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Afghan Refugee Support Services Supplement: FY 2022 Third Allocation: Legal Assistance

Dear Colleague Letter 22-11 March 4, 2022

Dear Colleague:

The Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022, and Additional Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (ASA) provided the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) with specific appropriations to provide benefits and services to the citizens or nationals of Afghanistan delineated in ORR Policy Letter (PL) 22-10, *Afghan Populations Eligible for ASA-Funded ORR Services*. This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) outlines the third FY 2022 ASA allocation to states[1] for Refugee Support Services (RSS) base funding, which totals $63 million. This ASA RSS allocation is to specifically fund immigration-related legal assistance for eligible Afghan populations.

For a description of allowable immigration-related legal assistance activities as well as guidance regarding coordination, reporting, and procurement of those activities, see ORR PL 22-11, *Immigration-Related Legal Assistance Allowable Under ORR ASA Funding*. For information regarding general service requirements, considerations regarding equity and inclusion, and other reporting and monitoring requirements for ASA-funded RSS programming, reference the relevant sections within *ORR PL 22-03, Refugee Support Services Funded by the Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriation*.

Funding Formula and Allocations Chart

The *FY 2022 Third RSS Base ASA Allocations* chart below displays the third allocation of FY 2022 ASA RSS base funding and the "Number of People" used to determine the allocations. To arrive at the "Number of People" totals, ORR used the number of Afghan Placement and Assistance (APA) Program beneficiaries who have departed a Safe Haven to their new communities, as recorded in the Hummingbird database.

States that had fewer than 20 APA arrivals will not receive an allocation.[2] 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.

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.
[2] Other resources through ORR discretionary grants and other funding mechanisms will be available in areas where ASA-funded RSS legal assistance is not available.

FY 2022 Third RSS Base ASA Allocations

State	Number of People	FY2022 Third RSS ASA Allocation
Alabama	77	$66,834
Alaska	113	$98,081
Arizona	2,172	$1,885,235
Arkansas	217	$188,350
California	9,411	$8,168,483
Colorado	2,006	$1,741,152
Connecticut	678	$588,485
Delaware	57	$49,474
Florida	2,206	$1,914,746
Georgia	1,803	$1,564,953
Idaho	468	$406,211
Illinois	1,994	$1,730,736
Indiana	764	$663,130
Iowa	1,073	$931,334
Kansas	686	$595,429
Kentucky	1,166	$1,012,055
Louisiana	61	$52,946
Maine	243	$210,917
Maryland	2,115	$1,835,760
Massachusetts	2,012	$1,746,359
Michigan	1,877	$1,629,183
Minnesota	1,323	$1,148,327
Missouri	1,839	$1,596,200
Montana	114	$98,949
Nebraska	1,293	$1,122,288
Nevada	300	$260,392
New Hampshire	189	$164,047
New Jersey	768	$666,602
New Mexico	593	$514,707
New York	2,412	$2,093,548
North Carolina	1,786	$1,550,198
North Dakota	52	$45,135
Ohio	1,697	$1,472,948
Oklahoma	1,974	$1,713,376
Oregon	739	$641,431

Pennsylvania	2,540	$2,204,648
Rhode Island	319	$276,883
South Carolina	466	$404,475
Tennessee	665	$577,201
Texas	11,233	$9,749,928
Utah	942	$817,629
Vermont	268	$232,616
Virginia	5,838	$5,067,220
Washington	3,171	$2,752,339
Wisconsin	863	$749,060
Total	**72,583**	**$63,000,000**

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 well-being of these new Afghan arrivals.

Sincerely,

Cindy Huang
Director
Office of Refugee Resettlement