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Refugee Mental Health Initiative within the Refugee Health Promotion Refugee Support Services Set-Aside: FY 2022 Funding

Dear Colleague Letter 22-08

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Dear Colleague:

This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) announces the availability of funds to establish the Refugee Mental Health Initiative (ReMHI) within the Refugee Health Promotion (RHP) program, which is one of the Refugee Support Services (RSS) “set-aside” programs. This DCL also explains ORR’s method of determining ReMHI FY 2022 allocations within the RHP “set-aside” program 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 \(PL\) 20-05, Refugee Health Promotion Program Transitions to Refugee Support Services Set-Aside Program](#). ORR will soon publish a PL outlining the ReMHI.

Qualification for FY 2022 Allocations

States¹ that qualified for funding in FY 2020 remain eligible to receive funding this year. ReMHI funding for FY 2022 will be allocated to the current 45 RHP “set-aside” states that already received “base” RHP funds in FY 2021 to carry out FY 2022 activities².

Basis for Funding

The FY 2022 allocations to states are based on the number of ORR-eligible individuals 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 per state in FY 2019 and FY 2020 and the state’s corresponding funding allocation for ReMHI in FY 2022. It also lists the “base” RHP funding allocated in FY 2021 for FY 2022 activities and the total amount available for FY 2022 RHP activities. 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.

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.

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

² Please refer to [RSS DCL 21-12](#) for listing of FY 2021 RHP allocations.

FY 2022 ReMHI Allocations by State

State	FY 2019 & FY 2020 Total Served	FY 2021 Allocation for FY 2022 RHP Activities (as indicated in DCL 21-12)	FY 2022 Allocation for ReMHI	Total RHP Allocation for FY 2022 Activities
Alaska	85	\$50,000	\$123,900	\$173,900
Arizona	2,409	\$150,000	\$371,700	\$521,700
Arkansas	88	\$50,000	\$123,900	\$173,900
California	13,637	\$167,375	\$415,154	\$582,529
Colorado	1,836	\$116,021	\$287,500	\$403,521
Connecticut	637	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
District of Columbia	120	\$50,000	\$123,900	\$173,900
Florida	21,827	\$167,375	\$415,154	\$582,529
Georgia	2,177	\$137,625	\$341,035	\$478,660
Idaho	769	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Illinois	2,117	\$133,800	\$331,559	\$465,360
Indiana	1,457	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Iowa	1,027	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Kansas	672	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
Kentucky	3,041	\$150,000	\$371,700	\$521,700
Louisiana	247	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
Maine	277	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
Maryland	3,013	\$150,000	\$371,700	\$521,700
Massachusetts	1,464	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Michigan	2,215	\$139,974	\$346,855	\$486,829
Minnesota	1,753	\$110,807	\$274,580	\$385,387
Missouri	1,185	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Montana	148	\$50,000	\$123,900	\$173,900
Nebraska	960	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Nevada	1,323	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
New Hampshire	313	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
New Jersey	1,194	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
New Mexico	264	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
New York	4,429	\$150,000	\$371,700	\$521,700
North Carolina	2,078	\$131,315	\$325,399	\$456,714
North Dakota	192	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
Ohio	2,176	\$137,562	\$340,879	\$478,441
Oklahoma	433	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850

Oregon	1,055	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Pennsylvania	2,148	\$135,771	\$336,441	\$472,212
Rhode Island	155	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
South Carolina	281	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
South Dakota	204	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
Tennessee	1,366	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Texas	14,566	\$167,375	\$415,154	\$582,529
Utah	890	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Vermont	142	\$50,000	\$123,900	\$173,900
Virginia	3,723	\$150,000	\$371,700	\$521,700
Washington	5,114	\$150,000	\$371,700	\$521,700
Wisconsin	966	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Total	106,173	\$4,600,000	\$11,400,000	\$16,000,000

Explanation of Allocations

ReMHI allocations follow the tiers described in [DCL 21-12](#). The ReMHI allocation amount is about 2.5 times the “base” RHP allocations in FY 2021 for FY 2022 activities. Please note that even though this allocation 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 DCL to your DRH Health Liaison. We also encourage you to utilize ORR’s [Technical Assistance provider\(s\)](#) for additional resources on serving refugees.

Sincerely,

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