

# Afghan Refugee Support Services Supplement: FY 2022 Quarter 1

Dear Colleague Letter 22-03 October 19, 2021

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The Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriation (ASA) 2022 provided the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) with specific appropriations to provide services to support citizens or nationals of Afghanistan. This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) outlines the FY 2022 first quarter ASA allocation to states<sup>1</sup> for Refugee Support Services (RSS) base funding, which totals \$191 million. This amount includes \$100 million (52% of the total) for emergency/temporary and longer-term housing assistance, including any necessary wraparound services during temporary housing, and \$91 million (48% of the total) for other RSS activities as described in ORR Policy Letter (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 Policy Letter (PL) 22-03, *Refugee Support Services Funded by the Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriation*.

#### **Funding Formula**

The FY 2022 Quarter 1 RSS Base ASA Allocations chart below displays the FY 2022 RSS ASA base funding for quarter one; the chart also displays the "Number of People" used to determine the allocations. ORR used the following data to arrive at the "Number of People" totals:

- FY 2019 and FY 2020 match data for Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders from the ORR Refugee Arrivals Data System (RADS); and
- Statement of capacity numbers by state according to the Department of State's Afghan Placement Assistance (APA) program.

In determining the allocation, the "Number of People" totals were adjusted to give equal weight to the SIV and APA numbers. If a state is not participating in the APA program, they will not receive ASA funding. The formula for future ASA RSS allocations will be adjusted based on updated data, as available. ORR intends to reassess allocations for the remaining funding later in FY 2022.

## FY 2022 Quarter 1 Allocations Chart

The chart below documents the "Number of People" described above, and the corresponding funding allocations for ASA-funded RSS for FY 2022, quarter one. As required under ORR regulation 45 C.F.R. §400.210, these funds must

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

be obligated by September 30, 2023, and liquidated by September 30, 2024.

## FY 2022 Quarter 1 RSS ASA Allocations

State	Number of People	FY2022 Q1 RSS ASA Allocation
Alabama	7	\$23,090
Alaska	74	\$230,898
Arizona	1,391	\$4,352,666
Arkansas	85	\$265,071
California	15,268	\$47,763,733
Colorado	1,297	\$4,058,068
Connecticut	694	\$2,170,467
Delaware	36	\$112,910
Florida	957	\$2,994,063
Georgia	1,321	\$4,132,178
Idaho	372	\$1,163,728
Illinois	966	\$3,023,395
Indiana	422	\$1,320,508
Iowa	552	\$1,725,963
Kansas	537	\$1,679,330
Kentucky	691	\$2,161,438
Louisiana	48	\$150,777
Maine	85	\$264,840
Maryland	2,838	\$8,877,899
Massachusetts	816	\$2,552,351
Michigan	1,080	\$3,377,349
Minnesota	406	\$1,270,868
Mississippi	7	\$23,090
Missouri	1,223	\$3,825,992
Montana	55	\$173,173
Nebraska	732	\$2,288,899
Nevada	266	\$831,241
New Hampshire	111	\$346,347
New Jersey	621	\$1,943,249
New Mexico	214	\$669,374
New York	1,854	\$5,800,674
North Carolina	1,200	\$3,752,800
North Dakota	39	\$122,838
Ohio	950	\$2,973,059
Oklahoma	1,343	\$4,199,800
Oregon	389	\$1,215,691

Pennsylvania	1,151	\$3,601,799
Rhode Island	112	\$351,196
South Carolina	132	\$413,769
Tennessee	440	\$1,375,235
Texas	8,081	\$25,280,114
Utah	706	\$2,207,622
Vermont	75	\$235,747
Virginia	7,715	\$24,134,365
Washington	3,361	\$10,514,981
Wisconsin	335	\$1,047,355
Total	61,055	\$191,000,000

## Resources

Please direct any questions about this DCL or the RSS ASA allocations to your ORR Regional Representative/Regional Analyst or <a href="mailto:DRAprograms@acf.hhs.gov">DRAprograms@acf.hhs.gov</a>. We also encourage you to utilize ORR's <a href="mailto:Technical">Technical</a> <a href="mailto:Assistance provider(s)">Assistance provider(s)</a> 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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