Afghan Refugee School Impact (ARSI) & Ukrainian Refugee School Impact (URSI) Program

May 12, 2023
WA State Refugee School Impact (RSI) Goals

1) To ensure refugee students’ high academic performance and successful school integration.

1) To strengthen the skills, knowledge, and competence of refugee parents, schools, and community-based organizations to support refugee students.
Eligible Beneficiaries

“Refugee” means an individual who is outside their country of nationality or habitual residence, and is unable or unwilling to seek protection of that country due to a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. For purposes of this Contract, the term “refugee” also refers only to Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act (ASA)-eligible and Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act (AUSAA)-eligible populations:

(1) Refugees from Afghanistan
(2) Asylees from Afghanistan
(3) Afghan Special Immigrants Visas (SIV) Holders
(4) Afghan parolees with “SI/SQ” coding, and other parolees deemed eligible by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
(5) Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees, or Non-Ukrainian Parolees who were last residing in Ukraine.
(6) Other populations made eligible by ORR for the Afghan Refugee School Impact (ARSI) and Ukrainian Refugee School Impact (URSI) programs.
Eligible Afghans

(1) Citizens or nationals of Afghanistan (including unaccompanied minors) paroled into the United States between July 31, 2021 and September 30, 2023. This group includes unaccompanied minors.

(2) A spouse or child of any individual described above in number one, who is paroled into the United States after September 30, 2023.

(3) A parent or legal guardian of any individual described above in number one, who is determined to be an unaccompanied child, who is paroled into the United States after September 30, 2023.

(4) Citizens and nationals of Afghanistan for whom refugee and entrant assistance activities are authorized (e.g. Special Immigrant Visa holders, Special Immigrant with Conditional Permanent Resident status, SI/SQ parolees, refugees, asylees), whose eligibility date is on or after July 31, 2021.

(5) “Afghan Humanitarian Parolee or AHP” - certain Afghan individuals granted humanitarian parole by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, between July 31, 2021 and September 30, 2023, or current ORR guidelines if expanded, and who are eligible to apply for mainstream benefits, resettlement assistance, and other benefits available to refugees. The date of eligibility for the Afghan Humanitarian Parolee (AHP) population is October 1, 2021, or their date of entry into the community, whichever is later. The AHP population is eligible for ORR benefits and services until September 30, 2023 or the end of the individual’s parole term, whichever is later, unless amended by law or the individual gains another ORR-eligible category or status.

*Additional individuals may be eligible if ORR guidelines or eligibility dates are expanded.
Eligible Ukrainians

(1) Citizens or nationals of Ukraine who the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has paroled into the United States between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2023;

(2) Non-Ukrainian individuals who last habitually resided in Ukraine, who DHS has paroled into the United States between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2023;

(3) A spouse or child of an individual described in number one or number two (listed above) who is paroled into the U.S. after September 30, 2023, or

(4) A parent, legal guardian, or primary caregiver of an unaccompanied refugee minor or unaccompanied child described in number one or number two (listed above) who is paroled into the U.S. after September 30, 2023.

(5) Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee or UHP” - a citizen or national of Ukraine who was paroled into the United States between February 24, 2022 and September 30, 2023 due to urgent humanitarian reasons, or non-Ukrainian individuals who last habitually resided in Ukraine and who were paroled into the US within the same timeframe. The initial date of eligibility for UHPs and other non-Ukrainian individuals displaced from Ukraine is May 21, 2022, or the individual’s date of humanitarian parole, whichever is later. If an individual from either of these populations was paroled and entered the United States between February 24, 2022, and May 21, 2022, their date of eligibility is May 21, 2022. If they entered the United States after May 21, 2022, their date of eligibility is their date of humanitarian parole.

*Additional individuals may be eligible if ORR guidelines or eligibility dates are expanded.
Eligibility Dates

- **Afghan Refugees & SIVs** – eligible starting on the day of arrival if on or after 7/31/2021 until indefinitely.
- **Afghan Asylees** – eligible starting the day that asylum is approved if on or after 7/31/2021 until indefinitely.
- **Afghan Humanitarian Parolees:**
  - If they entered the US between 7/31/2021 and 9/30/21, eligibility starts 10/1/2021 and ends 9/30/2023.
  - If the entry date is 10/1/2021 or later, eligibility starts on the date of entry and ends 9/30/2023.
- **Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees:**
  - If they entered the US between 2/24/2022 and 5/21/2022, eligibility starts 5/21/2022.
  - If they entered after 5/21/2022, eligibility starts the date of parole.
Refugee Documentation

• As required by the Code of Federal Regulations, 45 CFR 400.43(a), individuals seeking to participate in RSIP **must provide documentation of their refugee status**.

• **Grantees must secure and submit copies** of I-94s, Green Cards or other immigration document verifying that student and parent participants are eligible for refugee services.

• Any **paper records** must be protected by storing the records in a secure area which is only accessible to authorized personnel. When not in use, such records must be stored in a locked container to which only authorized persons have access.

• **Eligibility documentation should be mailed**, not emailed.
Last name: KAPADIA
First name: DASHY IYER
Birth Date: 1902 September 19
Document Number: Z4956111
Country of Citizenship: Ukraine

Document type
Date of entry
Category
Date of birth
A# (sometimes)
Country of origin
"Admitted as an asylee..."
Permanent Resident Card or Green Card

- Last name
- First name
- Category
- Date of entry
- Date of birth
- Country of origin
- A#
- Document type
- Country of origin
- Date of entry
- Date of birth
- A#
Afghan Passport w/ Paroled Stamp

- Date of entry
- Last name
- First name
- Country of origin
- Date of birth
- Category
Ukrainian Passport w/ Paroled Stamp

- **Last name**: TKACHENKO
- **First name**: MARIANA
- **Country of origin**: UKRAINE
- **Date of birth**: 24 SEP/AUG 91
- **Date of entry**: 25 SEP/SEP 13
- **Paroled Stamp**: UHP
Tips & Reminders

Make sure the stamp with the entry date can be seen on the VISA
Tips & Reminders

Employment Authorization Documents or Employment Authorization Cards are not sufficient.

*They only have a **Valid From** date, which is different from the **date of arrival**.
Tips & Reminders

Verification of Release documents from the Office of Refugee Resettlement do not verify eligibility for refugee services.

*Unaccompanied children have these letters, but it does not mean they are eligible for refugee services.
Maintenance of Records

Records and materials related to this contract (including accounting procedures reflecting costs expended in performance of contract) must be maintained for at least six years after the contract expires.
Grant Timeline (March 1, 2023-August 31, 2024)

- March 1, 2023: Contract Start Date
- May 12, 2023: Grantee Convening
- June 2023: Request for Proposal for New Organizations
- June – August 2023: SOWA conducts monitoring visits
- Fall 2023: Grantee Convening
- Spring 2024: Grantee Convening
- August 31, 2024: Expend all Funds
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1) Background Check Documentation for any staff working with youth in Refugee School Impact programs (July 7, 2023)
2) Agreed upon Outcomes and Outcome Evaluation Plan (July 7, 2023)
3) Invoice (with each installment)
4) Student Demographics (Quarterly)
5) Refugee Eligibility Documentation for students and parents served (Quarterly)
6) Electronic Copy of Narrative Report (3x during Contract Period)
7) Verification for Parent & Staff Events (3x during Contract Period)
8) Financial Report with Actual Expenditures Year-to-Date (3x during Contract Period)
9) Outcome Data (September 6, 2024)
## Funded Organizations

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ARSI/URSI and Refugee School Impact District-Community Partnerships

If you are also partnering with a school district under the general Refugee School Impact funding, you cannot serve the same individual in the same activity and count that individual in both programs.

For example:

• Maryam is counted in general RSIP for participating in 1:1 tutoring.
• Maryam cannot be counted in ARSI/URSI for receiving 1:1 tutoring through ARSI/URSI.
• Maryam can be counted in ARSI/URSI if she participates in a different service such as a summer technology program offered through ARSI/URSI.
SOWA’s Website
www.schoolsoutwashington.org
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We drive funding to culturally responsive programs to advance equity and opportunity for young people.

School's Out Washington works to break down barriers to funding for on-the-ground organizations and create opportunities for community-led programming.
SOWA’s Website
www.schoolorsoutwashington.org
Starting Again—Stories of Refugee Youth

By School’s Out Washington and Jill Freiberg of Corrupted Films Inc.

With funding from the Refugee School Impact Grant (RSIG), School’s Out Washington partnered with documentary filmmaker Jill Freiberg of Corrupted Films to produce a film chronicling the lives of refugee youth in Washington State. The film highlights four youth from Burma, Bhutan, Russia, and Somalia. In their own voices, each youth shares stories, experiences, struggles, and successes about life before and after resettling in the United States. The youth speak candidly about the situations that brought their families here, their initial resettlement experience, and ongoing challenges as their families adjust to life in the United States. They also discuss their hopes and...
Next Steps

• 2022-2023 School-year Plans
• 2023 Summer Plans
• Site Visits (June – August 2023)

Paperwork due 7/7/2023
• Invoice
• Background Checks
• Outcomes & Outcome Evaluation Plan
• Student Demographics Form
• Refugee Eligibility (Immigration) Documents for Children/Youth & Parents