

Refugee Support Services: Extension of Obligation and Liquidation Deadlines for FY 2022 and FY 2023 Funds

Dear Colleague Letter 23-25

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Dear Colleague:

This DCL extends the obligation and liquidation deadlines for all FY 2022 and FY 2023 Refugee Support Services (RSS) funds by one year. This comprises all RSS Base and Set-Aside awards funded by ORR's Refugee and Entrant Assistance (REA) appropriation; the Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022, and the Additional Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (ASA); and the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act (AUSAA).

ORR regulation 45 C.F.R. §400.210 requires ORR recipients to obligate RSS funds no later than one year after the end of the Federal Fiscal Year in which they are awarded and liquidate them no later than two years after the end of the Federal Fiscal Year in which they are awarded. However, ORR has determined that the amount, timing, and overall complexity of RSS awards in FY 2022 and FY 2023 requires extended availability to ensure the efficient and effective use of federal funds.

Due to these circumstances, ORR has determined that it will not apply 45 CFR § 400.210(b) for the FY 2022 and FY 2023 RSS grants to the extent described herein. ORR extends the obligation deadlines of September 30, 2023, and September 30, 2024, for RSS FY 2022 and RSS FY 2023, respectively, for 1 year. ORR extends the liquidation deadlines of September 30, 2024, and September 30, 2025, for RSS FY 2022 and RSS FY 2023, respectively, for 1 year.

Sincerely,

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