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FY 2021 Refugee Support Services Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Holders and Special Immigrant (SI/SQ) Parolees Supplemental Allocation

Dear Colleague Letter 21-17 August 18, 2021

Dear Colleague:

In July 2021, the U.S. government initiated Operation Allies Refuge to quickly admit and resettle individuals from, and in, Afghanistan who have worked for, or on behalf of, the U.S. government. These individuals, who will be granted a Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) or Special Immigrant (SI/SQ) Parole, or may be resettled through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, will be eligible for ORR refugee benefits and services. For more information on the eligibility of individuals who receive an SIV or SI/SQ Parole for ORR benefits and services, please see Policy Letters (PL) 16-01 and 21-07 and Dear Colleague Letters (DCL) 21-15 and 21-16.

In response to this operation, ORR is providing a supplemental Refugee Support Services (RSS) quarter four allocation (Q4B) to ten states[1] to ensure they have adequate resources to support this population. The supplemental allocation described below will be in addition to the regular RSS formula allocation to states outlined in DCL 21-10.

Funding Formula

ORR will award $20 million for this FY 2021 RSS Afghan SIV supplemental allocation, distributed among the ten states that received over 250 Afghan SIVs across FY 2019 and FY 2020. To determine allocation amounts, ORR used each state's proportion of the total number of Afghan SIV arrivals, including both initial SIV resettlement and SIV secondary migration, within those two fiscal years.

The attached table provides the FY 2019 and FY 2020 Afghan SIV arrived/served figures used to determine the Afghan SIV supplemental allocation and the amount of the supplemental allocation by state. While ORR will closely assess shifts in the arrival pattern of this population, ORR and the Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) anticipate similar arrival patterns to these ten states as Afghan SIV holders and SI/SQ parolees are resettled in the coming months.

[1] The term "states" throughout this DCL refers to states and replacement designees who receive RSS funding from ORR.

Services

This supplemental allocation is specifically awarded to address the needs of Afghan SIV holders and SQ/SI parolees. States must provide services in accordance with 45 CFR Part 400 Subpart I-Refugee Social Services, and PL 18-04, unless otherwise waived in accordance with PL 21-05. ORR is adding the funding to the RSS base; however, states have the flexibility to distribute these funds to their RSS Set-Aside Programs (Refugee School Impact, Services to Older Refugees, Youth Mentoring, and Refugee Health Promotion).

Reporting and Monitoring

States must report all service activities related to this population within their RSS reporting on the ORR-6 Performance Reports (OMB Clearance Number 0970-0036) on a semi-annual basis. The ORR-6 Performance Report may be found at: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/resource/report-forms.

In addition, states should ensure appropriate mechanisms to distribute and track all emergency assistance provided to clients in accordance with PL 21-05.

States must submit data regarding RSS enrollments and services, including those provided through this supplemental allocation, on the ORR-5 Report.

Grantees must submit SF-425 Federal Financial Reports through the Payment Management System (PMS). For questions regarding PMS, please contact the PMS Help Desk at 877.614.5533 or pmssupport@psc.gov.

ORR will monitor use of the supplemental allocation through routine monitoring activities.
If you have questions about this allocation, please email draprograms@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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FY 2019 and FY 2020 Refugee Support Services SIVs Arrived/Served and FY 2021 SIV/SQ/SI Supplemental Allocations (Q4B)

State	FY 2019 & FY 2020 Afghan SIV Arrived/Served (250+ initial and secondary migrant arrivals)	FY 2021 Q4B Supplemental Allocation to Serve Afghan SIVs and SQ/SI Parolees
California	7,348	$8,457,643
Colorado	425	$489,181
Connecticut	300	$345,304
Georgia	336	$386,740
Maryland	1,189	$1,368,554
New York	652	$750,460
Pennsylvania	269	$309,622
Texas	2,925	$3,366,713
Virginia	2,563	$2,950,046
Washington	1,369	$1,575,737
Total	**17,376**	**$20,000,000**