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Services to Older Refugees Refugee Support Services Set-Aside: FY 2022 Funding

Dear Colleague Letter 22-07

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Dear Colleague:

ORR will issue Services to Older Refugees (SOR) funding to states¹ as a “set-aside” within the fiscal year (FY) 2022² Refugee Support Services (RSS) formula allocation. This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) explains ORR’s method of determining SOR 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 \(PL\) 19-03, Services for Older Refugees Program](#). ORR will soon publish a new PL outlining updates to the SOR program.

Qualification for FY 2022 Allocations

This year is the beginning of a three-year qualification period for the SOR 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 SOR “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 aged 60 or older 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 corresponding funding allocations for the SOR program for FY 2022. The proposed allocations are based on the availability of federal funding and will be included in the

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.

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.

The first quarter award will be a partial award of the amount reflected. The balance of the allocation would be provided pending the final FY22 appropriation.

FY 2022 SOR Allocations by State

State	Total Served FY 2019 & FY 2020 Aged 60 and older	FY 2022 SOR Allocation
Alaska	9	\$75,000
Arizona	73	\$179,822
Arkansas	4	\$75,000
California	532	\$470,000
Colorado	47	\$115,776
Connecticut	13	\$80,000
District of Columbia	3	\$75,000
Florida	225	\$410,000
Georgia	57	\$139,177
Idaho	24	\$90,000
Illinois	106	\$259,879
Indiana	45	\$110,849
Iowa	28	\$90,000
Kansas	15	\$80,000
Kentucky	68	\$166,274
Louisiana	1	\$75,000
Maine	9	\$75,000
Maryland	46	\$112,081
Massachusetts	40	\$98,533
Michigan	163	\$400,287
Minnesota	85	\$209,382
Missouri	41	\$100,996
Montana	5	\$75,000
Nebraska	19	\$90,000
Nevada	12	\$80,000
New Hampshire	7	\$75,000
New Jersey	46	\$112,081
New Mexico	8	\$75,000

New York	154	\$379,350
North Carolina	70	\$171,200
North Dakota	6	\$75,000
Ohio	92	\$226,625
Oklahoma	20	\$90,000
Oregon	59	\$144,104
Pennsylvania	78	\$192,138
Rhode Island	8	\$75,000
South Carolina	15	\$80,000
South Dakota	8	\$75,000
Tennessee	54	\$131,787
Texas	275	\$425,000
Utah	21	\$90,000
Vermont	1	\$75,000
Virginia	112	\$274,659
Washington	226	\$410,000
Wisconsin	23	\$90,000
Total	2,953	\$7,000,000

Explanation of Allocations

FY 2022 allocations fall into the following three tiers.

- 1) A maximum tier for states that served over 200 eligible individuals that was further broken down as follows.
 - a. 200-250 (\$410,000)
 - b. 251-500 (\$425,000)
 - c. More than 500 (\$470,000)
- 2) A per capita tier for states that served between 50-199 eligible individuals.
- 3) A lower tier for states that served 28 or fewer eligible individuals, which was further broken down as follows.
 - a. 18-28 eligible individuals (\$90,000)
 - b. 10-17 eligible individuals (\$80,000)
 - c. Less than 9 individuals (\$75,000)

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

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

Resources

Please direct any questions about this Dear Colleague Letter or the SOR 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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