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FY 2020 Revised Refugee Support Services Formula Allocations

Dear Colleague Letter 20-10

September 4, 2020

Dear Colleague:

On May 19, 2020, ORR issued [Dear Colleague Letter \(DCL\) 20-06](#) providing notice of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Refugee Support Services (RSS) allocation; this DCL was based on FY 2019 arrivals. ORR made a concerted effort to provide notice earlier this fiscal year to aid in your planning given the overall uncertain environment. In addition, on May 26, 2020, ORR issued [DCL 20-07](#) with an FY 2020 RSS COVID-19 Supplemental Allocation, also based on FY 2019 arrivals.

After ORR issued these DCLs, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security identified an additional federal data source of mainly Cuban entries which, when matched against state¹ submissions, increased the overall number of valid records for FY 2020 allocation purposes. As a result, ORR is issuing this DCL to inform states of the revised final allocations for FY 2020. This final allocation represents minor shifts in total awards and will be reconciled in the 4th quarter RSS award, as well as a slight revision to the previously issued COVID-19 supplemental allocation.

Funding Formula

The table below displays the final FY 2020 RSS base funding and the final FY 2020 COVID-19 Supplemental Allocation. To arrive at the "population served"² figures, ORR compiled the FY 2019 U.S. Department of State refugee arrival data, U.S. Department of Homeland Security federal data, Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) arrival data and Victims of Trafficking (VOT) data from the ORR Refugee Arrivals Data System (RADS). ORR then compared or matched data submitted by states through the ORR-5 report for the same time period for all other eligible populations and included those individuals in the population served totals. ORR then divided the total amount of available FY 2020 RSS funds by the adjusted "population served" figure to calculate each state's base funding allocation.

For states that have a "population served" of fewer than 25 people who have been in the United States for one year or less, ORR is providing a base amount of \$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 the successful resettlement of ORR populations in American communities.

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

² "Population served" includes the total number of refugees, Amerasians, SIVs, and VOT arrivals. Also included are state matched data for Cuban and Haitian entrants and asylees. All populations are adjusted for verified secondary migration.

For the RSS COVID-19 Supplemental Allocation, ORR used the same formula as the FY 2020 RSS base funding allocations. However, for the RSS COVID-19 Supplemental Allocation the floor funding is \$20,000.

We apologize for any inconvenience this revised allocation may cause, but wanted to ensure that all valid records that match with federal sources were included in the FY 2020 RSS allocation.

If you have any questions about the revised RSS allocations, 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 and Final FY 2020 RSS Base and COVID-19 Supplemental Allocation

State	REF	SIV	VOT	C/H Entrant	Asylees	U.S. Citizen Babies	Adjustments for Splits and Secondary Migrations	Revised Final Numbers	Final FY 2020 COVID-19 Supplemental Allocation	Final FY 2020 RSS Base Funding
Alabama	21	10	0	1	3	0	0.50	36	\$20,000	\$73,341
Alaska	45	0	0	0	7	4	1.33	57	\$20,000	\$116,126
Arizona	1,200	128	84	125	55	0	28.33	1,620	\$483,742	\$3,300,419
Arkansas	43	9	0	0	1	0	1.50	55	\$20,000	\$112,051
California	1,783	3,547	80	268	840	139	74.50	6,732	\$2,010,217	\$13,715,073
Colorado	612	218	11	83	129	20	44.50	1,118	\$333,842	\$2,277,696
Connecticut	140	140	5	2	26	34	3.50	351	\$104,811	\$715,091
Delaware	4	1	0	6	3	0	3.50	18	\$20,000	\$50,000
District Of Columbia	4	8	14	0	39	0	4.50	70	\$20,902	\$142,611
Florida	634	132	103	12,487	940	31	234.50	14,562	\$4,348,304	\$29,667,096
Georgia	1,181	201	16	89	13	0	18.00	1,518	\$453,284	\$3,092,614
Hawaii	0	1	3	0	5	0	-	9	\$20,000	\$50,000
Idaho	505	29	0	0	0	0	20.33	554	\$165,428	\$1,128,662
Illinois	973	180	50	20	172	0	28.33	1,423	\$424,917	\$2,899,071
Indiana	847	14	2	4	91	0	19.50	978	\$292,037	\$1,992,475
Iowa	716	25	1	13	11	0	57.00	823	\$245,753	\$1,676,694
Kansas IRC	391	69	6	1	2	0	17.83	487	\$145,421	\$992,163
Kentucky	1,394	59	5	559	23	0	107.50	2,148	\$641,406	\$4,376,111
Louisiana	12	7	3	26	88	7	7.33	150	\$44,791	\$305,594
Maine CC	128	12	1	0	40	0	9.00	190	\$56,735	\$387,086
Maryland	729	449	5	5	378	0	34.00	1,600	\$477,770	\$3,259,673
Massachusetts	505	75	11	125	87	1	12.33	816	\$243,663	\$1,662,433
Michigan	1,123	280	9	26	31	0	36.50	1,506	\$449,701	\$3,068,167
Minnesota	844	44	20	10	108	0	29.50	1,056	\$315,328	\$2,151,384
Mississippi	10	0	0	1	5	0	0.50	17	\$20,000	\$50,000
Missouri IISTL	655	102	3	13	10	3	21.83	808	\$241,274	\$1,646,135
Montana	83	0	0	0	4	0	13.00	100	\$29,861	\$203,730

Nebraska	438	92	0	102	16	0	14.67	663	\$197,976	\$1,350,727
Nevada	210	74	1	622	31	2	49.33	989	\$295,322	\$2,014,885
New Hampshire	247	2	0	0	3	0	1.83	254	\$75,846	\$517,473
New Jersey IRC	228	75	20	171	168	0	27.50	690	\$206,038	\$1,405,734
New Mexico	132	17	0	41	9	0	6.50	206	\$61,513	\$419,683
New York	1,803	377	172	6	562	0	47.83	2,968	\$886,263	\$6,046,693
North Carolina	1,219	101	7	35	23	0	36.50	1,422	\$424,618	\$2,897,034
North Dakota	126	4	1	0	8	0	1.83	141	\$42,103	\$287,259
Ohio	1,398	124	2	0	22	0	20.33	1,566	\$467,617	\$3,190,405
Oklahoma	208	6	2	18	7	0	12.50	254	\$75,846	\$517,473
Oregon	546	77	19	37	34	0	16.00	729	\$217,684	\$1,485,188
Pennsylvania	1,062	136	23	46	95	0	30.50	1,393	\$415,958	\$2,837,953
Rhode Island	88	0	1	0	0	0	0.33	89	\$26,576	\$181,319
South Carolina	187	6	8	1	1	0	8.00	211	\$63,006	\$429,869
South Dakota	126	7	1	5	5	0	5.00	149	\$44,492	\$303,557
Tennessee	636	98	4	99	130	16	26.83	1,010	\$301,592	\$2,057,668
Texas	2,408	1,441	366	3,439	926	85	238.67		\$0	
Texas IRC								563	\$168,115	\$1,146,997
Texas Catholic Charities								2,284	\$682,017	\$4,653,183
Texas RST								2,235	\$667,385	\$4,553,355
Texas YMCA								3,822	\$1,141,273	\$7,786,543
Utah	446	33	3	5	58	3	18.50	567	\$169,310	\$1,155,146
Vermont	108	1	0	0	4	0	3.50	117	\$34,937	\$238,364
Virginia	522	1,308	38	7	64	0	35.50	1,975	\$589,747	\$4,023,658
Washington	1,925	704	37	12	253	0	33.33	2,964	\$885,069	\$6,038,544
West Virginia	2	5	0	0	0	0	1.50	9	\$20,000	\$50,000
Wisconsin	587	22	4	2	8	0	15.33	638	\$190,511	\$1,299,794
Total	29,234	10,450	1,141	18,512	5,538	345	1,481.00	66,710	\$20,000,000	\$136,000,000