

health clinic under Section 1861(aa)(2) of the Social Security Act; or (6) a public or nonprofit private health facility determined by the Secretary to have a critical shortage of nurses.

For Fiscal Year 2002, the Secretary has defined health facilities with a critical shortage of nurses as any public or nonprofit private health facility: (1) On the NELRP's Fiscal Year 2002 list of facilities with a critical shortage of nurses; (2) located in a county on the NELRP's Fiscal Year 2002 list of counties with a shortage of nurses; (3) located in a currently designated whole county health professional shortage area (HPSA) or (4) classified as one of the following regardless of its location: a public health department, nursing home or rehabilitation center.

**Funding Preference:** A funding preference is defined as the funding of a specific category or group of approved applicants ahead of other categories or groups of applicants. The following preferences apply to the NELRP applicants:

A. As provided in section 846(e) of the PHS Act, as amended, first preference will be given to qualified applicants with the greatest financial need who agree to serve in eligible health facilities located in a county on the NELRP's Fiscal Year 2002 list of counties with a shortage of nurses.

Applicants whose total qualifying loans are 40% or greater of their annualized salary will meet the greatest financial need requirement of the funding preference.

B. Remaining funds will be awarded in the following order: (1) To qualified applicants who are employed at an eligible health facility located in a county with a shortage of nurses regardless of the applicant's financial need; (2) to qualified applicants employed at an eligible health facility not located in a county with a shortage of nurses who demonstrate greatest financial need; and (3) other qualified applicants who are serving in States that received few or no new NELRP participants.

**Estimated Amount of Available Funds:** Up to \$8,000,000 will be available in Fiscal Year 2002 for this program.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** It is estimated that 445 Loan Repayment Contracts will be awarded in Fiscal Year 2002 for this program.

**Application Requests, Availability, Dates and Addresses:** Applicants may register online at <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing> for application guidance and/or lists of eligible health facilities, nurse shortage counties, and HPSAs by following the instructions on the Web

page. Instructions for submitting applications electronically will also be available on the Web. Application guidance will be available for downloading via the Web on April 9, 2002. Applicants who register online will automatically be sent information regarding the application guidance and/or lists of eligible health facilities, nurse shortage counties, and HPSAs.

Applicants may also request a hard copy of the application materials and/or lists of eligible health facilities, nurse shortage counties, and HPSAs by calling (866) 813-3753.

In order to be considered, applications for loan repayment must be submitted to the Division of Nursing (NELRP), Bureau of Health Professions, HRSA, Room 9-36, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Applications must be postmarked by June 14, 2002. Applications postmarked after the deadline date or sent to any address other than the Rockville, Maryland address may be returned to the applicant and not processed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jacqueline Brown, e-mail at [jbrown1@hrsa.gov](mailto:jbrown1@hrsa.gov); Ms. Leola Bennett, e-mail at [lbennett@hrsa.gov](mailto:lbennett@hrsa.gov); or Ms. Robin Ingram, e-mail at [ringram@hrsa.gov](mailto:ringram@hrsa.gov), Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Professions, HRSA, Room 9-36, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Central telephone is (301) 443-3232. Fax number is (301)443-0791.

**Paperwork Reduction Act:** The Application for Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The OMB clearance number is 0915-0140.

The program is not subject to the provision of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (as implemented through 45 CFR part 100). This program is also not subject to the Public Health Systems Reporting Requirements.

Dated: March 29, 2002.

**Elizabeth M. Duke,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Refugee Resettlement Program: Proposed Notice of Allocations to States of FY 2002 Funds for Refugee Social Services

**AGENCY:** Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), ACF, HHS.

**ACTION:** Proposed notice of allocations to States of FY 2002 funds for refugee social services.

**SUMMARY:** This notice establishes the proposed allocations to States of FY 2002 funds for social services under the Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP). In the final notice, amounts could be adjusted slightly based on final adjustments in FY 2001 arrivals in some States.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by May 9, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Address written comments, in duplicate, to: Barbara R. Chesnik, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447. Due to delays in mail delivery to Federal offices, a copy of comments should also be faxed to: (202) 401-5487.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara R. Chesnik, Division of Refugee Self-Sufficiency, telephone: (202) 401-4558, e-mail: [bchesnik@acf.dhhs.gov](mailto:bchesnik@acf.dhhs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Amounts For Allocation

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) has available \$158,600,000 in FY 2002 refugee social service funds as part of the FY 2002 appropriation for the Department of Health and Human Services (Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-116).

The FY 2002 House Appropriations Committee Report (H.R. Rept. No. 107-229) reads as follows with respect to social services funds:

The bill provides \$158,621,000 for social services, \$15,000,000 more than the fiscal year 2001 appropriation and the budget request. Funds are distributed by formula as well as through the discretionary grant making process for special projects. The bill includes \$15,000,000 to increase educational support to schools with a significant proportion of refugee children, consistent with previous support to schools heavily impacted by large concentration of refugees.

The Committee agrees that \$19,000,000 is available for assistance to serve communities affected by the Cuban and Haitian entrants

and refugees whose arrivals in recent years have increased. The Committee has set aside \$26,000,000 for increased support to communities with large concentrations of refugees whose cultural differences make assimilation especially difficult justifying a more intense level and longer duration of Federal assistance. Finally, the Committee has set aside \$14,000,000 to address the needs of refugees and communities impacted by recent changes in Federal assistance programs relating to welfare reform. The Committee urges ORR to assist refugees at risk of losing, or who have lost, benefits including SSI, TANF and Medicaid, in obtaining citizenship.

The FY 2002 Conference Report on Appropriations (H.R. Conf. 107-342) reads as follows concerning social services:

The conference agreement appropriates \$460,203,000, instead of \$460,224,000 as proposed by the House and \$445,224,000 proposed by the Senate. Within this amount, for Social Services, the agreement provides \$158,600,000 instead of \$156,621,000 as proposed by the House and \$143,621,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees specify that funds for section 414 of the Immigration and Nationality Act shall be available for three fiscal years, as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement includes \$15,000,000 that is to be used under social services to increase educational support to schools with a significant proportion of refugee children, consistent with language contained in the House report.

The agreement also includes \$19,000,000 for increased support to communities with large concentrations of refugees whose cultural differences make assimilation especially difficult justifying a more intense level and longer duration of Federal assistance, consistent with language contained in the House report.

ORR proposes to use the \$158,600,000 appropriated for FY 2002 social services as follows:

- \$71,910,000 will be allocated under the 3-year population formula, as set forth in this notice for the purpose of providing employment services and other needed services to refugees.

- \$12,690,000 will be awarded as new and continuation social service discretionary grants under new and prior year competitive grant announcements issued separately from this notice.

- \$19,000,000 will be awarded to serve communities most heavily affected by recent Cuban and Haitian entrant and refugee arrivals. These funds will be awarded through continuation awards under a separate prior year announcement.

- \$26,000,000 will be awarded through discretionary grants for communities with large concentrations of refugees whose cultural differences make assimilation especially difficult justifying a more intense level and longer duration of Federal assistance. A combination of new and continuation awards will be made through new and prior year separate announcements.

- \$14,000,000 will be awarded to address the needs of refugees and communities impacted by recent changes in Federal assistance programs relating to welfare reform. Awards will be made through a separate announcement.

- \$15,000,000 will be awarded to increase educational support to schools with a significant proportion of refugee children, consistent with previous support to schools heavily impacted by large concentrations of refugees. New awards will be made through a separate announcement.

#### Refugee Social Service Funds

The population figures for the formula social services allocation include refugees, Cuban/Haitian entrants, and Amerasians from Vietnam. (A State must, however, have an approved State plan for the Cuban/Haitian Entrant Program or indicate in its refugee program State plan that Cuban/Haitian entrants will be served in order to use funds on behalf of entrants as well as refugees.)

The Director is proposing to allocate \$71,910,000 to States on the basis of each State's proportion of the national population of refugees who had been in the U.S. three years or less as of October 1, 2001 (including a floor amount for States which have small refugee populations).

The use of the 3-year population base in the allocation formula is required by section 412(c)(1)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) which states that the "funds available for a fiscal year for grants and contracts [for social services] . . . shall be allocated among the States based on the total number of refugees (including children and adults) who arrived in the United States not more than 36 months before the beginning of such fiscal year and who are actually residing in each State (taking into account secondary migration) as of the beginning of the fiscal year."

As established in the FY 1991 social services notice published in the **Federal Register** of August 29, 1991, section I, "Allocation Amounts" (56 FR 42745), a variable floor amount for States which have small refugee populations is calculated as follows: If the application of the regular allocation formula yields less than \$100,000, then—

(1) a base amount of \$75,000 is provided for a State with a population of 50 or fewer refugees who have been in the U.S. 3 years or less; and

(2) for a State with more than 50 refugees who have been in the U.S. 3 years or less: (a) A floor has been calculated consisting of \$50,000 plus the regular per capita allocation for refugees above 50 up to a total of \$100,000 (in other words, the maximum

under the floor formula is \$100,000); (b) if this calculation has yielded less than \$75,000, a base amount of \$75,000 is provided for the State.

#### Population To Be Served and Allowable Services

Eligibility for refugee social services includes persons who meet all requirements of 45 CFR 400.43 (as amended by 65 FR 15409 (March 22, 2000)). In addition, persons granted asylum are eligible for refugee benefits and services from the date that asylum was granted (See ORR State Letter No. 00-12, effective June 15, 2000). Victims of a severe form of trafficking who have received a certification or eligibility letter from ORR are eligible from the date on the certification letter (See ORR State letter No. 01-13, May 3, 2001).

Services to refugees must be provided in accordance with the rules of 45 CFR part 400 subpart I—Refugee Social Services. Although the allocation formula is based on the 3-year refugee population, States may provide services to refugees who have been in the country up to 60 months (5 years), with the exception of referral and interpreter services and citizenship and naturalization preparation services for which there is no time limitation (45 CFR 400.152(b)). On December 5, 2001, however, the Director of ORR issued a blanket waiver of the time-in-country limit for services (ORR State Letter 01-31). This waiver, in effect until September 30, 2002, was issued to assist States in providing services to refugees following the events of September 11, 2001 and the subsequent cessation of refugee arrivals during most of the first quarter, FY 2002.

Allowable social services are those indicated in 45 CFR 400.154 and 400.155. Additional services not included in these sections which the State may wish to provide must be submitted to and approved by the Director of ORR (§ 400.155(h)).

#### Service Priorities

Priorities for provision of services are specified in 45 CFR 400.147. In order for refugees to move quickly off Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), States should, to the extent possible, ensure that all newly arriving refugees receive refugee-specific services designed to address the employment barriers that refugees typically face.

We encourage States to re-examine the range of services they currently offer to refugees. Those States that have had success in helping refugees achieve early employment may find it to be a good time to expand beyond provision of basic employment services and

address the broader needs that refugees have in order to enhance their ability to maintain financial security and to successfully integrate into the community. Other States may need to reassess the delivery of employment services in light of local economic conditions and develop new strategies to better serve the currently arriving refugee groups.

States should also be aware that ORR will make social services formula funds available to pay for social services which are provided to refugees who participate in Wilson/Fish projects. Section 412(e)(7)(A) of the INA provides that:

The Secretary [of HHS] shall develop and implement alternative projects for refugees who have been in the United States less than thirty-six months, under which refugees are provided interim support, medical services, support [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.

This provision is generally known as the Wilson/Fish Amendment. The Department has already issued a separate notice in the **Federal Register** with respect to applications for such projects (64 FR 19793 (April 22, 1999)).

## II. (Reserved for Discussion of Comments in Final Notice)

### III. Allocation Formulas

Of the funds available for FY 2002 for social services, \$71,910,000 is proposed to be allocated to States in accordance with the formula specified in A. below.

A. A State's allowable formula allocation is calculated as follows:

1. The total amount of funds determined by the Director to be available for this purpose; divided by—
2. The total number of refugees, Cuban/Haitian entrants, and Amerasians from Vietnam who arrived in the United States not more than 3 years prior to the beginning of the fiscal year for which the funds are appropriated, as shown by the ORR Refugee Data System. The resulting per capita amount is multiplied by—
3. The number of persons in item 2, above, in the State as of October 1, 2001,

adjusted for estimated secondary migration.

The calculation above yields the formula allocation for each State. Minimum allocations for small States are taken into account.

### IV. Basis of Population Estimates

The population estimates for the proposed allocation of funds in FY 2002 for the formula social service allocation are based on data on refugee arrivals from the ORR Refugee Data System, adjusted as of October 1, 2001, for estimated secondary migration. The data base includes refugees of all nationalities, Amerasians from Vietnam, Cuban and Haitian entrants.

For fiscal year 2002, ORR's formula social service allocations for the States are based on the numbers of refugees, Amerasians, and entrants in the ORR data base. The numbers are based upon the arrivals during the preceding three fiscal years: 1999, 2000, and 2001.

The estimates of secondary migration are based on data submitted by all participating States on Form ORR-11 on secondary migrants who have resided in the U.S. for 36 months or less, as of September 30, 2001. The total migration reported by each State is summed, yielding in- and out-migration figures and a net migration figure for each State. The net migration figure is applied to the State's total arrival figure, resulting in a revised population estimate.

Estimates are developed separately for refugees and entrants and then combined into a total estimated 3-year refugee/entrant population for each State. Eligible Amerasians are included in the refugee figures. Havana parolees (HP's) are enumerated in a separate column in Table 1, below, because they are tabulated separately from other entrants. Havana parolee arrivals for all States are based on actual data.

Table 1, below, shows the estimated 3-year populations, as of October 1, 2001, of refugees (col. 1), entrants (col. 2), Havana parolees (col. 3); total refugee/entrant population, (col. 4); the proposed formula amounts which the population estimates yield, (col. 5); and the proposed total allocation (col. 6).

If a State does not agree with ORR's population estimate and wishes ORR to

reconsider its numbers, it should submit written evidence to ORR, including a list of refugees identified by name, alien number, date of birth, and date of arrival. Listing of refugees who are not identified by their alien number will not be considered. Such evidence should be submitted separately from comments on the proposed allocation formula no later than 30 days from the date of publication of this notice and should be sent via overnight mail to: Loren Bussert, Division of Refugee Self-/ Sufficiency, Office of Refugee Resettlement, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Telephone: (202) 401-4732, or as an Excel spreadsheet or other compatible spreadsheet format as an e-mail attachment to: [lbussert@acf.dhhs.gov](mailto:lbussert@acf.dhhs.gov)

States which have served asylees during the past year also may submit the following information in order to have their population estimate adjusted to include those asylees whose asylum was granted within the 36 months period ending September 30, 2001: (1) Alien number, (2) date of birth; and (3) the date asylum was granted.

States which have served victims of a severe form of trafficking during the past year may submit the following information in order to have their population estimate adjusted to include these trafficking victims: (1) Alien number, if available; (2) date of birth; (3) certification letter number and, (4) date on certification letter.

Please submit the above data on asylees and trafficking victims served on separate Excel spreadsheets as an e-mail attachment within 30 days of the publication date of this announcement to: [lbussert@acf.dhhs.gov](mailto:lbussert@acf.dhhs.gov)

### V. Proposed Allocation Amounts

Funding subsequent to the publication of this notice will be contingent upon the submittal and approval of a State annual services plan that is developed on the basis of a local consultative process, as required by 45 CFR 400.11(b)(2) in the ORR regulations.

The following amounts are for allocation for refugee social services in FY 2002:

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED THREE-YEAR REFUGEE/ENTRANT/PAROLEE POPULATIONS OF STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE REFUGEE PROGRAM AND PROPOSED SOCIAL SERVICE FORMULA AMOUNT AND ALLOCATION FOR FY 2002

State	Refugees <sup>1</sup>	Entrants	Havana parolees <sup>2</sup>	Total population	Proposed formula amount	Proposed allocation
Alabama .....	386	5	35	426	\$106,915	\$106,915
Alaska <sup>3</sup> .....	115	0	0	115	28,862	75,000
Arizona .....	7,201	404	2	7,607	1,909,160	1,909,160
Arkansas .....	41	9	4	54	13,553	75,000

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED THREE-YEAR REFUGEE/ENTRANT/PAROLEE POPULATIONS OF STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE REFUGEE PROGRAM AND PROPOSED SOCIAL SERVICE FORMULA AMOUNT AND ALLOCATION FOR FY 2002—Continued

State	Refugees <sup>1</sup>	Entrants	Havana parolees <sup>2</sup>	Total population	Proposed formula amount	Proposed allocation
California	29,077	74	238	29,389	7,375,880	7,375,880
Colorado <sup>3</sup>	3,265	4	4	3,273	821,438	821,438
Connecticut	3,075	30	34	3,139	787,808	787,808
Delaware	128	15	0	143	35,889	75,000
Dist. of Columbia	384	4	8	396	99,386	100,000
Florida	13,412	15,246	32,725	61,383	15,405,547	15,405,547
Georgia	10,348	35	110	10,493	2,633,472	2,633,472
Hawaii	(3)	0	0	(3)	(753)	75,000
Idaho <sup>3</sup>	2,796	1	3	2,800	702,728	702,728
Illinois	9,436	15	102	9,553	2,397,556	2,397,556
Indiana	1,713	6	11	1,730	434,185	434,185
Iowa	3,869	0	2	3,871	971,521	971,521
Kansas	614	5	4	623	156,357	156,357
Kentucky <sup>3</sup>	3,403	1,088	8	4,499	1,129,133	1,129,133
Louisiana	1,209	127	44	1,380	346,344	346,344
Maine	1,109	0	0	1,109	278,330	278,330
Maryland	3,734	12	20	3,766	945,169	945,169
Massachusetts <sup>3</sup>	5,921	160	38	6,119	1,535,711	1,535,711
Michigan	8,258	863	31	9,152	2,296,916	2,296,916
Minnesota	13,653	6	8	13,667	3,430,064	3,430,064
Mississippi	25	3	6	34	8,533	75,000
Missouri	7,775	12	24	7,811	1,960,359	1,960,359
Montana	1	0	4	5	1,255	75,000
Nebraska	1,750	2	5	1,757	440,962	440,962
Nevada <sup>3</sup>	1,164	752	53	1,969	494,168	494,168
New Hampshire	1,724	0	0	1,724	432,679	432,679
New Jersey	4,537	352	758	5,647	1,417,251	1,417,251
New Mexico	458	319	2	779	195,509	195,509
New York	21,394	1,149	195	22,738	5,706,650	5,706,650
North Carolina	3,419	21	46	3,486	874,896	874,896
North Dakota <sup>3</sup>	1,269	0	0	1,269	318,486	318,486
Ohio	4,301	6	8	4,315	1,082,953	1,082,953
Oklahoma	407	0	5	412	103,401	103,401
Oregon	3,780	489	4	4,273	1,072,413	1,072,413
Pennsylvania	7,970	241	47	8,258	2,072,545	2,072,545
Rhode Island	781	2	7	790	198,270	198,270
South Carolina	216	1	20	237	59,481	96,932
South Dakota <sup>3</sup>	1,286	0	0	1,286	322,753	322,753
Tennessee	2,995	8	38	3,041	763,212	763,212
Texas	12,147	852	115	13,114	3,291,275	3,291,275
Utah	3,179	2	2	3,183	798,851	798,851
Vermont	884	0	0	884	221,861	221,861
Virginia	5,344	92	29	5,465	1,371,574	1,371,574
Washington	15,387	0	14	15,401	3,865,253	3,865,253
West Virginia	18	0	0	18	4,518	75,000
Wisconsin	2,057	5	4	2,066	518,513	518,513
Wyoming <sup>4</sup>						
<b>Total</b>	<b>227,412</b>	<b>22,417</b>	<b>34,817</b>	<b>284,646</b>	<b>\$71,438,792</b>	<b>\$71,910,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes Amerasian immigrants. Adjusted for secondary migration.

<sup>2</sup> For all years, Havana Parolee arrivals for all States are based on actual data.

<sup>3</sup> The allocations for Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, and for San Diego County, California are expected to be awarded to Wilson/Fish projects.

<sup>4</sup> Wyoming no longer participates in the Refugee Program.

**VI. Paperwork Reduction Act**

This notice does not create any reporting or recordkeeping requirements requiring OMB clearance.

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**Nguyen Van Hanh,**

*Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

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In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork