

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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March 18, 2002

REFUGEE COORDINATOR LETTER (RCL) NO. 02-03

To: County Refugee Coordinators

This letter is to advise counties of augmentations to their Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2000 Refugee Employment Social Services (RESS) Program allocations. All counties that received an initial FFY 2000 RESS funding allocation are now being provided an allocation augmentation. In addition, four counties that did not initially receive FFY 2000 RESS funding will be eligible to receive a special allocation. These counties include Contra Costa, Merced, Stanislaus and Tulare. Each of these counties has a significant caseload of refugees (greater than 1,200 persons) receiving cash assistance; however, most of the refugees on aid in these counties have resided in the United States for more than 60 months. Because of the recent waiver authorized by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), throughout the remainder of the current FFY, RESS-funded services may be provided to all refugees without regard to length of residency in the United States. These additional funds are being provided so that all counties may take full advantage of the opportunity presented by the waiver to serve the over 60 months population. Counties are encouraged to utilize these funds to increase services to all refugees, particularly this special group.

The source of funds for these augmentations is unexpended county funds from the previous year's RESS grant. In order to prevent unliquidated funding from reverting to ORR, the Department utilized an accounting mechanism in which allowable FFY 2000 county allocation expenditures were charged against the FFY 1999 grant. The additional FFY 2000 funds made available through this process have been allocated to FFY 2000 RESS-eligible counties according to a formula which takes into account the waiver of the 60 months rule. Funds have been allocated in proportion to the **total number of refugees (adults and children) receiving CalWORKs/RCA in each eligible county without regard to time in the United States**. Data used in the formula was obtained from the most recent Medi-Cal Eligibility Determination System (MEDS) File Report, dated November 29, 2001. Funds are being made available to the four non-eligible counties on the basis of need as demonstrated in service plans submitted to the Refugee Programs Branch (RPB). Counties' augmentation allocation is shown in Column 4 on the enclosed spreadsheet (Enclosure A). Another spreadsheet (Enclosure B) shows counties' total FFY 2000 RESS allocations, including initial Standard RESS funding allocations, augmentation funds, RESS Set-Aside funds and any special project allocations.

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All FFY 2000 RESS funds may be used to provide services through September 30, 2002 and must be fully expended by that date. (Final Claims for Reimbursement must be submitted to the RPB by November 15, 2002.) Counties are strongly encouraged to make every effort to fully expend their allocations. Should any county determine that it will be unable to fully utilize its funding, it is asked to notify the RPB as soon as possible so that funds be may re-allocated for use by other counties. Counties are authorized to begin expending augmentation funds effective immediately; however, as a condition of receipt, they will be required to submit revised goal plans which reflect these funds for inclusion in their County Refugee Services Plans. Revised goals plans will be due to the RPB by April 2, 2002.

Should you have questions regarding the allocation augmentations, please contact Phyllis Iwasaki, Manager of the Community Development and Fiscal Services Bureau, at (916) 654-2387 or Brad Elftmann of her staff at (916) 654-7250. Questions regarding County Refugee Services Plans should be directed to the appropriate Operations and Performance Bureau Analyst.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by
Thuan Nguyen on 3/18/02*

THUAN NGUYEN, Chief
Refugee Programs Branch

Enclosures

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2000
REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT SOCIAL SERVICES
ALLOCATION AUGMENTATIONS**

Enclosure A

\$ 2,209,339

(1) County	(3) Total Refugee (Adults & Children) receiving CalWORKs/RCA without regard to time in the U.S.¹		(4) County RESS Allocation Augmentation	(5) Administrative Cost Allowance on RESS Allocation Augmentation	(6) Service Dollars
	Number	% of Total	Based on Formula	@ 15% Maximum	(Col. 4 - Col. 5)
Alameda	7,304	9.22%	\$ 203,701	30,555	\$ 173,146
Fresno	13,964	17.64%	\$ 389,727	58,459	\$ 331,268
Los Angeles	14,064	17.76%	\$ 392,379	58,857	\$ 333,522
Orange	8,213	10.37%	\$ 229,108	34,366	\$ 194,742
Sacramento	19,583	24.73%	\$ 546,369	81,955	\$ 464,414
San Diego	6,419	8.11%	\$ 179,177	26,877	\$ 152,300
San Francisco	1,457	1.84%	\$ 40,652	6,098	\$ 34,554
San Joaquin	2,932	3.70%	\$ 81,746	12,262	\$ 69,484
Santa Clara	4,344	5.49%	\$ 121,293	18,194	\$ 103,099
Yolo	902	1.14%	\$ 25,187	3,778	\$ 21,409
Total	79,182	100.00%	\$ 2,209,339	\$ 331,401	\$ 1,877,938

Notes:

¹ Data from Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) File CalWORKs/RCA-ECA Totals Report, dated November 29, 2001.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.: 93.566

Grant Award No.: G-00-AA-CA-9110

Grant Award Period/Service Period: October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2002

**REVISED ALLOCATIONS
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2000
REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT SOCIAL SERVICES**

Enclosure B

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
County	Initial County Standard RESS Allocation	County RESS Allocation Augmentation	County RESS Set-Aside Allocation	Special Project Allocation	Total County RESS Allocation	County Administrative Cost Allowance on RESS Allocation	Service Dollars
	<i>Based on Formula</i>			<i>See Footnotes</i>	<i>(Sum of Cols. 2 - 5)</i>		<i>(Col. 6 - Col. 7)</i>
Alameda	\$ 340,719	\$ 203,701	\$ 104,888	\$ -	\$ 649,308	97,396	\$ 551,912
Contra Costa	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,000	\$ 81,000	12,150	\$ 68,850
Fresno	\$ 197,083	\$ 389,727	\$ 193,215	\$ -	\$ 780,025	117,004	\$ 663,021
Los Angeles	\$ 1,859,927	\$ 392,379	\$ 195,913	\$ 87,000	\$ 2,535,219	380,283	\$ 2,154,936
Merced	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106,661	\$ 106,661	15,999	\$ 90,662
Orange	\$ 740,898	\$ 229,108	\$ 123,860	\$ 22,000	\$ 1,115,866	167,380	\$ 948,486
Sacramento	\$ 1,988,198	\$ 546,369	\$ 244,803	\$ -	\$ 2,779,370	416,906	\$ 2,362,464
San Diego	\$ 625,320	\$ 179,177	\$ 95,083	\$ -	\$ 899,580	134,937	\$ 764,643
San Francisco	\$ 188,398	\$ 40,652	\$ 23,678	\$ 84,316	\$ 337,044	41,906	\$ 295,138
San Joaquin	\$ 45,429	\$ 81,746	\$ 40,709	\$ 100,000	\$ 267,884	28,182	\$ 239,702
Santa Clara	\$ 515,756	\$ 121,293	\$ 61,086	\$ -	\$ 698,135	104,720	\$ 593,415
Solano	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	-	\$ 2,000
Stanislaus	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	30,000	\$ 170,000
Tulare	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	30,000	\$ 170,000
Yolo	\$ 179,045	\$ 25,187	\$ 13,456	\$ -	\$ 217,688	32,653	\$ 185,035
Total	\$ 6,680,773	\$ 2,209,339	\$ 1,096,691	\$ 882,977	\$ 10,869,780	\$ 1,609,516	\$ 9,260,264

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
County	Standard RESS Funds Allocation Number	County Standard RESS Allocation	County Administrative Cost Allowance on Standard RESS Funds	County Standard RESS Service Dollars	RESS Set-Aside Funds Allocation Number	RESS Set-Aside Allocation Amount	County Administrative Cost Allowance on RESS Set-Aside Funds	RESS Set-Aside Service Dollars
Alameda	RESS0001	\$ 544,420	\$ 81,663	\$ 462,757	RSET0001	\$ 104,888	\$ 15,733	\$ 89,155
Contra Costa	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	RSET2000	\$ 81,000	\$ 12,150	\$ 68,850
Fresno	RESS0002	\$ 586,810	\$ 88,022	\$ 498,788	RSET0002	\$ 193,215	\$ 28,982	\$ 164,233
Los Angeles	RESS0003	\$ 2,339,306	\$ 350,896	\$ 1,988,410	RSET0003	\$ 195,913	\$ 29,387	\$ 166,526
Merced	RESS0011	\$ 106,661	\$ 15,999	\$ 90,662	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Orange	RESS0004	\$ 992,006	\$ 148,801	\$ 843,205	RSET0004	\$ 123,860	\$ 18,579	\$ 105,281
Sacramento	RESS0005	\$ 2,534,567	\$ 380,185	\$ 2,154,382	RSET0005	\$ 244,803	\$ 36,720	\$ 208,083
San Diego	RESS0006	\$ 804,497	\$ 120,675	\$ 683,822	RSET0006	\$ 95,083	\$ 14,262	\$ 80,821
San Francisco	RESS0007	\$ 313,366	\$ 38,354	\$ 275,012	RSET0007	\$ 23,678	\$ 3,552	\$ 20,126
San Joaquin	RESS0008	\$ 227,175	\$ 22,076	\$ 205,099	RSET0008	\$ 40,709	\$ 6,106	\$ 34,603
Santa Clara	RESS0009	\$ 637,049	\$ 95,557	\$ 541,492	RSET0009	\$ 61,086	\$ 9,163	\$ 51,923
Solano	SPEC0001	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Stanislaus	RESS0012	\$ 200,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 170,000	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tulare	RESS0013	\$ 200,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 170,000	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Yolo	RESS0010	\$ 204,232	\$ 30,635	\$ 173,597	RSET0010	\$ 13,456	\$ 2,018	\$ 11,438
Total		\$ 9,692,089	\$ 1,432,863	\$ 8,259,226		\$ 1,177,691	\$ 176,652	\$ 1,001,039

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****Please see additional notes on the page(s) attached.**

Footnotes:

Contra Costa County received three special allocations:

- 1) \$25,000 to continue its FFY 1999 RESS Set-Aside funded project, the Bosnian Medical Interpreter Project.*
- 2) \$2,000 to coordinate activities to celebrate May 2001 as Refugee Awareness Month.*
- 3) \$54,000 to fund case management and employment services activities for refugees receiving Refugee Cash Assistance payments.*

State operations funds were reduced to fund these special allocations.

Orange County received two special allocations:

- 1) \$20,000 to assist four newly-formed local Mutual Assistance Associations representing Muslim, Arabic, East African, Ethiopian and Somali refugees and providing services to these underserved refugee communities.*
- 2) \$2,000 to defray the costs of organizing Refugee Awareness activities.*

State operations funds were reduced to fund these special allocations.

San Francisco County received two special allocations:

- 1) \$83,916 to pass through to Survivors International for a project providing services to survivors of torture. (The county administration allowance on these funds is limited to 5% or \$3,996.)*
- 2) \$400 to defray the costs of organizing activities to celebrate May 2001 as Refugee Awareness Month.*

State operations funds were reduced to fund these special allocations.

Solano County received a special allocation in the amount of \$2,000 to pass through to the Liberian Community Foundation to coordinate activities to celebrate May 2001 as Refugee Awareness Month. No county administration is allowed on these funds. State operations funded were reduced to fund this special allocation.

San Joaquin County received a special allocation in the amount of \$100,000 to fund the Refugee Community Center. (The county administration allowance on these funds is limited to \$3,000.) State operations funds were reduced to fund this special allocation.

Los Angeles County received a special allocation in the amount of \$87,000 to offset increased costs resulting from the large influx of refugees from Iran. State operations funds were reduced to fund this special allocation.

Merced County received a special allocation in the amount of \$106,661 to provide services to refugees, particularly those who have resided in the U.S. for more than 60 months. The restriction on providing services to this population has been waived by ORR through September 30, 2002.

Stanislaus County received a special allocation in the amount of \$200,000 to provide services to refugees, particularly those who have resided in the U.S. for more than 60 months. The restriction on providing services to this population has been waived by ORR through September 30, 2002.

Tulare County received a special allocation in the amount of \$200,000 to provide services to refugees, particularly those who have resided in the U.S. for more than 60 months. The restriction on providing services to this population has been waived by ORR through September 30, 2002.