Washington’s Ukrainian Welcoming Task Force

Wednesday, April 27, 2022
2:00 – 3:30 pm
Agenda for Today’s Task Force Meeting

A. Welcome and Introductions
B. Purpose and background for the Task Force
C. Welcome.US National Resources
D. Overview of benefits and services available to Ukrainian arrivals
E. Updates from the Washington State Department of Health
F. Notice of Funding Opportunity, WA State Department of Commerce
G. Listening Session and Open Conversation
H. Next Steps
Welcoming refugees and immigrants is a collective effort.
Washington State Arrivals: Refugee, Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) and Afghan Placement and Assistance (APA) Arrivals
FFY 2016 to FFY 2022 (Year to date)
Washington welcomes more than 30 different nationalities annually.

More than 6,500 Ukrainians have resettled in Washington since 2010.

Washington State Refugee Arrivals by Country of Origin
Federal Fiscal Year 2010 – 2021

Source: Data from the Department of State, Refugee Processing Center.  www.wrapsnet.org
Ukrainian Arrivals by County in Washington State
FFY 2017 to 2022

Statewide Total 5,042 100%
King 2,213 44%
Clark 838 17%
Pierce 588 12%
Unknown 439 9%
Spokane 330 7%
Snohomish 245 5%
Benton - Franklin 269 5%
Grant 49 1%
Whatcom 35 1%
Skagit 20 0%
Walla Walla >10 0%
Grays Harbor >10 0%
Chelan >10 0%

Source: Office of Refugee Resettlement
## Legal Pathways for Ukrainians Seeking Refuge

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<td>Humanitarian Parole Status granted at the border</td>
<td>Admitted into the United States on a temporary visa; eligible to apply for work authorization.</td>
<td>Estimated at 15,000 across the border (3,000 projected for Washington)</td>
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<td>Temporary Protective Status</td>
<td>Must demonstrate continuous residence in the U.S. since 4/11/22 and presence since 4/19/22. Allowed to apply for work authorization</td>
<td>Estimated ~ 60,000 people could be eligible nationwide.</td>
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<td>Lautenberg Amendment – United State Refugee Admissions Program</td>
<td>Religious minorities from the Former Soviet Union to reunite with family members in the U.S.</td>
<td>~18,000 pending applications with nearly 2,000 Ukrainians ready to depart</td>
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<td>Refugee</td>
<td>Permanent durable solution, 18-24 month processing time; expedited processing for medically fragile cases and security cases</td>
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<td>Family reunification, employer-sponsored visas, student visas</td>
<td>Federal government is expected to broaden and expedite these pathways.</td>
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Uniting for Ukraine

- Two year program for Ukrainian citizens and immediate family
- Beneficiaries:
  - Must be outside of the U.S.
  - Resided in Ukraine immediately before the invasion
  - Are a Ukrainian citizen and possess valid Ukrainian passport
  - Have a supporter that has been vetted and confirmed by USCIS
  - Clear biographic and biometric security checks
- Supporters:
  - Apply for Ukrainians – must be in lawful status in the U.S.
  - Willing and able to receive, maintain, and support applicant
Thank you!

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