

August 16, 2023

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

REFUGEE COORDINATOR LETTER NO. 23-06

The purpose of this letter is to announce the allocation of a one-time Ukrainian Refugee Support Services Supplemental Funding to address the unmet needs of Ukrainian newcomers in California.



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REFUGEE COORDINATOR LETTER NO. 23-06

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: UKRAINIAN REFUGEE SUPPORT SERVICES SUPPLEMENTAL
FUNDING ALLOCATION

REFERENCE: [CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NO. 93.566](#)

This letter allocates funding to refugee impacted counties for the Ukrainian Refugee Support Services Supplemental funding. The Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) awarded the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act (AUSAA), Refugee Support Services (RSS) base funding in the amount of \$17,944,706 via [Dear Colleague Letter \(DCL\) 22-21](#).

This is a unique one-time opportunity made available by the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act (AUSAA) allocation for Refugee Support Services (RSS) to the State of California. The project period for AUSAA funds is from October 01, 2022, through September 30, 2025.

Background

On July 27, 2022, ORR released the [DCL 22-21](#) to announce the AUSAA with specific appropriations to provide services to support citizens or nationals of Ukraine. The description of eligible populations, priorities, service requirements, considerations regarding equity and inclusion, and reporting and monitoring requirements for AUSAA funded RSS programing can be found on [Policy Letter 22-13](#).

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Program Requirements

Counties that requested the AUSAA funding are required to submit an addendum to their county plan and meet all federal and state reporting requirements, which include semi-annual and annual federal reports. In addition, Counties must comply with federal regulations and terms and conditions (linked in the below sections).

Debarment and Suspension Requirements

Federal regulations require that individuals be restricted from receiving federal financial and non-financial assistance and benefits if they have been debarred or suspended pursuant to [Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) Part 180](#) and as supplemented with [CFR Part 376](#). Reasons for debarment/suspension may include a conviction for committing fraud or any other crime or action that shows a lack of business integrity ([see 2 CFR Part 180 Subparts G and H for specific debarment/suspension criteria](#)). The debarment/suspension requirements extend to an organization if a debarred/suspended individual is an officer, director, owner, partner, or if the individual has management or supervisory responsibility within the organization.

Counties are required to comply with the debarment and suspension provisions in 2 CFR Part 180 or 376 as a condition of receiving RSS funding. When arranging RSS-funded services through a subgrant or subcontract, counties must verify that the subgrantee or subcontractor is not excluded or disqualified from participation in federal assistance programs by:

- 1) Checking the federal General Services Administration [System for Award Management](#), which has the most current information about persons who have been excluded or disqualified for participation in federal programs; and/or
- 2) Adding a clause to the contract/agreement in which the contractor agrees to certify that he/she and his/her principals are not debarred or suspended from federal financial assistance programs and services. Example: "*For federally funded agreements in the amount of \$25,000 or more, the Contractor certifies that he/she and his/her principals are not debarred or suspended from federal financial assistance programs and activities.*"

Federal Funding Terms and Conditions

All recipients and sub-recipients of federal funding, including RSS funding, are required to adhere to specific terms and conditions. See the terms and conditions Administrative Requirements, Section 2, for requirements when issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposal, bid solicitations and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or part with federal money. For more information regarding these terms and conditions and requirements, please visit:

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- General Terms and Conditions:
[ACF-General Terms and Conditions-Mandatory Grants](#)
- General Terms and Conditions Addendum (RSS Funding):
[ACF-General Terms and Conditions-Addendum for Refugee Programs](#)

Should you have any questions regarding the RCL No. 23-06, please contact Archie Cabanillas, Manager, Special Projects and Funding Unit, at Archie.Cabanillas@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

ABDI ABDILLAHI, Chief
Refugee Programs Bureau

Attachment

cc: CWDA

ADDITIONAL UKRAINE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (AUSAA) FUNDING ALLOCATION**Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023****\$7,000,000****(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No. 93.566 - Refugee Assistance - State Administered Programs)****(Grant Period - October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025)**

County	Grant Number	Final County Allocation	Final County Administration @ 15%	Final Services Dollars
Los Angeles	AUSAA2023-01	\$2,000,000	\$300,000	\$1,700,000
Orange	AUSAA2023-02	\$500,000	\$75,000	\$425,000
San Diego	AUSAA2023-03	\$2,000,000	\$300,000	\$1,700,000
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September 20, 2023

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TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
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COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: ERRATUM TO RCL NO. 23-06, UKRAINIAN REFUGEE SUPPORT SERVICES SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING ALLOCATION

The purpose of this erratum is to notify counties that a correction was made to [RCL No. 23-06](#), dated August 16, 2023, the Ukrainian Refugee Support Services Supplemental funding allocation spreadsheet. The following changes are reflected in the attached Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act (AUSAA) allocation spreadsheet:

- Federal Fiscal Year changed from 2023 to 2022.
- The table below shows the revised unique allocation number to the Counties:

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Los Angeles	AUSAA2022-01
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San Diego	AUSAA2022-03
San Francisco	AUSAA2022-04
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