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## Wilson-Fish TANF Coordination Program Grantees

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Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to announce that ORR has selected 21 states and private non-profit agencies to serve as grantees for the inaugural Wilson-Fish Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Coordination Program (WF TCP), for a four-year grant period of FY 2021 – FY 2024. These awards follow an objective external review of applications submitted in response to ORR's WF TCP [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#), posted on Grants.gov on April 15, 2020.

While all refugees are on a path to self-sufficiency and citizenship from their date of arrival, refugee families with children under 18 may require additional case management and other specialized services and resources to establish sustainable employment and community support. The WF TCP authorizes programming designed to address the unique needs and opportunities within individual states and counties,<sup>1</sup> to allow grantees to develop and deliver customized, culturally and linguistically appropriate assistance to help refugee families navigate and overcome barriers to self-sufficiency. Working in close coordination with state and county TANF offices and local service providers, grantees will strengthen and expand existing in-person and remotely-delivered services, resulting in earlier and higher rates of social and economic stability across the caseload.

The following chart lists the grantees by project state and agency name:

State of Project	Grantee
AK	Catholic Social Services Alaska
AR	Canopy NWA
AZ	Arizona Department of Economic Security

<sup>1</sup> Section 412 (e)(7) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (8 U.S.C 1522) authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and implement alternative projects under which refugees may be provided interim support, medical services, social services, and case management as needed, in a manner that encourages self-sufficiency, reduces welfare dependency, and fosters greater coordination among the resettlement agencies and service providers. Enrollment in a WF TCP project is limited to eligible individuals who are not yet citizens and who have been in the U.S. for not more than 36 months at the time of enrollment.

CO	Colorado Department of Human Services
CT	State of Connecticut
ID	Jannus Inc.
KS	International Rescue Committee, Inc.
KY	Catholic Charities of Louisville
MA	Massachusetts Office for Refugees & Immigrants
MD	Maryland Department of Human Services
ME	Catholic Charities Maine
MI	Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity
MN	Minnesota Department of Human Services
MO	International Institute of Metropolitan St Louis
NH	New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
NM	Lutheran Social Services of Colorado
PA	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
SD	Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota
TN	Catholic Charities of Tennessee, Inc.
VT	U.S Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, Inc.
WI	Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

ORR welcomes these partners in supporting refugee families' well-being and successful resettlement, and looks forward to sharing the results of this new initiative to strengthen communities and improve the lives and futures of newly-arrived refugees in the United States.

For additional information on the WF TCP, including links to grantees, please contact ORR's Division of Refugee Assistance, at [DRAPrograms@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:DRAPrograms@acf.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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