

Afghan Refugee Support Services Supplement: FY 2022 Second Allocation

Dear Colleague Letter 22-10

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The Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriation (ASA) 2021 provided the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) with specific appropriations to provide services to support citizens or nationals of Afghanistan. This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) outlines the second FY 2022 ASA allocation to states¹ for Refugee Support Services (RSS) base funding, which totals \$95 million. This amount includes ASA-funded RSS (now termed ASA RSS) for emergency/temporary and longer-term housing assistance, including any necessary wraparound services during temporary housing, and for other RSS activities as described in ORR Policy Letter (PL) 22-03, Refugee Support Services Funded by the Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriation.

For a description of eligible populations, priorities, service requirements, considerations regarding equity and inclusion, and reporting and monitoring requirements for ASA RSS, reference the relevant sections within ORR Policy Letter (PL) 22-03, *Refugee Support Services Funded by the Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriation*.

Funding Formula

The FY 2022 Second ASA RSS Base Allocations chart below displays the second allocation of FY 2022 ASA RSS base funding; the chart also displays the "Number of People" used to determine the allocations. ORR used the following data to arrive at the "Number of People" total for each state:

- FY 2019 and FY 2020 match data for Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders from the ORR Refugee Arrivals Data System (RADS); and
- The number of Afghan Placement and Assistance (APA) Program beneficiaries who have been assured to a
 resettlement agency affiliate and departed a Safe Haven for that new community ("Assured and
 Departed").

In determining the allocation, the "Number of People" totals were adjusted to give equal weight to the SIV and Assured and Departed numbers. The formula for future ASA RSS allocations will be adjusted based on updated data, as available. ORR intends to reassess allocations for the remaining funding later in FY 2022.

FY 2022 Second ASA RSS Allocations Chart

The chart below documents the "Number of People" described above, and the corresponding funding allocations for the second ASA RSS allocation for FY 2022. As required under ORR regulation 45 C.F.R. §400.210, these funds must be obligated by September 30, 2023, and liquidated by September 30, 2024.

¹ The term "states" throughout this DCL refers to states and replacement designees (RDs) that receive RSS funding from ORR.

FY 2022 Second ASA RSS Base Allocations

State	Number of People	FY2022 Second ASA RSS Allocation
Alabama	14	\$23,850
Alaska	58	\$99,374
Arizona	1,051	\$1,797,294
Arkansas	136	\$232,618
California	13,520	\$23,124,244
Colorado	1,287	\$2,201,629
Connecticut	761	\$1,301,251
Delaware	36	\$61,457
Florida	891	\$1,523,973
Georgia	1,242	\$2,124,773
Idaho	242	\$413,147
Illinois	949	\$1,623,829
Indiana	352	\$602,859
Iowa	434	\$742,668
Kansas	510	\$871,435
Kentucky	592	\$1,011,806
Louisiana	38	\$64,211
Maine	125	\$212,982
Maryland	2,434	\$4,163,528
Massachusetts	747	\$1,276,895
Michigan	824	\$1,408,949
Minnesota	482	\$823,748
Mississippi	5	\$7,950
Missouri	1,038	\$1,774,756
Montana	23	\$39,750
Nebraska	619	\$1,059,316
Nevada	270	\$461,134
New Hampshire	84	\$144,424
New Jersey	521	\$891,402
New Mexico	170	\$290,948
New York	1,926	\$3,293,689
North Carolina	1,196	\$2,045,147
North Dakota	23	\$39,273
Ohio	1,057	\$1,808,583
Oklahoma	740	\$1,265,875
Oregon	406	\$694,484
Pennsylvania	1,220	\$2,086,403

Rhode Island	97	\$166,711
South Carolina	81	\$138,648
Tennessee	463	\$791,740
Texas	8,888	\$15,202,031
Utah	529	\$904,500
Vermont	67	\$115,036
Virginia	6,140	\$10,501,040
Washington	2,940	\$5,028,284
Wisconsin	317	\$542,356
Total	55,545	\$95,000,000

Resources

Please direct any questions about this DCL or the ASA RSS allocations to your ORR Regional Representative/Regional Analyst or DRAprograms@acf.hhs.gov. We also encourage you to utilize ORR's Technical Assistance provider(s) for additional resources on serving refugees.

We appreciate all of your work to support the wellbeing of these new Afghan arrivals.

Sincerely,

Cindy Huang Director Office of Refugee Resettlement