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Refugee Health Promotion Refugee Support Services Set-Aside: FY 2023 Funding

Dear Colleague Letter 23-01

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Dear Colleague:

ORR will issue Refugee Health Promotion (RHP) funding to states¹ as a “set-aside” within the fiscal year (FY) 2023² Refugee Support Services (RSS) formula Refugee and Entrant Assistance (REA) allocation. Although previous RHP funding has been issued in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year, ORR will issue FY 2023 funding in the first quarter. This letter explains ORR’s method of determining RHP FY 2023 set-aside awards and details the funding amounts, contingent on federal funds available upon final Congressional approval of the FY 2023 Federal Budget.

In FY 2022, ORR announced the Refugee Mental Health Initiative (ReMHI) within the RHP program. ORR allocated additional RHP program funding to states, as delineated within [ORR Dear Colleague Letter \(DCL\) 22-08, Refugee Mental Health Initiative within the Refugee Health Promotion Support Services Set-Aside: FY 2022 Funding](#), to support this new initiative. These FY 2023 awards provide funding for RHP inclusive of ReMHI.

For a description of program goals and services, eligible populations, and reporting and monitoring requirements, please reference [ORR Policy Letter \(PL\) 20-05, Refugee Health Promotion Program Transitions to Refugee Support Services Set-Aside Program](#), and [ORR PL 22-06, Refugee Mental Health Initiative within the Refugee Health Promotion Program](#).

Qualification for FY 2023 Allocations

As noted in [ORR \(DCL\) 20-08, FY 2020-2021 Refugee Health Promotion Support Services Set-Aside](#), ORR has chosen to fund states for three consecutive years before states need to requalify, although annual awards may shift during that three-year period. This year is the final year of the three-year period with forty-five states qualifying; the FY 2023 allocations will be the third year with the same forty-five states.

Basis for Funding

The FY 2023 allocations to states are based on the number of ORR-eligible individuals who arrived/were served in FY 2020 and FY 2021 (combined), as reported in the ORR-5 and verified against a number of federal sources in the ORR Refugee Arrivals Data System (RADS). ORR used this two-year lookback period

¹ “States” throughout this Dear Colleague Letter refers to states and replacement designees.

² October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

to determine RSS allocations, providing a level of funding stability in response to the variance in arrivals during the relevant time period.

FY 2023 Allocation Chart

The chart below documents the number of eligible individuals who arrived/were served in each state in FY 2020 and FY 2021 and the state’s corresponding funding allocation for the RHP program for FY 2023. As required under 45 C.F.R. §400.210, these funds must be obligated by September 30, 2024, and liquidated by September 30, 2025.

FY 2023 RHP Allocations by State

State	Total Arrived/Served FY 2020 & FY 2021	Allocation
Alaska	43	\$ 250,000
Arizona	1,619	\$ 768,870
Arkansas	84	\$ 250,000
California	12,411	\$ 2,500,000
Colorado	1,363	\$ 647,295
Connecticut	441	\$ 475,000
District of Columbia	124	\$ 350,000
Florida	34,828	\$ 5,000,000
Georgia	1,319	\$ 626,399
Idaho	526	\$ 475,000
Illinois	1,320	\$ 626,874
Indiana	766	\$ 475,000
Iowa	475	\$ 475,000
Kansas	416	\$ 475,000
Kentucky	2,770	\$ 1,000,000
Louisiana	291	\$ 350,000
Maine	170	\$ 350,000
Maryland	2,203	\$ 1,000,000
Massachusetts	1,489	\$ 707,133
Michigan	1,436	\$ 681,963
Minnesota	1,012	\$ 480,604
Missouri	856	\$ 475,000
Montana	101	\$ 250,000
Nebraska	658	\$ 475,000
Nevada	1,075	\$ 510,523
New Hampshire	130	\$ 350,000
New Jersey	1,170	\$ 555,639
New Mexico	175	\$ 350,000
New York	2,758	\$ 1,000,000
North Carolina	1,343	\$ 637,797
North Dakota	82	\$ 250,000
Ohio	1,219	\$ 578,909
Oklahoma	241	\$ 350,000
Oregon	615	\$ 475,000
Pennsylvania	1,375	\$ 652,994
Rhode Island	121	\$ 350,000

South Carolina	201	\$ 350,000
South Dakota	112	\$ 250,000
Tennessee	879	\$ 475,000
Texas	12,550	\$ 2,500,000
Utah	618	\$ 475,000
Vermont	71	\$ 250,000
Virginia	3,699	\$ 1,000,000
Washington	3,335	\$ 1,000,000
Wisconsin	726	\$ 475,000
Total	99,216	\$ 32,000,000

Explanation of Allocations

FY 2023 RHP set-aside allocations fall into the following three tiers.

1. A top funding tier for states that had 2,000 individuals or more arrive/were served, which was further broken down to sub-tiers of:
 - a. 2,000–9,999 individuals (\$1,000,000)
 - b. 10,000–19,999 individuals (\$2,500,000)
 - c. 20,000 individuals or more (\$5,000,000);
2. A per capita tier for states that had arrivals/served between 1,000–1,999 individuals; and
3. A floor funding tier for states that add arrivals/served between 40–999 individuals, which was further broken down to sub-tiers of:
 - a. 40–119 individuals (\$250,000)
 - b. 120–399 individuals (\$350,000)
 - c. 400–999 individuals (\$475,000)

The goal of the tiered system is to ensure that states with similar numbers of arrivals/served receive comparable funding, while also ensuring states with lower arrival/served numbers have sufficient funding for program sustainability.

Please note that even though this allocation is based on arrivals/served for FY 2020 and FY 2021, the service population includes all arrivals for the past five-year period.

Resources

Please direct any questions about this DCL or the RHP program to your Division of Refugee Health (DRH) Health Liaison. ORR also encourages you to utilize ORR's [Technical Assistance provider\(s\)](#) for additional resources on serving ORR-eligible populations.

We appreciate all your work to support refugee health and well-being.

Sincerely,

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