

September 4, 2025

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

REFUGEE COORDINATOR LETTER NO. 25-05

This letter provides updated guidance to counties in serving Ukrainian populations who are eligible to receive federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) benefits for a housing and utility support program.



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TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: UPDATED PROGRAM GUIDANCE AND REVISED FUNDING
ALLOCATIONS FOR THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR
UKRAINIANS (HAU) PROGRAM

REFERENCE: [REFUGEE COORDINATOR LETTER \(RCL\) 23-03](#), [RCL 23-03E](#),
[RCL 24-05E](#)

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties about the updated HAU program end date, revised funding allocations, and the updated invoicing process. These updates supersede the guidance provided in [RCL 23-03](#), [RCL 23-03E](#) and [RCL 24-05E](#).

Note: Program eligibility requirements remain the same.

HAU Program End Date

Effective from the date of this letter, the HAU application deadline has been extended through December 31, 2025. No new applications are to be accepted after December 31, 2025.

Although no new applications can be accepted after this updated end date of December 31, 2025, payments and services may continue for eligible applicants who apply for the HAU program on or before December 31, 2025. For these applicants who are accepted on or before the December 31, 2025 end date, services may continue until June 2026, or until the \$10,000 cap per household is reached, or unless applicants reach the maximum six months of assistance as it is described in Refugee Coordinator Letter [\(RCL\) 23-03](#), or until funds are fully expended, whichever comes sooner.

Revised Funding Allocations

The Refugee Programs Bureau (RPB) has revised funding allocations to the HAU program.

RPB identified a total of \$3,300,000 unspent from FFY 2023 AUSA funding. Out of the \$3,300,000, RPB is reallocating \$2,100,000 to counties that demonstrated continued housing assistance need in their eligible Ukrainian communities. The new total HAU funding amount is \$21,542,724 and includes both FFY 2022 and FFY 2023 AUSA funding. The allocation table below reflects the new updated funding allocations.

The updated grant period for the funding is October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2026. Please refer to the new allocation table below.

Updated Invoice Process

The RPB has consolidated invoice processing among the three RPB sections which include Operations, Program & Policy and Quality Assurance and Training Engagement Sections. As part of this consolidation of various operational procedures, the Operations Section will now take the lead in processing invoices across the entire bureau.

Quarterly invoicing for all RPB programs including HAU should now be sent to cdssrpbinvoices@dss.ca.gov with hau@dss.ca.gov copied in the correspondence.

For questions regarding this letter, please contact Nazia Ali, Chief, Quality Assurance and Training Engagement Section and State Refugee Housing Coordinator at Nazia.Ali@dss.ca.gov or Analee Villalpando, Housing Specialist, at Analee.Villalpando@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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ABDI ABDILLAHI, Chief
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Attachment:

cc: County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA)

**Housing Assistance for Ukrainians (HAU) Program
Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 and 2023**

\$21,542,724

**(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No. 93.566
Refugee Assistance - State Administered Programs)**

(Grant Period - October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2026)

Total HAU Program County Allocations

County	Grant Number	FFY 2022	FFY 2023	TOTAL
Alameda	HAU2023-01	\$ 99,651	\$ 881,589	\$ 981,240
Los Angeles	HAU2023-02	\$ 4,756,962	\$ 3,543,038	\$ 8,300,000
Orange	HAU2023 -03	\$ 842,600	\$ 1,079,930	\$ 1,922,530
Sacramento	HAU2023-04	\$ 1,129,096	\$ 870,904	\$ 2,000,000
San Diego	HAU2023-05	\$ 1,308,830	\$ 2,268,590	\$ 3,577,420
San Francisco	HAU2023 -06	\$ 1,156,615	\$ 616,241	\$ 1,772,856
Santa Clara	HAU2023-07	\$ 666,529	\$ 2,272,149	\$ 2,938,678
Stanislaus	HAU2023-08	\$ 39,717	\$ 10,283	\$ 50,000
Total		\$ 10,000,000	\$ 11,542,724	\$ 21,542,724