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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Refugee Resettlement

Modification to the Standing Announcement Published in the Federal Register on December 9, 1997 (62 FR 236)

AGENCY: Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Administration for Children and Families, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of correction.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the ORR Standing Announcement, 62 FR 236, with closing dates of January 31, 1998 and June 30, 1998 will have the following changes.

The following programs will be competed as scheduled in the December 9, 1997 notice: Category 1, Preferred Communities, Category 2, Unanticipated Arrivals, Category 5, Mental Health, and Category 6, Ethnic Community Organizations.

Category 3, Orientation, will be canceled for the June 30, 1998 closing. This program will be competed again with closing date of January 31st beginning in 1999 and each subsequent year until the Standing Announcement is revised or canceled.

Category 4, Technical Assistance to Orientation Grantees, is hereby canceled.

Dated: May 14, 1998.

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Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Notice of Availability of Funding To Provide Community Service Employment Opportunities for Refugees Who Have Experienced Long-term Difficulties in Assimilation

AGENCY: Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Request for applications for projects to provide community service employment opportunities for refugees who have experienced long-term difficulties in assimilation.

SUMMARY: This program announcement governs the availability of social services funds and award procedures for \$16 million in FY 1998 discretionary grants for community service employment for refugees under the Refugee Resettlement Program. These grants, which will be awarded on a competitive basis, are for localities with large concentrations of refugees who have experienced difficulty integrating socially and economically into local communities. Refugees are eligible to participate in these projects regardless of the length of time they have resided in the U.S. Applications may include requests for project periods of up to three years, with an initial budget period of one year. Where awards are made for multiple year project periods, continuation grant applications will be entertained in subsequent years on a non-competitive basis, subject to the availability of funds, successful progress of the project, and ACF/ORR's determination that this would be in the best interest of the government.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number assigned to this announcement is 93.576.

DATE: The closing date for receipt of applications is July 20, 1998.

ADDRESS: Address applications to: Office of Refugee Resettlement, Division of Community Resettlement, 6th Floor East, Aerospace Building, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC 20447

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Part I. General Information

A. Background

There are communities across this country with large concentrations of

refugees¹, many of whom entered the United States over a decade ago. For some refugees, language skills, cultural barriers, the lack of financial resources, and years of relying on public assistance, have isolated them from the mainstream, limited their employment opportunities and hindered integration into American communities. Their rate of assimilation has been documented in many localities on such key indicators as poverty levels, welfare utilization, car and home ownership, high school completion, college attendance or graduation, language fluency, employment rates, household income, per capita income, and naturalization rates. Prior to their arrival in the U.S., some refugees have experienced torture, starvation or prolonged malnutrition, which have exacerbated their isolation and difficulty in adapting to life in the United States.

In some of these communities, refugees represent a significant percentage of the population and, relative to non-refugee groups, have a sizeable impact on local services, medical clinics, and school systems.

The purpose of this announcement is to improve refugee rates of assimilation in heavily impacted communities by providing funding for workforce experience and training, earned income for refugees and their families, and access to needed services for refugee communities.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

The FY 1998 House Appropriations Committee Report (H.R. Rept. No. 105-205) stated that: "The Committee has set-aside \$16,000,000 for increased support to communities with large

¹ In addition to persons who meet all requirements of 45 CFR 400.43, "Requirements for documentation of refugee status," eligibility for targeted assistance includes: (1) Cuban and Haitian entrants, under section 501 of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 (Pub. L. No. 96-422); (2) certain Amerasians from Vietnam who are admitted to the U.S. as immigrants under section 584 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1988, as included in the FY 1988 Continuing Resolution (Pub. L. No. 100-202); and (3) certain Amerasians from Vietnam, including U.S. citizens, under title II of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Acts, 1989 (Pub. L. No. 100-461), 1990 (Pub. L. No. 101-167), and 1991 (Pub. L. No. 101-513). For convenience, the term "refugee" is used in this notice to encompass all such eligible persons unless the specific context indicates otherwise.

Refugees admitted to the U.S. under admissions numbers set aside for private-sector-initiative admissions are not eligible to be served under the targeted assistance program (or under other programs supported by Federal refugee funds) during their period of coverage under their sponsoring agency's agreement with the Department of State—usually two years from their date of arrival or until they obtain permanent resident alien status, whichever comes first.