

Afghan Refugee School Impact: FY 2022 Second Supplement

Dear Colleague Letter 22-13 March 31, 2022

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The Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriation Act, 2022, and Additional Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (ASA) provided the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) with appropriations to serve certain citizens or nationals of Afghanistan resettled to the United States. This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) outlines the second FY 2022 Afghan Refugee School Impact (ARSI) supplement to states¹ that funds the Refugee Support Services (RSS) Refugee School Impact (RSI) set-aside program, which totals \$38 million. This DCL explains ORR's method of determining the second FY 2022 ARSI allocations and provides the specific funding amounts for eligible states.

For a description of eligible populations see <u>ORR Policy Letter(PL) 22-10</u> Afghan Populations Eligible for ASA-Funded ORR Services. While ARSI programming is limited to ASA-eligible participants, its benefits and services are the same as those under traditional RSI, and it is governed by the RSI guidance delineated in <u>ORR PL 22-07</u> Refugee School Impact Program. Therefore, for considerations regarding program goals and services, equity and inclusion, and reporting and monitoring requirements, see ORR PL 22-07.

Qualification for the Second FY 2022 ARSI Supplement

In order for states to receive the second FY 2022 ARSI supplement, the state must have received at least 5 ASA-eligible children (ages 0-18) who departed a Safe Haven to their new communities as recorded in the Hummingbird database through March 1, 2022.

Second FY 2022 ARSI Allocations Chart

The chart below documents the "Number of ASA-Eligible Children (Ages 0-18)" described above, and the corresponding funding allocations for the second FY 2022 ARSI supplement. Pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 400.210(b), states must obligate these funds by September 30, 2023 and liquidate the funds by September 30, 2024.

Second FY 2022 ARSI Allocations Chart

State	Number of ASA-Eligible Children (Ages 0-18)	Second FY 2022 ARSI Allocations
Alabama	35	\$50,000
Alaska	48	\$54,544
Arizona	950	\$1,079,526

¹ Throughout this DCL, the term "states" refers to states and replacement designees.

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Arkansas	117	\$132,952
California	4,215	\$4,789,686
Colorado	937	\$1,064,754
Connecticut	316	\$359,084
Delaware	17	\$35,000
District of Columbia	6	\$25,000
Florida	929	\$1,055,663
Georgia	881	\$1,001,118
Idaho	189	\$214,769
Illinois	825	\$937,483
Indiana	340	\$386,357
Iowa	457	\$519,309
Kansas	377	\$428,401
Kentucky	516	\$586,353
Louisiana	12	\$35,000
Maine	107	\$121,589
Maryland	921	\$1,046,572
Massachusetts	853	\$969,301
Michigan	881	\$1,001,118
Minnesota	659	\$748,850
Missouri	1,005	\$1,142,025
Montana	57	\$64,772
Nebraska	633	\$719,305
Nevada	121	\$137,498
New Hampshire	69	\$78,408
New Jersey	303	\$344,312
New Mexico	283	\$321,585
New York	1,026	\$1,165,888
North Carolina	817	\$928,392
North Dakota	28	\$50,000
Ohio	851	\$967,028
Oklahoma	1,088	\$1,236,341
Oregon	332	\$377,266
Pennsylvania	1,229	\$1,396,566
Rhode Island	113	\$128,407
South Carolina	245	\$278,404
South Dakota	6	\$25,000
Tennessee	285	\$323,858
Texas	5,482	\$6,229,431
Utah	451	\$512,491
Vermont	113	\$128,407
Virginia	2,366	\$2,688,588
Washington	1,450	\$1,647,698
Wisconsin	410	\$465,901
Total	33,351	\$38,000,000

Explanation of Allocations

ORR allocated the second FY 2022 ARSI supplement based on the following tiers: 1) a per capita tier for states with 40 or more ASA-eligible children, and 2) a floor tier for states with 5-39 ASA-eligible children. ORR further separated the floor tier as follows: states with between 25-39 ASA-eligible children (\$50,000), 10-24 (\$35,000), and 5-9 (\$25,000).

Resources

Please direct any questions about this DCL, the ARSI supplement or the RSI program to your ORR Regional Representative/Regional Analyst or to DRAprograms@acf.hhs.gov. ORR also encourages you to utilize ORR's Technical Assistance provider(s) for additional resources on serving ORR-eligible populations.

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

Sincerely,

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