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FY 2020 Refugee Support Services COVID-19 Supplemental Allocation

Dear Colleague Letter 20-07

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Dear Colleague:

Across the country, communities have been impacted by COVID-19 as schools, nonprofit agencies, businesses, and other community services have temporarily shut down. ORR eligible populations are also vulnerable to job disruption, job loss, health concerns, or other related challenges due to these impacts.

In response, ORR is providing a supplemental Refugee Support Services (RSS) quarter three allocation (Q3B) to states¹ to ensure they have adequate resources to continue to support ORR-eligible populations during this unprecedented time. The supplemental allocation described below will be in addition to the RSS formula allocation to states outlined in Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) 20-06, and will not impact anticipated quarter four RSS awards.

Funding Formula

For the RSS COVID-19 Supplemental Allocation, ORR used the same formula outlined in DCL 20-06 for the FY 2020² RSS formula allocations. However, for the RSS COVID-19 Supplemental Allocation, the floor funding is \$20,000. The table below provides the total “population served”³ figures used to determine the COVID-19 supplemental allocation, and the amount of the supplemental allocation by state. For a specific explanation on how ORR determined the “population served” figures, please refer to DCL 20-06.

Services

As ORR intends for this supplemental allocation to specifically support COVID-19 related needs, states must provide services in accordance with ORR Policy Letter (PL) 20-04, Assistance for ORR Populations Affected by COVID-19, as well as 45 C.F.R. Part 400 Subpart I, Refugee Social Services, and PL 18-04. States must provide all services in accordance with 45 C.F.R. Part 400 Subpart I and PL 18-04, unless the state has requested a waiver in accordance with PL 20-04.

¹ The term “states” throughout this DCL refers to states and replacement designees who receive RSS funding from ORR.

² Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 began October 1, 2019 and ended September 30, 2020.

³ “Population served” includes the total number of refugees, Amerasians, Special Immigrant Visa holders, and Victims of Trafficking arrivals. Also included are state matched data for Cuban and Haitian entrants and asylees. All populations are adjusted for verified secondary migration.

Reporting and Monitoring

States must report all COVID-19 related service activities within their RSS reporting on the ORR-6 Performance Report (OMB Clearance Number 0970-0036) on a semi-annual basis. The ORR-6 Performance Report may be found at: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/resource/report-forms.

In addition, states should ensure appropriate mechanisms to assess the need for and track all emergency assistance provided to clients in accordance with PL 20-04.

States are required to submit RSS enrollments and services, including those provided through this supplemental allocation, on the ORR-5 report.

States must also 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.

ORR will monitor the RSS COVID-19 Supplemental Allocation through routine monitoring activities.

If you have questions about this allocation, please contact your ORR Regional Representative/Regional Analyst or Carl Rubenstein, DRA Director, at carl.rubenstein@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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FY 2019 RSS Populations Served & FY 2020 RSS COVID-19 Supplemental Allocation (Q3B)

State	FY 2019 Total Populations Served	COVID-19 Supplemental Allocation (FY20-Q3B)
Alabama	36	\$20,000
Alaska	57	\$20,000
Arizona	1,603	\$484,597
Arkansas	55	\$20,000
California	6,606	\$1,997,034
Colorado	1,107	\$334,653
Connecticut	351	\$106,109
Delaware	18	\$20,000
District Of Columbia	70	\$21,161
Florida	14,571	\$4,404,902
Georgia	1,508	\$455,878
Hawaii	9	\$20,000
Idaho	554	\$167,478
Illinois	1,423	\$430,182
Indiana	978	\$295,655
Iowa	822	\$248,496
Kansas IRC	487	\$147,223
Kentucky	2,079	\$628,494
Louisiana	145	\$43,834
Maine CC	190	\$57,438
Maryland	1,600	\$483,690
Massachusetts	772	\$233,380
Michigan	1,506	\$455,273
Minnesota	1,056	\$319,235
Mississippi	17	\$20,000
Missouri	806	\$243,659
Montana	100	\$30,231
Nebraska	663	\$200,429
Nevada	870	\$263,006
New Hampshire	254	\$76,786
New Jersey IRC	680	\$205,568
New Mexico	206	\$62,275
New York	2,968	\$897,245
North Carolina	1,421	\$429,577

State	FY 2019 Total with Adjustments	COVID-19 Supplemental Allocation (FY20-Q3B)
North Dakota	141	\$42,625
Ohio	1,566	\$473,411
Oklahoma	253	\$76,483
Oregon	729	\$220,381
Pennsylvania	1,392	\$420,810
Rhode Island	89	\$26,905
South Carolina	211	\$63,787
South Dakota	149	\$45,044
Tennessee	996	\$301,097
Texas*	8,512	\$2,573,230
Utah	567	\$171,408
Vermont	117	\$35,370
Virginia	1,975	\$597,055
Washington	2,964	\$896,035
West Virginia	9	\$20,000
Wisconsin	638	\$192,871
Total	65,896**	\$20,000,000

*RSS COVID-19 Supplemental Allocation for Texas was awarded to the TX Replacement Designees.

**The Total Populations Served in FY 2019 (65,896) does not include the 201 arrivals to the states receiving floor funding.