



Refugee Mental Health Initiative within the Refugee Health Promotion Refugee Support Services Set-Aside: FY 2022 Funding

Dear Colleague Letter 22-08

October 25, 2021

Dear Colleague:

This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) announces the availability of funds to establish the Refugee Mental Health Initiative (ReMHI) within the Refugee Health Promotion (RHP) program, which is one of the Refugee Support Services (RSS) "set-aside" programs. This DCL also explains ORR's method of determining ReMHI FY 2022 allocations within the RHP "set-aside" program and details the funding amounts, contingent on federal funds available upon final Congressional approval of the FY 2022 Federal Budget. For a description of program goals and recommended services, as well as program reporting and monitoring activities, please reference ORR Policy Letter (PL) 20-05, Refugee Health Promotion Program Transitions to Refugee Support Services Set-Aside Program. ORR will soon publish a PL outlining the ReMHI.

Qualification for FY 2022 Allocations

States¹ that qualified for funding in FY 2020 remain eligible to receive funding this year. ReMHI funding for FY 2022 will be allocated to the current 45 RHP "set-aside" states that already received "base" RHP funds in FY 2021 to carry out FY 2022 activities².

Basis for Funding

The FY 2022 allocations to states are based on the number of ORR-eligible individuals who arrived and were served in FY 2019 and FY 2020 (combined), as reported in the ORR-5 and verified against a number of federal sources in the ORR Refugee Arrivals Data System (RADS). The Congressional Justification for FY 2022 indicated that ORR will use this two-year lookback period to determine RSS allocations, providing a level of funding stability in response to the dramatic decrease in arrivals in the past year.

FY 2022 Allocations Chart

The chart below documents the number of eligible individuals served per state in FY 2019 and FY 2020 and the state's corresponding funding allocation for ReMHI in FY 2022. It also lists the "base" RHP funding allocated in FY 2021 for FY 2022 activities and the total amount available for FY 2022 RHP activities. The proposed allocations are based on the availability of federal funding and will be included in the quarterly FY 2022 RSS awards as a "set-aside." As required under ORR regulation 45 C.F.R. §400.210, these funds must be obligated by September 30, 2023, and must be liquidated by September 30, 2024.

The first quarter award will be a partial award of the amount reflected. The balance of the allocation would be provided pending the final FY 2022 appropriation.

¹ "States" throughout this Dear Colleague Letter refers to states and replacement designees funded to administer Refugee Support Services.

² Please refer to RSS DCL 21-12 for listing of FY 2021 RHP allocations.

FY 2022 ReMHI Allocations by State

State	FY 2019 & FY 2020 Total Served	FY 2021 Allocation for FY 2022 RHP Activities (as indicated in DCL 21-12)	FY 2022 Allocation for ReMHI	Total RHP Allocation for FY 2022 Activities
Alaska	85	\$50,000	\$123,900	\$173,900
Arizona	2,409	\$150,000	\$371,700	\$521,700
Arkansas	88	\$50,000	\$123,900	\$173,900
California	13,637	\$167,375	\$415,154	\$582,529
Colorado	1,836	\$116,021	\$287,500	\$403,521
Connecticut	637	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
District of Columbia	120	\$50,000	\$123,900	\$173,900
Florida	21,827	\$167,375	\$415,154	\$582,529
Georgia	2,177	\$137,625	\$341,035	\$478,660
Idaho	769	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Illinois	2,117	\$133,800	\$331,559	\$465,360
Indiana	1,457	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Iowa	1,027	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Kansas	672	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
Kentucky	3,041	\$150,000	\$371,700	\$521,700
Louisiana	247	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
Maine	277	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
Maryland	3,013	\$150,000	\$371,700	\$521,700
Massachusetts	1,464	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Michigan	2,215	\$139,974	\$346,855	\$486,829
Minnesota	1,753	\$110,807	\$274,580	\$385,387
Missouri	1,185	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Montana	148	\$50,000	\$123,900	\$173,900
Nebraska	960	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Nevada	1,323	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
New Hampshire	313	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
New Jersey	1,194	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
New Mexico	264	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
New York	4,429	\$150,000	\$371,700	\$521,700
North Carolina	2,078	\$131,315	\$325,399	\$456,714
North Dakota	192	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
Ohio	2,176	\$137,562	\$340,879	\$478,441
Oklahoma	433	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850

Oregon	1,055	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Pennsylvania	2,148	\$135,771	\$336,441	\$472,212
Rhode Island	155	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
South Carolina	281	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
South Dakota	204	\$75,000	\$185,850	\$260,850
Tennessee	1,366	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Texas	14,566	\$167,375	\$415,154	\$582,529
Utah	890	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Vermont	142	\$50,000	\$123,900	\$173,900
Virginia	3,723	\$150,000	\$371,700	\$521,700
Washington	5,114	\$150,000	\$371,700	\$521,700
Wisconsin	966	\$90,000	\$223,020	\$313,020
Total	106,173	\$4,600,000	\$11,400,000	\$16,000,000

Explanation of Allocations

ReMHI allocations follow the tiers described in <u>DCL 21-12</u>. The ReMHI allocation amount is about 2.5 times the "base" RHP allocations in FY 2021 for FY 2022 activities. Please note that even though this allocation is based on arrivals for FY 2019 and FY 2020, the service population includes all eligible arrivals for the past five-year period.

Resources

Please direct any questions about this DCL to your DRH Health Liaison. We also encourage you to utilize ORR's <u>Technical Assistance provider(s)</u> for additional resources on serving refugees.

Sincerely,

Cindy Huang Director Office of Refugee Resettlement



Afghan Refugee Health Promotion Supplement: FY 2023

Dear Colleague Letter 23-10 November 9, 2022

Dear Colleague:

The Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriation Act, 2022 and the Additional Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (ASA) provided the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) with appropriations to serve certain citizens or nationals of Afghanistan resettled to the United States. This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) outlines the FY 2023 ARHP supplemental allocations to states¹ within the Refugee Support Services (RSS) Refugee Health Promotion (RHP) set-aside program, which totals \$35 million. This DCL explains ORR's method of determining the FY 2023 ARHP allocations and provides the specific funding amounts for eligible states.

For a description of eligible populations, see <u>ORR Policy Letter (PL) 22-01</u> Afghan Humanitarian Parolees and Unaccompanied Afghan Minors Eligible for ORR Benefits and Services: ASA-Eligible Afghan Populations. While ARHP programming is limited to ASA-eligible participants, its benefits and services are the same as those under traditional RHP, and it is governed by the guidance delineated in <u>ORR PL 20-05</u> Refugee Health Promotion Program Transitions to Refugee Support Services Set-Aside Program and <u>ORR PL 22-06</u> Refugee Mental Health Initiative within the Refugee Health Promotion Program.

Qualification for FY 2023 ARHP Allocations

In order for states to receive the FY 2023 ARHP allocation, the state must have qualified for RHP funding, per <u>ORR DCL 20-08</u> Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Refugee Health Promotion Support Services Set-Aside, or have received at least 50 Afghan Placement Assistance (APA) program beneficiaries who departed a Safe Haven to their new communities through October 5, 2022, per the Hummingbird database.

Explanation of Allocations and Number of People

ORR used the number of APA program beneficiaries who departed a Safe Haven to their new communities, as recorded in the Hummingbird database, to determine the "Number of People" and "Allocation" totals included in the below FY 2023 ARHP Allocations Table.

The "Allocation" of funding was calculated by applying each state's percentage of the total "Number of People" to the total amount of ARHP funds available. A floor award (\$50,000) was

¹ Throughout this DCL, the term "states" refers to states and replacement designees (RDs).

applied to states with a "Number of People" fewer than 80.

FY 2023 ARHP Allocations

The table below documents the "Number of People" described above, and the corresponding funding "Allocation" for the FY 2023 ARHP supplemental allocation. Pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 400.210(b), states must obligate these funds by September 30, 2024 and liquidate the funds by September 30, 2025. All awards are subject to the availability of federal funds.

FY 2023 ARHP Allocations Table

State	Number of People	Allocation	
Alabama	79	\$50,000	
Alaska	112	\$52,645	
Arizona	2,174	\$1,021,860	
Arkansas	221	\$103,878	
California	9,880	\$4,643,964	
Colorado	2,164	\$1,017,160	
Connecticut	704	\$330,906	
Delaware	52	\$50,000	
District of Columbia	26	\$50,000	
Florida	2,158	\$1,014,340	
Georgia	1,801	\$846,536	
Idaho	521	\$244,889	
Illinois	1,998	\$939,134	
Indiana	786	\$369,449	
Iowa	1,057	\$496,829	
Kansas	698	\$328,086	
Kentucky	1,187	\$557,934	
Louisiana	62	\$50,000	
Maine	249	\$117,039	
Maryland	2,062	\$969,216	
Massachusetts	1,983	\$932,083	
Michigan	1,787	\$839,956	
Minnesota	1,303	\$612,458	
Missouri	1,812	\$851,707	
Montana	123	\$57,815	
Nebraska	1,242	\$583,786	
Nevada	310	\$145,711	
New	201		
Hampshire	201	\$94,477	
New Jersey	789	\$370,859	
New Mexico	549	\$258,050	

New York	2,543	\$1,195,304
North Carolina	1,752	\$823,505
North Dakota	52	\$50,000
Ohio	1,738	\$816,924
Oklahoma	1,853	\$870,978
Oregon	821	\$385,900
Pennsylvania	2,667	\$1,253,588
Rhode Island	311	\$146,181
South Carolina	445	\$209,166
South Dakota	11	\$50,000
Tennessee	689	\$323,855
Texas	11,612	\$5,458,068
Utah	932	\$438,074
Vermont	250	\$117,509
Virginia	6,213	\$2,920,339
Washington	3,265	\$1,534,670
Wisconsin	862	\$405,172
Total	74,106	\$35,000,000

Resources

Please direct any questions about this DCL, the ARHP supplement, or the RHP program to your DRH Health Liaison. ORR also encourages you to utilize ORR's <u>Technical Assistance</u> <u>provider(s)</u> for additional resources on serving ORR-eligible populations.

We appreciate all your work to support the health and well-being of these new Afghan arrivals.

Sincerely,

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