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Afghan Refugee Support Services Supplement: FY 2023 Legal Assistance Allocation

Dear Colleague Letter 23-20

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Dear Colleague:

The Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriation 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) 22-11, *Afghan Populations Eligible for ASA-Funded ORR Services*. This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) outlines the FY 2023 ASA allocation to states[2] for Refugee Support Services (RSS) base funding specifically for immigration-related legal assistance for eligible Afghan populations, which totals approximately $56.2 million.

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, 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 2023 ASA Legal Assistance Allocations chart below displays the FY 2023 ASA RSS base funding for legal assistance and the "Number of People" used to determine the allocations. To arrive at the "Number of People" totals, ORR used the number of Afghan Humanitarian Parolees who have arrived in each state, as recorded in the Hummingbird database, submitted by states through the FY 2022 Refugee Data Submission System for Formula Funds Allocations and Service Analysis (ORR-5) process, and data from the Department of State.

States that had fewer than 20 APA arrivals did not receive an ASA Legal Services allocation in FY 2022[3]. These same states will not receive an allocation in FY 2023. In addition, five states confirmed they do not require a FY 2023 allocation for Afghan Legal Assistance. Funds that otherwise would have been allocated to these states will be added to the total available FY 2023 ASA RSS base funding.

[1] Revised second paragraph.
[2] The term "states" throughout this DCL refers to states and replacement designees (RDs) that receive RSS funding from ORR.
[3] Other resources through ORR discretionary grants and other funding mechanisms will be available in areas where ASA-funded RSS legal assistance is not available.

As required under ORR regulation 45 C.F.R. §400.210, these funds must be obligated by September 30, 2024, and liquidated by September 30, 2025.

FY 2023 ASA Legal Assistance Allocations

State	Number of People	FY2023 ASA Legal Assistance Allocation
Alabama	79	$ 53,628
Alaska	113	$ 76,708
Arizona	2,166	$ 1,470,352
California	12,395	$ 8,414,133
Connecticut	994	$ 674,760
Delaware	58	$ 39,372
Florida	2,095	$ 1,422,155
Georgia	2,187	$ 1,484,607
Idaho	557	$ 378,110
Illinois	2,201	$ 1,494,111
Indiana	936	$ 635,388
Iowa	1,000	$ 678,833
Kansas	853	$ 579,044
Kentucky	1,320	$ 896,059
Maine	261	$ 177,175
Maryland	2,442	$ 1,657,710
Michigan	1,870	$ 1,269,417
Minnesota	1,424	$ 966,658
Missouri	1,936	$ 1,314,220
Montana	116	$ 78,745
Nebraska	1,431	$ 971,410
Nevada	339	$ 230,124
New Hampshire	195	$ 132,372
New Jersey	874	$ 593,300
New Mexico	523	$ 355,030
New York	2,889	$ 1,961,148
North Carolina	1,938	$ 1,315,578
North Dakota	74	$ 50,234
Ohio	1,852	$ 1,257,198
Oklahoma	1,908	$ 1,295,213
Oregon	816	$ 553,928
Pennsylvania	2,790	$ 1,893,944
Rhode Island	332	$ 225,373
Tennessee	749	$ 508,446
Texas	14,132	$ 9,593,266
Utah	1,036	$ 703,271

Vermont	317	$	215,190
Virginia	9,648	$	6,549,379
Washington	5,083	$	3,450,507
Wisconsin	915	$	621,132
Total[3]	**88,464**	**$**	**56,237,228**

Resources

Please direct any questions about this DCL or the RSS ASA 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 Afghan arrivals.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Tota
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[3] Total Number of People includes 5,387 people in states who are not included in this funding allocation.