.

### Basis for Funding

A portion of the FY 2023 supplemental allocations to states<sup>3</sup> is based on the traditional population served<sup>4</sup>, and a portion was based on the Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee (UHP) population arrived and served because Congress provided additional funding to serve all populations, including Ukrainians, in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023<sup>5</sup>.

For the traditional population served, ORR used the number of ORR-eligible individuals, aged 0-18, who arrived and were served in FY 2021 and FY 2022 (combined), as reported in the ORR-5 in the ORR Refugee Arrivals Data System (RADS). ORR used this two-year lookback period to determine RSS

<sup>1</sup> October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Please refer to [RSS DCL 22-19](#) for listing of RSS base formula floor states.

<sup>3</sup> The term “states” throughout this DCL refers to states and replacement designees (RDs) that receive RSS funding from ORR.

<sup>4</sup> Includes Refugees, Special Immigrant Visa holders, Victims of Trafficking, Cuban and Haitian Entrants, and Asylees. Does not include Afghan or Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees.

<sup>5</sup> Title V of Division M – Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023

allocations, providing a level of funding stability in response to the variance in arrivals during the relevant time period. Please note that even though the allocation reflected is based on arrivals for FY 2021 and FY 2022, the service population includes all arrivals for the past five-year period.

For the portion of the allocation based on UHP arrival data, ORR used arrival data from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), as well as service data for UHPs age 0-18 submitted by states in the ORR-5. The two data sets were weighted equally.

The total supplemental RSI allocation may be used to serve all eligible individuals; there is no requirement to allocate funds between UHPs and other eligible populations in alignment with the funding chart below<sup>6</sup>.

### FY 2023 Supplemental Allocations Chart

The chart below documents each state's number of eligible individuals who formed the basis for this funding and the corresponding supplemental funding allocation for the RSI program for FY 2023. As required under ORR regulation 45 C.F.R. §400.210, these funds must be obligated by September 30, 2024, and must be liquidated by September 30, 2025.

FY 2022 and FY 2021 RSI Populations Served and Final FY 2023 RSI Allocation								
	Funds Allocated Based on ORR-5 Data			Funds Allocated Based on UHP Data				
State	FY21-22 Total Arrived/ Served (age 0-18) <sup>7</sup>	Proportion of Population Arrived/ Served (age 0-18)	Funding, Subtotal	Total DHS UHPs Arrived	FY21-22 Total ORR- 5 UHPs Arrived/ Served (age 0-18)	Proportion of Population Arrived/ Served	Funding, Subtotal	Total Allocation
Alabama	18	0.07%	\$ 17,409	332	4	0.20%	\$ 158,790	\$176,199
Alaska	27	0.11%	\$ 26,114	583	157	1.92%	\$ 1,528,423	\$1,554,537
Arizona	386	1.60%	\$ 373,329	590	25	0.54%	\$ 431,257	\$804,586
Arkansas	70	0.29%	\$ 67,702	74	4	0.08%	\$ 61,292	\$128,994
California	2,018	8.37%	\$1,951,756	11,161	187	7.27%	\$ 5,775,786	\$7,727,542
Colorado	539	2.24%	\$ 521,306	1,191	174	2.39%	\$ 1,899,828	\$2,421,134
Connecticut	133	0.55%	\$ 128,634	1,898	39	1.31%	\$ 1,042,195	\$1,170,829
Delaware	2	0.01%	\$ 1,934	142	-	0.07%	\$ 53,662	\$55,596
District of Columbia	13	0.05%	\$ 12,573	158	7	0.15%	\$ 118,031	\$130,604
Florida	5,801	24.07%	\$5,610,572	7,381	356	7.24%	\$ 5,755,423	\$11,365,995
Georgia	618	2.56%	\$ 597,713	1,636	1	0.79%	\$ 626,573	\$1,224,286

<sup>6</sup> Per [ORR DCL 23-11](#), ORR issued the first allocation of FY 2023 Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (AUSAA) RSS base funding in November 2022 to provide services to support Ukrainian populations and other non-Ukrainian individuals as delineated in [ORR Policy Letter 22-13](#). ORR will issue a second allocation of AUSAA RSS base funding in FY 2023.

<sup>7</sup> Includes Refugees, Special Immigrant Visa holders, Victims of Trafficking, Cuban and Haitian Entrants, and Asylees. Does not include Afghan or Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees.

Hawaii	1	0.00%	\$ 967	106	-	0.05%	\$ 40,057	\$41,024
Idaho	198	0.82%	\$ 191,500	436	248	2.81%	\$ 2,231,076	\$2,422,576
Illinois	346	1.44%	\$ 334,642	14,904	120	8.35%	\$ 6,632,021	\$6,966,663
Indiana	359	1.49%	\$ 347,215	611	35	0.66%	\$ 522,512	\$869,727
Iowa	183	0.76%	\$ 176,993	370	-	0.18%	\$ 139,822	\$316,815
Kansas	139	0.58%	\$ 134,437	224	3	0.14%	\$ 109,645	\$244,082
Kentucky	1,709	7.09%	\$1,652,899	557	142	1.75%	\$ 1,393,620	\$3,046,519
Louisiana	109	0.45%	\$ 105,422	135	9	0.16%	\$ 126,003	\$231,425
Maine	112	0.46%	\$ 108,323	135	15	0.22%	\$ 175,995	\$284,318
Maryland	332	1.38%	\$ 321,102	1,182	72	1.32%	\$ 1,046,573	\$1,367,675
Massachusetts	425	1.76%	\$ 411,049	2,053	236	3.45%	\$ 2,742,154	\$3,153,203
Michigan	452	1.88%	\$ 437,162	2,723	109	2.44%	\$ 1,937,194	\$2,374,356
Minnesota	519	2.15%	\$ 501,963	1,352	135	2.06%	\$ 1,635,725	\$2,137,688
Missouri	376	1.56%	\$ 363,657	902	83	1.30%	\$ 1,032,412	\$1,396,069
Montana	33	0.14%	\$ 31,917	94	-	0.04%	\$ 35,522	\$67,439
Nebraska	122	0.51%	\$ 117,995	495	55	0.81%	\$ 645,314	\$763,309
Nevada	284	1.18%	\$ 274,677	429	30	0.52%	\$ 412,075	\$686,752
New Hampshire	43	0.18%	\$ 41,588	269	47	0.62%	\$ 493,254	\$534,842
New Jersey	739	3.07%	\$ 714,741	5,489	78	3.43%	\$ 2,724,171	\$3,438,912
New Mexico	33	0.14%	\$ 31,917	101	-	0.05%	\$ 38,168	\$70,085
New York	860	3.57%	\$ 831,769	14,139	1,091	18.16%	\$14,433,208	\$15,264,977
North Carolina	411	1.71%	\$ 397,508	2,227	46	1.54%	\$ 1,224,847	\$1,622,355
North Dakota	26	0.11%	\$ 25,147	138	27	0.35%	\$ 277,111	\$302,258
Ohio	373	1.55%	\$ 360,756	3,841	4	1.87%	\$ 1,484,834	\$1,845,590
Oklahoma	123	0.51%	\$ 118,962	222	14	0.25%	\$ 200,540	\$319,502
Oregon	49	0.20%	\$ 47,391	2,025	4	1.00%	\$ 798,571	\$845,962
Pennsylvania	544	2.26%	\$ 526,142	6,186	187	4.90%	\$ 3,895,743	\$4,421,885
Rhode Island	31	0.13%	\$ 29,982	117	4	0.10%	\$ 77,542	\$107,524
South Carolina	159	0.66%	\$ 153,781	1,539	18	0.92%	\$ 731,559	\$885,340
South Dakota	26	0.11%	\$ 25,147	179	37	0.47%	\$ 375,924	\$401,071
Tennessee	328	1.36%	\$ 317,233	879	182	2.33%	\$ 1,848,579	\$2,165,812
Texas	3,230	13.40%	\$3,123,970	2,685	201	3.38%	\$ 2,689,369	\$5,813,339
Utah	297	1.23%	\$ 287,250	567	74	1.05%	\$ 830,829	\$1,118,079
Vermont	82	0.34%	\$ 79,308	96	4	0.09%	\$ 69,606	\$148,914
Virginia	292	1.21%	\$ 282,415	1,559	78	1.56%	\$ 1,239,032	\$1,521,447
Washington	894	3.71%	\$ 864,653	10,174	399	9.02%	\$ 7,169,165	\$8,033,818
Wisconsin	238	0.99%	\$ 230,187	861	28	0.70%	\$ 558,664	\$788,851
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,102</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$23,310,809</b>	<b>105,147</b>	<b>4,769</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$79,469,696</b>	<b>\$102,780,505</b>

## Resources

Please direct any questions about this Dear Colleague Letter or the RSI program to your ORR Regional Representative or [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.

Sincerely,

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