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Refugee School Impact Refugee Support Services Set-Aside: FY 2022 Funding

Dear Colleague Letter 22-06

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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) 2022² Refugee Support Services (RSS) formula allocations. This letter explains ORR’s method of determining RSI FY 2022 allocations and details the funding amounts, contingent on federal funds available upon final Congressional approval of the FY 2022 Federal Budget. For a description of program goals and recommended services, as well as program reporting and monitoring activities, please reference [ORR Policy Letter \(PL\) 19-01](#), *Refugee School Impact Program*. ORR will soon publish and announce a new PL outlining updates to the RSI program.

Qualification for FY 2022 Allocations

This year is the beginning of a three-year qualification period for the RSI program. States that qualify for funding this year will remain eligible to receive funding for the next two years. In FY 2022, forty-five states whose arrived/served population is above the RSS base formula floor threshold³ will receive an RSI “set-aside” allocation. Given the President’s target for increased refugee arrivals in FY 2022, current floor states may also see increasing arrivals, and ORR may elect to include additional states in the future depending on arrival patterns and overall availability of funds.

Basis for Funding

The FY 2022 allocations to states are based on the number of ORR-eligible individuals, **now aged 0-18**, who arrived and were served in FY 2019 and FY 2020 (combined), as reported in the ORR-5 and verified against a number of federal sources in the ORR Refugee Arrivals Data System (RADS). The Congressional Justification for FY 2022 indicated that ORR will use this two-year lookback period to determine RSS allocations, providing a level of funding stability in response to the dramatic decrease in arrivals in the past year.

FY 2022 Allocations Chart

The chart below documents the number of eligible individuals served in each state in FY 2019 and FY 2020 and the state’s corresponding allocation for the RSI program for FY 2022. The proposed allocations are based on the availability of federal funding and will be included in the quarterly FY 2022 RSS awards as a “set-aside.” As required under ORR regulation 45 C.F.R. §400.210, these funds must be obligated by September 30, 2023, and must be liquidated by September 30, 2024.

¹ “States” throughout this Dear Colleague Letter refers to states and replacement designees funded to administer Refugee Support Services.

² October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

³ Please refer to [RSS DCL 21-10](#) for listing of RSS base formula floor states.

The first quarter award will be a partial award of the amount reflected. The balance of the allocation would be provided pending the final FY 2022 appropriation.

FY 2022 RSI Allocations by State

| State | Total Served FY 2019 & FY 2020 Aged 0-18 | FY 2022 RSI Allocation |
|----------------------|---|------------------------|
| Alaska | 32 | \$140,000 |
| Arizona | 1,058 | \$1,150,000 |
| Arkansas | 43 | \$140,000 |
| California | 5,643 | \$2,300,000 |
| Colorado | 694 | \$831,474 |
| Connecticut | 282 | \$337,505 |
| District of Columbia | 38 | \$140,000 |
| Florida | 2,715 | \$1,750,000 |
| Georgia | 934 | \$1,035,000 |
| Idaho | 376 | \$450,207 |
| Illinois | 814 | \$975,948 |
| Indiana | 643 | \$770,327 |
| Iowa | 511 | \$613,065 |
| Kansas | 335 | \$401,649 |
| Kentucky | 1,086 | \$1,150,000 |
| Louisiana | 75 | \$175,000 |
| Maine | 110 | \$200,000 |
| Maryland | 1,242 | \$1,150,000 |
| Massachusetts | 535 | \$640,840 |
| Michigan | 927 | \$1,035,000 |
| Minnesota | 768 | \$920,197 |
| Missouri | 538 | \$645,037 |
| Montana | 73 | \$175,000 |
| Nebraska | 372 | \$446,011 |
| Nevada | 261 | \$312,927 |
| New Hampshire | 150 | \$230,000 |
| New Jersey | 272 | \$326,115 |
| New Mexico | 98 | \$200,000 |
| New York | 1,754 | \$1,500,000 |
| North Carolina | 884 | \$1,025,000 |
| North Dakota | 95 | \$200,000 |
| Ohio | 982 | \$1,070,000 |

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| Oklahoma | 146 | \$230,000 |
| Oregon | 420 | \$502,961 |
| Pennsylvania | 896 | \$1,025,000 |
| Rhode Island | 72 | \$175,000 |
| South Carolina | 126 | \$230,000 |
| South Dakota | 90 | \$200,000 |
| Tennessee | 518 | \$620,858 |
| Texas | 4,463 | \$2,100,000 |
| Utah | 440 | \$527,539 |
| Vermont | 77 | \$175,000 |
| Virginia | 1,752 | \$1,500,000 |
| Washington | 2,114 | \$1,750,000 |
| Wisconsin | 440 | \$527,340 |
| Total | 35,894 | \$32,000,000 |

Explanation of Allocations

FY 2022 allocations fall into the following three tiers.

- 1) A maximum tier that served 850 or more individuals, which was further broken down to:
 - a. 850-900 eligible individuals (\$1,025,000)
 - b. 901-950 individuals (\$1,035,000)
 - c. 951-1,000 individuals (\$1,070,000)
 - d. 1,001-1,500 individuals (\$1,150,000)
 - e. 1,501-2,000 individuals (\$1,500,000)
 - f. 2,001-3,000 eligible individuals (\$1,750,000)
 - g. 3,001-5,000 individuals (\$2,100,000)
 - h. 5,001 individuals or more (\$2,300,000)
- 2) A per capita tier for states that served between 200-849 eligible individuals; and
- 3) A lower tier for states that served 199 or fewer eligible individuals, which was further broken down to
 - a. 120-199 eligible individuals (\$230,000)
 - b. 80-119 individuals (\$200,000)
 - c. 50-79 individuals (\$175,000)
 - d. less than 49 individuals (\$140,000)

The goal of the tiered system is to ensure that those states with similar numbers receive comparable allocations, while also ensuring that those states with lower arrival numbers have sufficient and sustainable funding.

Please note that even though the allocation reflected is based on arrivals for FY 2019 and FY 2020, the service population includes all eligible arrivals for the past five-year period.

Resources

Please direct any questions about this Dear Colleague Letter or the RSI program to your ORR Regional Representative or DRAprograms@acf.hhs.gov. We also encourage you to utilize ORR's [Technical Assistance provider\(s\)](#) for additional resources on serving refugees.

Sincerely,

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