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FY 2018 Refugee Social Services Formula Allocations

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Dear Colleague:

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) has determined the Refugee Support Services (RSS) funding for each state and replacement designee (RD) for fiscal year (FY) 2018. The attached table displays the FY 2018 RSS base funding and the "population served"¹ figures used to determine the allocations. To arrive at the "population served" figures, ORR counts the FY 2017² population data in the ORR Refugee Arrivals Data System (RADS) made up of Department of State refugee arrival data, Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) arrival data, and Victims of Trafficking (VOT) data. ORR then compares or matches data submitted by states through the ORR-5 data form for the same time period for all other eligible populations and includes those individuals in the population served totals. ORR then divides the total amount of funds available by the adjusted "population served" figure to calculate each state's funding allocation.

States that have a "population served" of fewer than 75 people who have been in the United States for one year or less receive a base amount of \$75,000. The base amount provides states with funding to support a minimal structure for the provision of employment and other support services necessary for successful resettlement in American communities.

Services

States must provide services in accordance with 45 CFR Part 400 Subpart I -- Refugee Social Services and Policy Letter (PL) 18-04. Although the allocation formula is based on the most recent fiscal year (12 months) refugee population served, states may provide services to refugees who have been in the country up to 60 months (5 years), with the exception of referral and interpreter services and citizenship and naturalization preparation services for which there is no time limitation (45 CFR §400.152(b)).

The regulations at 45 CFR §400.154 and §400.155 indicate the allowable social services. States must submit requests to the ORR Director and receive approval, as provided under 45 CFR §400.155(h), if they wish to provide additional services not included in these sections.

In accordance with 45 CFR §400.147, states must provide social services to refugees in the following order of priority, except in certain individual extreme circumstances: (a) all newly arriving refugees during their first year in the United States who apply for services; (b) refugees who are receiving cash assistance; (c) unemployed refugees who are not receiving cash assistance; and (d) employed refugees in need of services to retain employment or to attain economic independence. States should, to the extent possible, ensure that all newly arriving refugees receive refugee-specific services designed to address the employment barriers that refugees typically face.

Secondary Migration

All states were credited in determining formula allocation amounts for secondary migration based on record verification and in accordance with ORR guidance.

ORR further determined that severely impacted states in FY 2017 with secondary migration partial credit counts of more than 250 receive additional support to address the needs of this population. This supplemental funding of \$800,000 was allocated based upon a per capita rate reflecting full credit for those impacted States.

Reporting

States must submit (1) the ORR-6 Performance Reports on a trimester basis and (2) Standard Form (SF) 425 Federal Financial Report on a quarterly basis.

States use Schedule A and Schedule C of the ORR-6 (OMB Clearance Number 0970-0036) for Performance Reports, which they submit to ORR. The ORR-6 Performance Report may be found at: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/resource/report-forms (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/resource/report-forms>).

In addition, States are required to submit the identification of all RSS enrollments through the ORR-5. ORR appreciates all efforts to ensure this enhanced data collection and will be issuing further guidance to support a more consistent service provision to include initial assessment and follow-up activities.

Beginning with FY16 grant awards, grantees must submit SF-425 Federal Financial Reports through the Payment Management System (PMS). For questions regarding PMS, please contact the PMS Help Desk at 877.614.5533 or pmssupport@psc.gov.

If you have any questions about the Social Services allocations, please contact Iulia Kramar at 202.401.5686 or iulia.kramar@acf.hhs.gov

Sincerely,
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Footnotes

1. "Population served" includes the total number of refugees, Amerasians, SIVs, and VOT arrivals. Also included are state matched data for Cuban and Haitian Entrants (including Cuban Medical Professional Parolees and Havana Parolees) and asylees (all populations are adjusted for verified secondary migration.)

2. October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017

FY 2018 Refugee Support Services Base Formula Allocation

STATE	REFUGEES	SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISAS	VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING	CUBAN/HAITIAN ENTRANTS	ASYLEES	SPLIT CREDIT C/H & ASYLEE	ADJUSTMENTS FOR SECONDARY MIGRATION	TOTAL WITH ADJUSTMENTS	TOTAL YEAR RSS BASE
Alabama	59	15	0	18	1	0.00	9.67	103	\$114,132
Alaska	70	0	1	1	9	0.00	2.00	83	\$91,975
Arizona	2,009	296	51	409	80	0.00	187.42	3,032	\$3,359,680
Arkansas	58	16	0	1	0	0.00	0.00	75	\$83,106
California	5,003	7,487	119	352	1,338	12.83	220.25	14,532	\$16,102,453
Colorado	1,072	414	4	125	57	10.50	112.67	1,795	\$1,988,993
Connecticut	379	241	15	18	24	0.50	37.50	715	\$792,273
Delaware	16	9	0	22	0	0.50	0.00	48	\$75,000
District Of Columbia	1	1	24	2	55	1.50	9.00	94	\$104,278
Florida	1,562	262	52	29,298	173	282.83	226.58	31,856	\$35,298,954
Georgia	1,755	355	10	166	15	0.00	93.00	2,394	\$2,652,732
Hawaii	3	1	0	0	2	0.00	0.00	6	\$75,000
Idaho	594	65	0	2	0	0.00	28.33	689	\$763,465
Illinois	1,618	267	69	57	79	3.00	71.17	2,164	\$2,397,877
Indiana	1,008	36	1	11	10	0.50	34.00	1,101	\$1,219,995
Iowa	620	43	1	43	4	5.00	80.33	796	\$882,027
Kansas	525	26	0	19	0	0.00	44.00	614	\$680,359
Kentucky	1,520	99	5	928	19	19.50	176.17	2,767	\$3,066,042
Louisiana	79	21	4	114	70	3.00	11.83	303	\$335,748
Maine	266	41		0	57	0.00	24.17	388	\$501,329
Maryland	1,010	958	3	17	302	3.00	67.00	2,360	\$2,615,047
Massachusetts	1,019	162	8	470	89	10.50	51.33	1,810	\$2,005,612

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Michigan	2,441	428	10	94	12	5.33	86.67	3,077	\$3,409,544
Minnesota	1,578	99	33	10	49	5.50	440.83	2,215	\$2,938,343
Mississippi	9	0	0	8	12	0.00	0.00	29	\$75,000
Missouri	1,090	245	2	39	1	0.50	123.83	1,501	\$1,663,221
Montana	81	3	0	0	0	0.00	5.50	90	\$99,727
Nebraska	1,167	194	1	25	8	3.00	45.67	1,444	\$1,600,055
Nevada	397	122	0	800	19	14.50	93.25	1,446	\$1,602,280
New Hampshire	312	31	0	0	0	0.00	14.00	357	\$395,582
New Jersey	357	133	7	392	55	9.17	21.33	975	\$1,080,369
New Mexico	141	27	2	11	2	0.00	12.00	195	\$216,321
New York	2,928	675	139	357	395	30.83	154.42	4,679	\$5,184,668
North Carolina	1,803	199	7	205	47	14.83	110.33	2,386	\$2,643,868
North Dakota	385	17	2	0	19	0.50	29.25	453	\$501,957
Ohio	2,770	218	3	17	34	3.50	128.00	3,174	\$3,517,024
Oklahoma	246	12	1	18	7	1.00	28.33	313	\$346,830
Oregon	929	157	22	137	16	5.50	73.17	1,340	\$1,484,818
Pennsylvania	2,026	320	22	0	0	0.00	76.17	2,444	\$2,708,136
Rhode Island	157	0	2	14	1	0.00	24.00	198	\$219,401
South Carolina	229	17	2	17	0	1.00	8.50	275	\$304,720
South Dakota	299	4	1	9	1	0.00	39.50	354	\$392,259
Tennessee	1,001	189	0	118	72	0.50	70.33	1,451	\$1,607,820
Texas	4,582	3,176	207	3,943	444	160.67	288.08	12,801	\$14,500,508
Utah	686	95	7	25	3	2.50	34.83	853	\$945,189
Vermont	230	3	0	0	5	0.00	3.50	242	\$268,155
Virginia	997	2,843	32	131	120	18.50	105.67	4,247	\$4,705,963
Washington	2,864	1,073	23	34	273	7.50	131.58	4,406	\$4,882,156
West Virginia	13	2	1	0	0	0.00	0.50	17	\$75,000
Wisconsin	895	82	2	0	1	0.00	32.33	1,012	\$1,121,375
Total	50,859	21,179	895	38,477	3,980	638.00	3,668.00	119,699	\$133,696,366

- *FY 2018 RSS Formula Allocation total funding does not include School Impact, Youth Mentoring and Services for Older Refugees Set-Asides.*
- *A portion of California's RSS Formula Allocation was awarded to the San Diego Wilson-Fish Program.*
- *A portion of Missouri's RSS Formula Allocation was awarded to the RD.*
- *Texas's RSS Formula Allocation was awarded between the RDs.*
- *Minnesota's total year base funding includes \$483,951 in supplemental secondary migration funding.*
- *Texas's total year base funding includes \$316,049 in supplemental secondary migration funding.*
- *Maine's RD total year base amount includes \$70,906 to compensate for funds that were not expended by the State of Maine after withdrawing from the program.*
- *Splits are records for C/H Entrants and Asylees that are submitted by two or more states. States receive partial credit for funding purposes for individuals that are split among two or more states. If two states submit a record for the same individual, each state will receive 50% credit. If three states submit a record for the same individual, each state will receive 33% credit. Splits are different from secondary migrations because they do not refer to individuals that move between states but are records for individuals that are claimed by two or more states. For example, if Georgia and Florida submit an Asylee or C/H Entrant record for the same individual, this would be considered a split. If an individual moved from Florida to Georgia, this would be considered a secondary migration.*
- *States receive partial credit for funding purposes for secondary migration for all populations. If an individual moves between two states, each state will receive 50% credit. If an individual moves between three states, each state will receive 33% credit. Secondary migration is noted by states in the Migration Status and Date of Migration field on the ORR-5 form.*

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