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FY 2019 Refugee Support Services Formula Allocation

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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) 2019. The attached table displays the FY 2019 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 2018² 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 30 people who have been in the United States for one year or less receive a floor base amount of \$75,000. Next year, (FY 2020) ORR will reduce this floor base amount to \$50,000. 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.

Reporting

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

States use Schedules A, C, D and the Annual Service Plan 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 all Refugee Support Services enrollments through the ORR-5 Report.

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, 2017 through September 30, 2018

FY 2018 Refugee Support Services Base Formula Allocation

STATE	REFUGEES	SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISAS	VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING	CUBAN/HAITIAN ENTRANTS	ASYLEES	SECONDARY MIGRATIONS AND SPLITS	TOTAL WITH ADJUSTMENTS	FY 2019 RSS BASE FUNDING
Alabama	38	10	0	4	4	0.00	56	147,748
Alaska	42	0	2	1	13	0.00	58	153,026
Arizona	956	159	56	64	69	29.00	1,336	3,524,881
Arkansas	57	0	0	0	7	2.50	67	176,772
California	1,356	4,178	98	62	986	24.00	6,704	17,687,726
Colorado	469	268	7	45	124	20.00	933	2,461,612
Connecticut	146	164	2	2	67	9.83	391	1,031,608
Delaware	21	0	0	0	0	0.00	21	75,000
District Of Columbia	12	0	20	0	33	5.00	70	184,687
Florida	532	139	42	7,662	1,175	155.17	9,705	25,605,516
Georgia	820	229	17	31	25	13.00	1,135	2,994,566
Hawaii	0	4	3	0	3	0.00	10	75,000
Idaho	359	26	0	0	1	14.00	400	1,055,354
Illinois	687	156	61	15	108	23.00	1,050	2,770,303
Indiana	492	17	3	4	14	6.33	536	1,414,174
Iowa	526	54	1	5	4	39.00	629	1,659,543
Kansas	365	45	2	0	10	12.83	435	1,147,697
Kentucky	867	63	7	237	27	52.00	1,253	3,305,895
Louisiana	26	21	3	19	191	3.33	263	693,895
Maine	61	9	0	0	25	5.50	101	266,477
Maryland	450	524	11	3	334	14.00	1,336	3,524,881
Massachusetts	456	76	1	77	60	12.00	682	1,799,378
Michigan	628	255	7	34	19	25.00	968	2,553,956
Minnesota	719	84	11	4	67	25.00	910	2,400,929
Mississippi	3	0	0	1	20	0.00	24	75,000
Missouri	473	156	2	1	20	9.00	661	1,743,972
Montana	100	0	0	0	0	14.00	114	300,776
Nebraska	336	127	0	31	4	6.33	504	1,329,745
Nevada	186	98	6	199	45	39.00	573	1,511,794
New Hampshire	154	9	0	0	2	4.50	170	448,525
New Jersey	146	117	5	89	95	21.83	474	1,250,594

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New Mexico	64	20	0	10	6	1.50	102	269,115
New York	1,248	427	144	84	500	42.83	2,446	6,453,487
North Carolina	913	160	9	22	32	25.50	1,162	3,065,802
North Dakota	161	18	0	0	2	3.00	184	485,463
Ohio	1,385	162	7	7	13	17.00	1,591	4,197,669
Oklahoma	90	8	11	6	6	2.00	123	324,521
Oregon	436	134	20	36	16	7.50	650	1,714,950
Pennsylvania	893	154	27	39	80	14.00	1,207	3,184,529
Rhode Island	82	10	3	1	0	2.50	99	261,200
South Carolina	108	6	0	3	1	0.00	118	311,329
South Dakota	202	7	0	7	2	9.00	227	598,913
Tennessee	417	110	3	71	266	37.33	904	2,385,099
Texas	1,667	1,823	217	1,237	665	131.83	5,741	15,146,962
Utah	311	133	17	1	20	6.00	488	1,287,531
Vermont	130	2	0	0	8	2.00	142	374,651
Virginia	433	1,157	30	16	33	13.00	1,682	4,437,762
Washington	1,535	809	33	8	163	18.83	2,567	6,772,732
West Virginia	1	3	1	0	6	0.00	11	75,000
Wisconsin	399	73	1	2	7	4.00	486	1,282,255
Total	21,961	12,204	890	10,140	5,378	923	51,499	136,000,000

- *SIV and Asylee counts include a proportional distribution of U.S. born dependents submitted by states as state-source data.*
- *For arrivals where two or more states submit a record, the credit for the record will be split proportionally for allocation purposes..*
- *FY 2019 RSS Base Funding does not include the School Impact, Youth Mentoring and Services for Older Refugees Set-Aside.*
- *California's RSS Formula Allocation includes funding that was awarded proportionally San Diego Wilson-Fish Program.*
- *Texas's RSS Formula Allocation was awarded proportionally to the Texas Replacement Designees.*