

Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance:
Notice of Funding Opportunity
Career Laddering for Educated and/or Vocationally
Experienced Refugees (CLEVER)

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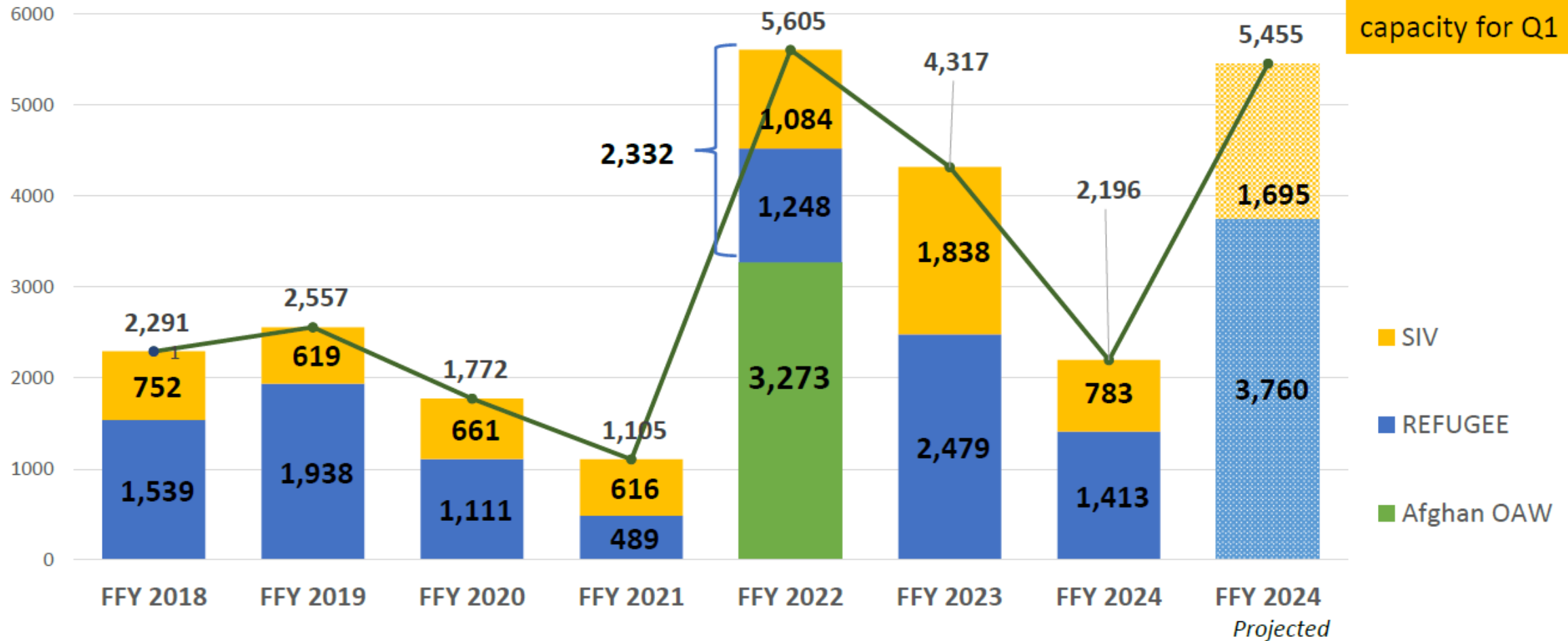
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Agenda

Time	Agenda Item
11:00-11:05	Introductions- please put name, role and organization in the chat
11:05-11:20	ORIA and Programmatic Overview
11:20-12:00	Question and Answer

Washington State Arrivals: Refugee, Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) and Afghan Humanitarian Parolees – Operation Allies Welcome Arrivals FFY 2018 to FFY 2024 and Projected Numbers for FFY 2024

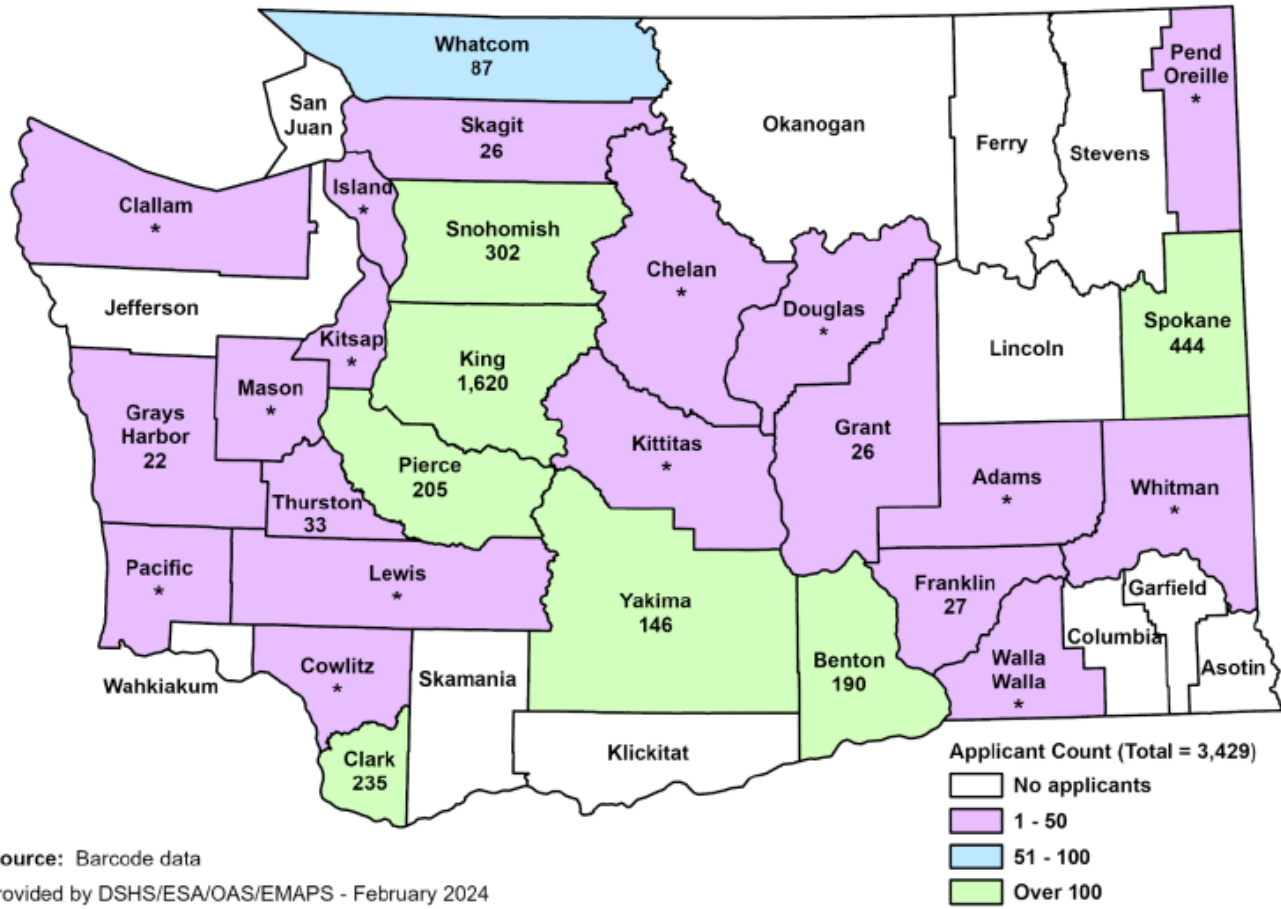
As of Jan. 2024
40% of total capacity for Q1



Sources: State Post-Arrival Demographics Report, Dept. of State, Bureau of Populations, Refugees and Migration
Afghan Placement and Assistance Program - Weekly Departure Status Report

Refugee and Humanitarian Immigrants in Washington in FY 2024

Newly Arrived Refugee and Humanitarian Immigrant Applicants for DSHS Services by Residential County in Washington State: October 2023 - January 2024



Source: Barcode data
 Provided by DSHS/ESA/OAS/EMAPS - February 2024

* When necessary, values less than 10 (but greater than zero) are not displayed in order to help protect client confidentiality. These counties are denoted with an asterisk (*).

Newly Arrived Refugee Applicants¹ for DSHS Services, January 2024
 Source: DSHS-ESA/EMAPS Assignment M5363 using the Barcode database as of February 2024

Serves all federal eligible immigrants, including:

- Refugees admitted under [§ 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act \(INA\)](#)
- People granted asylum [under § 208 of the INA](#)
- Cuban and Haitian entrants
- Amerasians
- Certified victims of human trafficking
- Special Immigrant Visa Holders from Iraq and Afghanistan
- Afghan Humanitarian Parolees (See [ORR Policy Letter 22-01](#) and [22-02](#))
- Afghan Special Immigrant Conditional Permanent Residents
- Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees (See [ORR Policy Letter 22-13](#))

Unduplicated # of Newly Arrived Refugee Applicants	
January 2024	814
FFY 2024 (Oct. 2023 – September 2024) TO-DATE	3,429
FFY 2023 (Oct. 2022 – September 2023)	14,652

Top 10 Newly Arrived Refugee Applicants by Country of Origin		
Country	# of Applicants December 2023	# of Applicants YTD October 2023-September 2024
Afghanistan	278	1,048
Ukraine	125	593
Syria	26	180
Cuba	62	168
Venezuela	17	113
Haiti	35	112
Colombia	20	91
Congo, Democratic Republic of	*	83
Guatemala	20	70
Russia	25	70

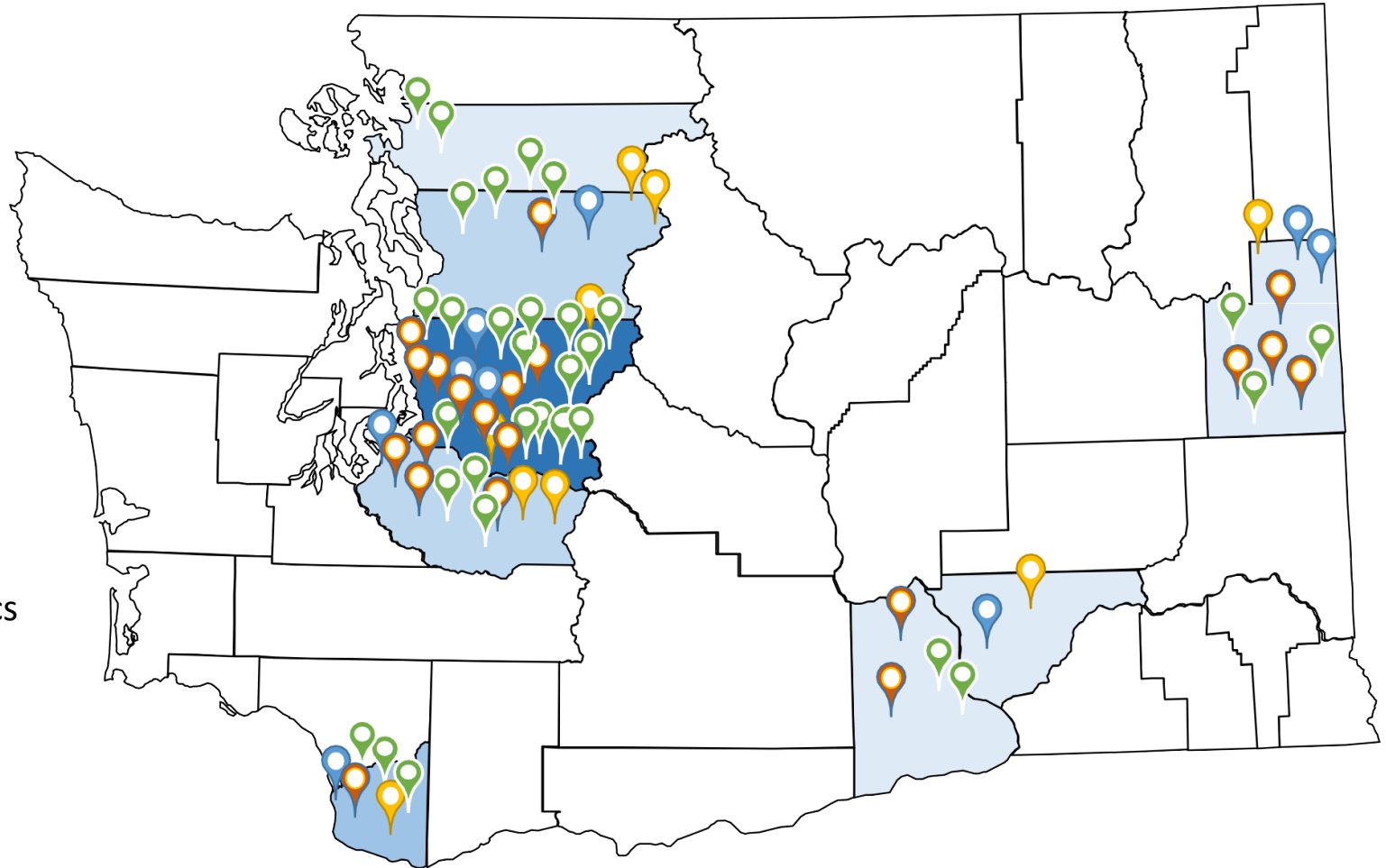
Welcoming refugees is a collective effort.


WA Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance


invests federal and state funding into local community across Washington to provide services and resources that help refugees and humanitarian immigrants achieve economic stability and supports long-term integration.


Partners with more than 80 organizations:


- Refugee Resettlement Agencies
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Ethnic Community-Based Organizations
- Public Health Departments and Health Clinics
- Community Colleges
- Other State Agencies



 Refugee Health & Wellness

 Employment & Training

 Immigration Assistance & Naturalization Services

 Whole Family Programs



CLEVER RFA Overview

- The CLEVER Employment Program is an existing program that is looking to expand in SFY25. Funding is provided to the DSHS Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (ORIA) from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR).
- ORIA anticipates awarding contracts at a maximum of \$175,000 per agency, with a consortium maximum of \$250,000. ORIA plans to invest a maximum of \$1,000,000 in SFY25.



Who can be served?

Individuals who:

- Have legally resided in the U.S. for less than sixty (60) months,
- Not yet naturalized, and
- Have any of the following immigration statuses:
 - a. Refugees
 - b. Asylees (*meaning asylum has been granted and the case is not pending a final determination*)
 - c. Cuban-Haitian Entrants
 - d. Amerasians
 - e. Certified victims of trafficking
 - f. Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders
 - g. Certain Afghan Humanitarian Parolees or
 - h. Certain Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees
- Have a professional and/or vocational background they want to re-enter.

Immigration documentation must be collected to verify eligibility for the program.



What are the billing and reporting requirements?

- Monthly submission of billing invoices with client demographic information (including the participant's name, immigration status, alien number, date of entry to the U.S., city of residence, etc.) on an Excel template provided by ORIA based on agreed programmatic outcomes.
- Bi-annual Narratives on program successes, challenges and accomplishments.
- Activities in the CLEVER program may not duplicate services already funded by ORIA or another funder. Billing to other funding sources for services rendered and reported under this Contract is not allowable.

What are the Minimum Qualifications to apply?

- Have a current State of Washington business license;
- Be registered as either a nonprofit charitable organization with a 501(c)3 status, have a federal employer identification number, or submit under an appropriate fiscal sponsor that has a federal tax identification number;
- Have at least two years of experience within the past five years providing services to immigrants or refugees.
- Have at least two years of experience within the past five years providing employment or educational services.
- Have the requisite electronic hardware and software to communicate with DSHS and to provide invoices, participant data, supporting documentation and other information through DSHS' secure email system. Minimum hardware requirements include a computer with internet access. Minimum software requirements include Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Office.
- Have a service location and space that is accessible to refugees and immigrants with disabilities and conveniently located near public transportation.
- Have the capacity to serve eligible participants in culturally appropriate ways.

CLEVER Timeline

Activity	Deadline
Question and Answer Document posted to the ORIA webpage.	3/26/24
Applications due by 5:00pm to clever-ORIA@dshs.wa.gov	4/18/24
Evaluation and follow-up period.	4/22/24-5/10/24
Announcement of successful and unsuccessful applications	5/13/24
Deadline to request a debriefing conference	5/16/24
Contract execution/start date	7/1/24

An extended timeline may be found in the Request for Applications document.



Application Requirements

All documents must be submitted by April 18, 2024, 5:00pm

- Attachment A: Cover Sheet (signed)
- Attachment B: Applicant Narrative Form (page limit is 20 pages)
- Attachment C: CLEVER Annual Program Budget (submitted in Excel format)
 - Each proposed subcontractor needs their own budget tab completed.
 - If you are applying an indirect/admin rate over 10% you must submit proof of your agency's federally negotiated indirect rate.
- Attachment D: Certifications and Assurances (signed)
- Attachment E: Contractor Intake Form (completed and signed)

Question and Answer

Please raise your hand or put questions in the chat.

Thank you!

All communications concerning the CLEVER program must be directed to clever-ORIA@dshs.wa.gov.

For more information, check out our [website](#).

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