

Afghan Services to Older Refugees Supplemental: FY 2022

Dear Colleague Letter 22-16 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) announces the FY 2022 ASA-funded Afghan Services to Older Refugees (ASOR) supplement to states¹, within the Refugee Support Services (RSS) Services to Older Refugees (SOR) set-aside program, which totals \$6 million. This DCL explains ORR's method of determining the FY 2022 ASOR 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 ASOR programming is limited to ASA-eligible participants, its benefits and services are the same as those under traditional SOR, and it is governed by the SOR guidance delineated in <u>ORR PL 22-08</u> Services to Older Refugees Program. Therefore, for considerations regarding program goals and services, equity and inclusion, and reporting and monitoring requirements, see ORR PL 22-08.

Qualification for the FY 2022 ASOR Supplement

In order for states to receive the FY 2022 ASOR supplement, the state must have received at least 5 ASA-eligible older adults (ages 60 and older) who departed a Safe Haven to their new communities as recorded in the Hummingbird database through March 1, 2022.

FY 2022 ASOR Allocations Chart

The chart below documents the "Number of ASA-Eligible Adults (Ages 60 and older)" described above, and the corresponding funding allocations for the FY 2022 ASOR 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.

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ Throughout this DCL, the term 'states' refers to states and replacement designees.

FY 2022 ASOR Allocations Chart

State	Number of ASA-Eligible Adults (Ages 60 and older)	FY 2022 ASOR Allocations
Arizona	23	\$135,294
California	242	\$1,423,530
Colorado	30	\$176,471
Connecticut	15	\$88,235
Florida	27	\$158,824
Georgia	33	\$194,118
Idaho	8	\$47,059
Illinois	12	\$70,588
Indiana	11	\$64,706
Iowa	9	\$52,941
Kentucky	9	\$52,941
Maryland	33	\$194,118
Massachusetts	14	\$82,353
Michigan	13	\$76,471
Minnesota	12	\$70,588
Missouri	8	\$47,059
Nebraska	10	\$58,824
Nevada	7	\$41,176
New Jersey	11	\$64,706
New Mexico	7	\$41,176
New York	34	\$200,000
North Carolina	33	\$194,118
Ohio	12	\$70,588
Oklahoma	13	\$76,471
Oregon	18	\$105,882
Pennsylvania	31	\$182,353
Tennessee	12	\$70,588
Texas	113	\$664,706
Utah	7	\$41,176
Virginia	168	\$988,235
Washington	38	\$223,529
Wisconsin	7	\$41,176
Total	1,020	\$6,000,000

Explanation of Allocations

ORR allocated the FY 2022 ASOR allocations entirely on a per capita basis.

Resources

Please direct any questions about this DCL, the ASOR supplement or the SOR program to your ORR Regional Representative/Regional Analyst or DRAprograms@acf.hhs.gov. ORR also encourages you to

utilize ORR's <u>Technical Assistance provider(s)</u> 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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