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Ukrainian Refugee School Impact Supplement: FY 2023

Dear Colleague Letter 23-06

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Dear Colleague:

The Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (AUSAA) provided the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) specific appropriations to provide benefits and services to support specific Ukrainian populations and other non-Ukrainian individuals, as delineated in ORR Policy Letter (PL) 22-13, *Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees Eligible for ORR Benefits and Services*. This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) outlines the FY 2023 AUSAA allocation to states[2] for Refugee Support Services (RSS) Refugee School Impact (URSI) funding, which totals $43.4 million.

Description of eligible populations, priorities, service requirements, and reporting and monitoring requirements for AUSAA RSS, are included in relevant sections within ORR PL 22-15, *Refugee Support Services Funded by the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act*. Additionally, while URSI programming is limited to AUSAA-eligible individuals, its benefits and services are the same as those under traditional RSI, and it is governed by the RSI guidance delineated in ORR PL 22-07, *Refugee School Impact Program*.

Qualification for URSI Allocations

In order for states to receive an FY 2023 URSI allocation, the state must qualify for RSI funding per *ORR DCL 20 -12, Refugee School Impact Refugee Support Services Set-Aside: FY 2022 Funding*, or have an estimated AUSAA population of 120 or more people in FY 2023.

Explanation of Allocations and Number of People

ORR used the following data to arrive at the "Number of People" and "Allocation" totals included in the below FY 2023 URSI Allocations Table:

- FY 1991 through FY 2021 historic arrival data for ORR-eligible Ukrainians arriving in the United States from the ORR Refugee Arrivals Data System (RADS); and
- Number of Uniting for Ukraine Form I-134 sponsor applications filed, by state, according to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

[1] Revised second paragraph.
[2] The term "states" throughout this DCL refers to states and replacement designees (RDs) that receive RSS funding from ORR.

In determining allocations, ORR gave equal weight to the historic and sponsor data. The percentages derived from each state's proportion of these equally weighted national totals were applied to an estimated 100,000 Ukrainian arrivals in FY 2022 and FY 2023 to determine "Number of People" for each state. The "Allocation" of funding for each state was calculated by applying these same percentages to the total amount of URSI funds available.

FY 2023 URSI Allocations

The chart below documents the "Number of People" and funding allocations for the URSI program for FY 2023. As required under ORR regulation 45 C.F.R. §400.210, these funds must be obligated by September 30, 2024, and must be liquidated by September 30, 2025. All awards are subject to the availability of federal funds.

FY 2023 URSI Allocations Table

State	Number of People	Allocation
Alabama	251	$109,483
Alaska	512	$223,186
Arizona	516	$224,703
Arkansas	65	$28,499
California	15,604	$6,787,937
Colorado	1,207	$525,725
Connecticut	1,185	$516,399
District of Columbia	79	$34,562
Florida	4,611	$2,010,340
Georgia	1,291	$562,441
Idaho	327	$142,271
Illinois	7,837	$3,416,236
Indiana	475	$207,008
Iowa	197	$85,872
Kansas	226	$98,214
Kentucky	392	$170,828
Louisiana	120	$52,291
Maine	105	$45,841

Maryland	1,690	$736,057
Massachusetts	2,712	$1,180,090
Michigan	1,707	$744,166
Minnesota	1,242	$540,628
Missouri	751	$327,084
Montana	67	$29,367
Nebraska	390	$169,926
Nevada	366	$159,857
New Hampshire	234	$101,884
New Jersey	3,712	$1,618,437
New Mexico	92	$40,093
New York	18,649	$8,114,323
North Carolina	1,599	$696,619
North Dakota	90	$39,134
Ohio	3,387	$1,474,952
Oklahoma	182	$79,312
Oregon	3,715	$1,614,970
Pennsylvania	5,541	$2,412,807
Rhode Island	159	$69,328
South Carolina	793	$345,840
South Dakota	235	$102,307
Tennessee	670	$291,779
Texas	1,922	$838,390
Utah	413	$180,251
Vermont	47	$20,300
Virginia	1,310	$571,129
Washington	12,326	$5,360,544
Wisconsin	706	$307,682
Arrivals to Non-Qualifying RSI States	293	N/A
Total	**100,000**	**$43,409,091**

Resources

Please direct any questions about this DCL or the AUSAA RSI program to your ORR Regional Representative or to DRAprograms@acf.hhs.gov. We also encourage you to use ORR's Technical Assistance provider(s) for additional resources on serving refugees.

We appreciate your work to support the integration and well-being of these new Ukrainian arrivals.

Sincerely,

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