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Refugee School Impact Refugee Support Services Set-Aside: FY 2024 Funding

Dear Colleague Letter 24-05

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Dear Colleague:

ORR will issue Refugee School Impact (RSI) funding to States¹ as a “set-aside” within the fiscal year (FY) 2024² Refugee Support Services (RSS) formula Refugee and Entrant Assistance (REA) allocation. This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) explains ORR’s method of determining RSI FY 2024 allocations, and details the funding amounts, contingent on federal funds available upon enactment of the FY 2024 federal funding law. Program goals, services, eligible populations, and requirements are described in [ORR Policy Letter \(PL\) 22-07, Refugee School Impact Program](#).

Qualification for FY 2024 Allocations

This is the third year of a three-year qualification period for the RSI program. States that qualified for funding last year will remain eligible to receive funding for this year. In FY 2024, forty-seven states whose arrived/served population was above the RSS base formula floor threshold will receive an RSI Set-Aside allocation. Consistent with past pattern and practice, ORR has elected to include floor states that have seen increasing arrivals.

Basis for Funding

The FY 2024 allocations to States are based on the number of ORR-eligible individuals, aged 0-18, who arrived/were served in FY 2021 and FY 2022 (combined), as reported in the ORR-5, and verified against a number of federal sources in the ORR Refugee Arrivals Data System (RADS). ORR will use this two-year lookback period to determine RSS allocations, providing a level of funding stability in response to the variance in arrivals during the relevant time period.

FY 2024 Allocations Chart

The chart below documents the number of eligible individuals who arrived/were served in each state in FY 2021 and FY 2022 and the State’s corresponding funding allocation for the RSI program for FY 2024. As required under ORR regulation 45 C.F.R. §400.210, these funds must be obligated by September 30, 2025, and liquidated by September 30, 2026.

On October 20, 2023, the Office of Management and Budget [submitted a request to Congress for emergency supplemental funding](#), which is necessary to provide resettlement assistance to ORR-eligible populations.

¹ “States” throughout this DCL refers to States and Replacement Designees (RDs) funded to administer RSS.

² October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

Until there is Congressional action providing a full-year appropriation, ORR's annual funding levels remain uncertain. Absent supplemental funding, funds for the remainder of FY 2024 will be extremely limited.

FY 2024 RSI Allocations by State

State	Total Arrived/Served FY 2021 & FY 2022 Aged 0-18	Allocation
Alabama	35	\$100,000
Alaska	24	\$100,000
Arizona	988	\$1,201,165
Arkansas	82	\$140,000
California	4,682	\$3,000,000
Colorado	688	\$836,439
Connecticut	164	\$199,384
Delaware	36	\$100,000
District Of Columbia	114	\$140,000
Florida	9,007	\$4,000,000
Georgia	828	\$1,006,645
Idaho	383	\$465,634
Illinois	733	\$891,148
Indiana	434	\$527,637
Iowa	371	\$451,045
Kansas	320	\$389,041
Kentucky	2,067	\$1,750,000
Louisiana	171	\$207,894
Maine	122	\$148,322
Maryland	753	\$915,463
Massachusetts	673	\$818,203
Michigan	905	\$1,100,258
Minnesota	445	\$541,011
Missouri	596	\$724,590
Montana	60	\$135,000
Nebraska	279	\$339,195
Nevada	397	\$482,654
New Hampshire	72	\$140,000
New Jersey	887	\$1,078,374
New Mexico	77	\$140,000
New York	1,651	\$1,400,000
North Carolina	857	\$1,041,901

State	Total Arrived/Served FY 2021 & FY 2022 Aged 0-18	Allocation
North Dakota	55	\$135,000
Ohio	809	\$983,545
Oklahoma	92	\$140,000
Oregon	240	\$291,781
Pennsylvania	890	\$1,082,021
Rhode Island	60	\$135,000
South Carolina	223	\$271,113
South Dakota	58	\$135,000
Tennessee	558	\$678,391
Texas	5,483	\$3,000,000
Utah	369	\$448,613
Vermont	63	\$135,000
Virginia	1,414	\$1,400,000
Washington	1,227	\$1,400,000
Wisconsin	542	\$658,939
Total	40,984	\$35,405,406

Explanation of Allocations

FY 2024 allocations fall into the following three tiers.

- 1) A maximum funding tier for states that had 1,001 or more individuals arrive/were served, which was further broken down to:
 - a. 9,001 or more eligible individuals (\$4,000,000)
 - b. 4,001-9,000 eligible individuals (\$3,000,000)
 - c. 2,001-4,000 eligible individuals (\$1,750,000)
 - d. 1,001-2,000 eligible individuals (\$1,400,000)
- 2) A per capita funding tier for states that had arrivals/served between 121-1,000 eligible individuals; and
- 3) A lower funding tier for states that had arrivals/served of 120 or fewer eligible individuals, which was further broken down to:
 - a. 71-120 eligible individuals (\$140,000)
 - b. 41-70 eligible individuals (\$135,000)
 - c. 40 or fewer eligible individuals (\$100,000)

The goal of the tiered system is to ensure states with similar numbers of ORR-eligible individuals arrived/served receive comparable funding, and states with lower arrived/served numbers have sufficient funding for program sustainability.

Please note that although this allocation reflected is based on ORR-eligible individuals arrived/served for FY 2021 and FY 2022, the population eligible for services includes all arrivals for the past five-year period.

Resources

Please direct any questions about this DCL or the RSI program to your ORR Regional Representative/Regional Analyst or ORR's Division of Refugee Assistance, at DRAprograms@acf.hhs.gov. We also encourage you to use ORR's [Technical Assistance provider\(s\)](#) for additional resources on serving ORR-eligible populations.

Sincerely,

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