

Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance:
Notice of Funding Opportunity
Early Refugee School Impact (Birth to Five)

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of the DSHS Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (ORIA)
- Overview of the Funding Opportunity
- Question and Answer
- Closing

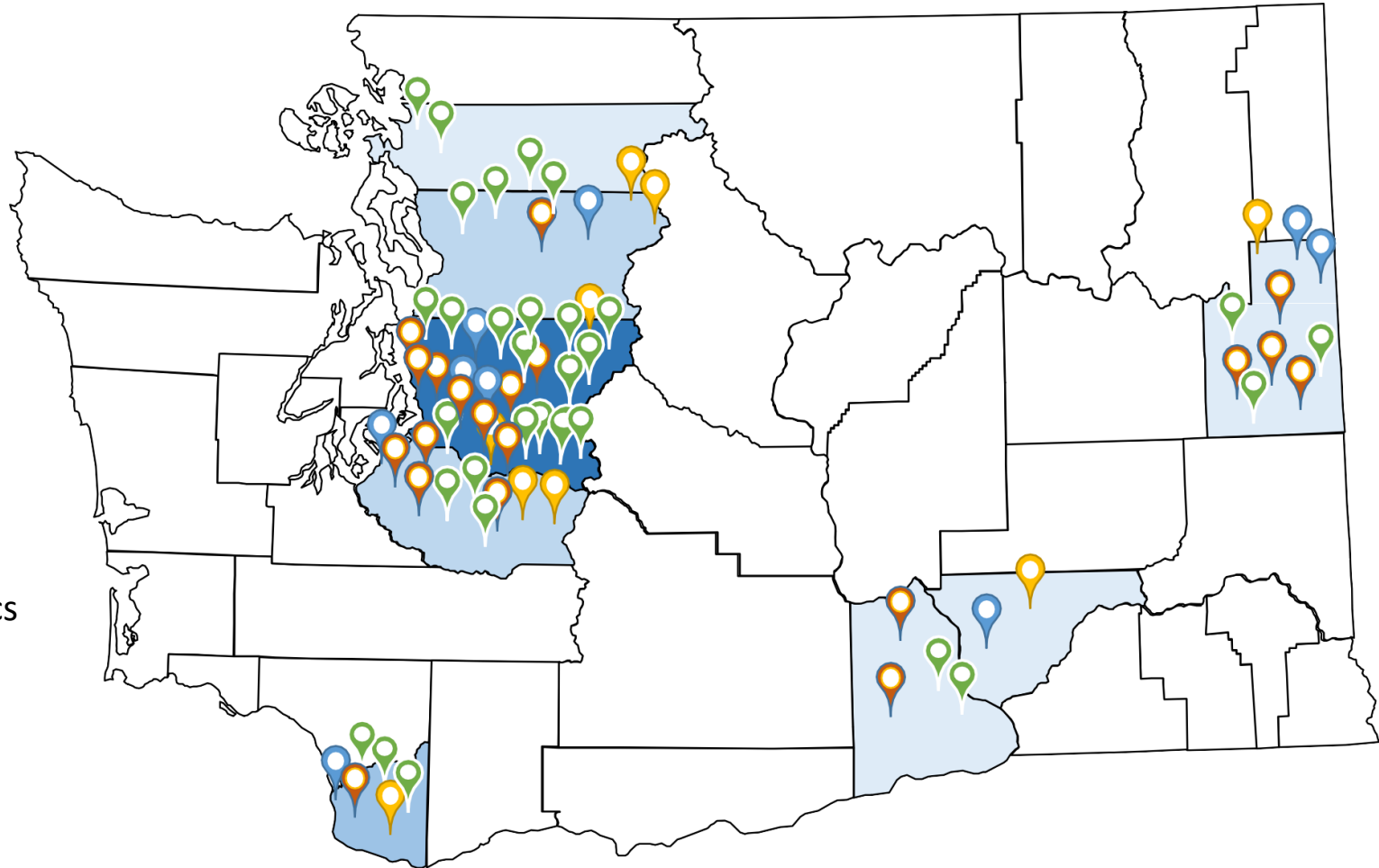
Welcoming refugees is a collective effort.

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

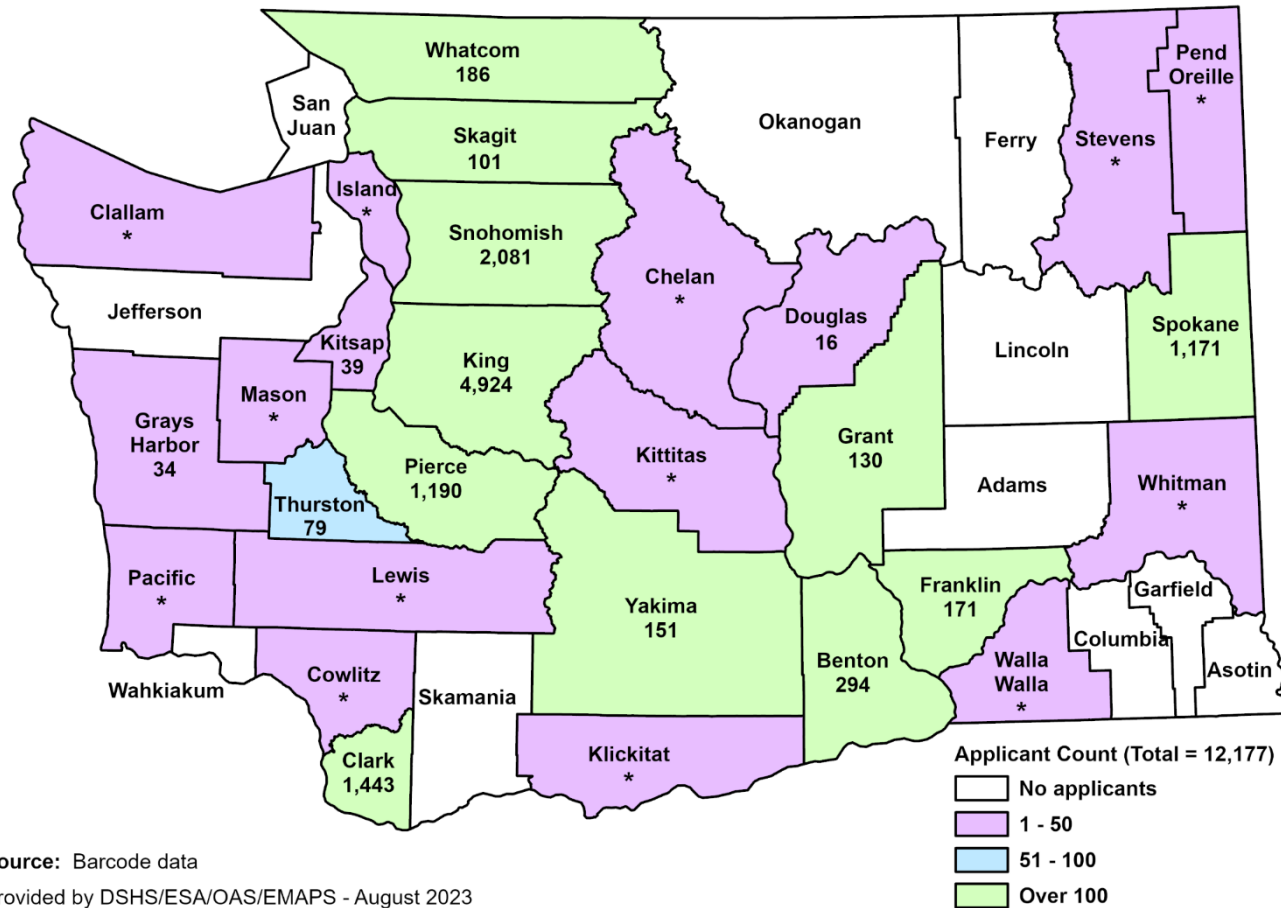


Immigration Assistance & Naturalization Services



Whole Family Programs

Newly Arrived Refugee and Humanitarian Immigrant Applicants for DSHS Services by Residential County in Washington State: October 2022 - July 2023



Source: Barcode data

Provided by DSHS/ESA/OAS/EMAPS - August 2023

* 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, July 2023

Source: DSHS-ESA/EMAPS Assignment M5363 using the Barcode database as of August 15, 2023

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	
July 2023	913
FFY 2023 (Oct. 2022 - Sep. 2023) To-Date	12,177

Top 10 Newly Arrived Refugee Applicants by Country of Origin		
Country	# of Applicants June 2023	# of Applicants October 2022 - June 2023
Ukraine	389	7,338
Afghanistan	141	1,932
Cuba	21	399
Syria	38	227
Congo, Democratic Republic of	25	184
Haiti	22	150
Colombia	*	116
Eritrea	11	99
Somalia	22	94
Iran	*	85

Overview

- The Early Refugee School Impact (RSI) program is a new funding opportunity. Funding is provided to the DSHS Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (ORIA) from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR).
- ORIA anticipates awarding up to five contracts ranging from \$100,000 to \$250,000 for individual organizations, and up to \$300,000 for organizations applying as a consortium.

Who can be served?

Individuals who:

- Have legally resided in the U.S. for less than sixty (60) months, 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. Afghan Humanitarian Parolees
 - h. Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees, or
 - i. U.S.-born children (ages birth to five) of parent(s) with the above-named immigration statuses if:
 - i. The child is in a single-parent family with a parent who is ORR-eligible, or
 - ii. The child is in a two-parent family and both parents are ORR-eligible.

Children whose parent is a U.S. citizen are ineligible for the Early RSI program.

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

What types of services?

1. **Facilitating child care and preschool access** by supporting families with systems navigation, including the subsidy application process, and helping families enroll their children in day care, Head Start/Early Head Start, the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)/Early ECEAP, or other appropriate preschool.
2. **Supporting the academic and social preparation of children for formal schooling (preschool or Kindergarten)**, through providing specialized services that support the cognitive, social, and emotional growth of preschool-aged children, administering developmental screening tools, such as the Ages and Stages Questionnaire, Third Edition (ASQ-3), and working with districts to determine special education eligibility.
3. **Supporting parent engagement**, through providing parenting classes or peer support groups that focus on topics such as: healthy early childhood development, developmental milestones, the rights of children with disabilities, school systems, and U.S. child welfare laws, and through home visiting services that enhance a parent's ability to support early childhood development.

Funding cannot be used to pay for or create child care or preschool programs.

What are the billing and reporting requirements?

- Monthly or quarterly submission of billing invoices, quarterly narrative reporting, and submission of 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 are program requirements.
- Activities in the Early RSI 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 services to children ages birth to five, or services similar to those being proposed.
- 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 their primary language and in culturally appropriate ways.

Funding and Period of Performance

- ORIA intends to award up to five contracts ranging from \$100,000 to \$250,000 for individual organizations, and up to \$300,000 for organizations applying as a consortium. ORIA anticipates its contracts to reach statewide covering a diverse range of geographic and ethnic communities in Washington state.
- The period of performance under the contract will be November 15, 2023 through September 30, 2024. ORIA has received funding that extends across multiple years. Amendments that extend the period of performance after September 30, 2024 shall likely be made for high-performing organizations and shall be at the sole discretion of ORIA.

Early RSI Timeline

Activity	Deadline
Question and Answer Document posted to the ORIA webpage.	9/8/23
Applications due by 5:00pm to EarlyRSI@dshs.wa.gov	9/28/23
Evaluation and follow-up period.	9/29/23-10/18/23
Announcement of successful and unsuccessful applications	10/19/23
Deadline to request a debriefing conference	10/24/23
Contract execution/start date	11/15/23

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

Application Requirements

All documents must be submitted by September 28, 2023, 5:00pm

- Attachment A: Cover Sheet (signed)
- Attachment B: Applicant Narrative Form (page limit is 18 pages)
- Attachment C: Early RSI Annual Program Budget (submitted in Excel format)
 - Complete the budget showing the funding needed for 12 months.
 - 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)

Questions and Answers

- Please feel free to ask questions.

Thank you!

Any additional questions may be submitted to EarlyRSI@dshs.wa.gov by 5:00pm on September 6th to be included in the Question and Answer document.

All communications concerning the Early RSI program must be directed to EarlyRSI@dshs.wa.gov

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

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