

# Afghan Refugee Support Services: FY 2023 Second Allocation

Dear Colleague Letter 23-26

June 12, 2023

### Dear Colleague:

The Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022, and Additional Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (ASA) provided the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) with specific appropriations to provide benefits and services to the citizens or nationals of Afghanistan delineated in ORR Policy Letter (PL) 22-01, Afghan Humanitarian Parolees and Unaccompanied Afghan Minors Eligible for ORR Benefits and Services; ASA-Eligible Afghan Populations. This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) outlines the second FY 2023 allocations to states¹ for ASA Refugee Support Services (ASA RSS) base funding, which totals \$469.5 million. This amount includes ASA RSS for housing assistance, and other services which now includes Extended Case Management and Community Orientation and services for Attached Afghan Minors as described in ORR PL 22-03 Refugee Support Services Funded by the Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriation which was revised on April 20, 2023.

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 PL 22-03.

### **Funding Formula and Allocations Chart**

The chart below displays the second allocation of FY 2023 ASA RSS base funding and the "Number of People" used to determine the allocations. For the "Number of People" totals, ORR used data recorded in the Hummingbird database, service data from the ORR Refugee Arrivals Data System (RADS), and data from the Refugee Processing Center START system.

As described in DCL 23-25, these funds must be obligated by September 30, 2025, and liquidated by September 30, 2026.

<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.

## **FY 2023 Second ASA RSS Base Allocations**

State	Number of people	Allocation	
Alabama	79	\$	419,272
Alaska	113	\$	599,719
Arizona	2,166	\$	11,495,490
Arkansas	233	\$	1,236,588
California	12,395	\$	65,783,285
Colorado	2,640	\$	14,011,123
Connecticut	994	\$	5,275,400
Delaware	58	\$	307,820
District of Columbia	44	\$	233,519
Florida	2,095	\$	11,118,675
Georgia	2,187	\$	11,606,942
Hawaii	2	\$	10,614
Idaho	557	\$	2,956,135
Illinois	2,201	\$	11,681,243
Indiana	936	\$	4,967,580
Iowa	1,000	\$	5,307,244
Kansas	853	\$	4,527,079
Kentucky	1,320	\$	7,005,562
Louisiana	64	\$	339,664
Maine	261	\$	1,385,191
Maryland	2,442	\$	12,960,289
Massachusetts	2,125	\$	11,277,893
Michigan	1,870	\$	9,924,546
Minnesota	1,424	\$	7,557,515
Mississippi	6	\$	31,843
Missouri	1,936	\$	10,274,824
Montana	116	\$	615,640
Nebraska	1,431	\$	7,594,666
Nevada	339	\$	1,799,156
New Hampshire	195	\$	1,034,913
New Jersey	874	\$	4,638,531
New Mexico	523	\$	2,775,688
New York	2,889	\$	15,332,627
North Carolina	1,938	\$	10,285,438
North Dakota	74	\$	392,736
Ohio	1,852	\$	9,829,015
Oklahoma	1,908	\$	10,126,221
Oregon	816	\$	4,330,711

Pennsylvania	2,790	\$ 14,807,210
Rhode Island	332	\$ 1,762,005
South Carolina	481	\$ 2,552,784
South Dakota	15	\$ 79,609
Tennessee	749	\$ 3,975,125
Texas	14,132	\$ 75,001,965
Utah	1,036	\$ 5,498,304
Vermont	317	\$ 1,682,396
Virginia	9,648	\$ 51,204,286
Washington	5,083	\$ 26,976,719
West Virginia	10	\$ 53,072
Wisconsin	915	\$ 4,856,128
Total	88,464	\$ 469,500,000

#### Resources

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