

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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REFUGEE COORDINATOR LETTER NO. 03-26

TO: COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS

This letter is to advise counties of their final Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2003 Refugee Employment and Social Services (RESS) Program allocations. The federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) published the Final Notice of the 2003 RESS Allocations on October 10, 2003. The counties are encouraged to review the Final Notice through ORR's website <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/program/orr>. A copy of it may also be found on the Funding Opportunities Page of the Refugee Programs Branch (RPB) website at <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/refugeeprogram/>.

The final FFY 2003 RESS grant for California is \$9,112,419, an increase of \$1,777,303 from the amount published in the Proposed Notice. The increase is the result of the adjustment of the state's population estimate to include persons granted asylum in the past three years and/or certified as victims of trafficking. The set-aside, in the amount of \$247,037, is for the purpose of providing support, orientation, education and counseling to help maintain healthy marriages. The Final Notice provides examples of activities that may be funded with the set-aside as well as the preferred organizations for providing services. Information on special reporting requirements for these funds will be addressed in a separate correspondence.

Please note that an amount equivalent to \$1,046,813 will be deducted from California's allocation and directed to a Wilson/Fish Alternative Project in San Diego County. The amount of funding for this project was determined by ORR according to a formula which is specific to Wilson/Fish projects.

As stated in the letter of proposed allocation, counties eligible to receive RESS funds for FFY 2003 are those which received a minimum of 500 refugee arrivals during the most recent five-year period (FFYs 1998 through 2002). Using this threshold, twelve counties were determined eligible for FFY 2003 RESS funds: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, and Yolo. San Bernardino has once again opted not to participate in the RESS Program. As noted above, funding for San Diego County will be directed to a Wilson/Fish Alternative Project.

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If you have any questions on this information, please contact Phyllis Iwasaki, Manager of the Community Development & Fiscal Services Bureau, at (916) 654-2387 or Bunny Furlo of her staff at (916) 651-9770.

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Sincerely,
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FINAL REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES (RESS) ALLOCATIONS

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2003

\$	8,865,382	Final FFY 2003 Standard RESS Allocation
\$	(655,000)	Unallocated Reserve (see RCL #03-05, dated March 19, 2003)
\$	8,210,382	Modified Final FFY 2003 Standard RESS Allocation ¹
\$	247,037	Final FFY 2003 RESS Set-Aside Allocation
\$	8,457,419	Total Final FFY 2003 RESS Allocation
\$	(1,046,813)	Funding for San Diego Wilson/Fish Project ⁴
\$	7,410,606	Total State Allocation
\$	(1,111,591)	State Administration Funds (15% of State's Allocation)
\$	6,299,015	Funds to be Allocated to Counties
\$	6,115,024	Standard
\$	183,991	Set-Aside

(1) County	(2) Allocation Number	(3) Standard Funds		(5) Final County Standard RESS Allocation	(7) Set-Aside Funds		(8) Final County RESS Set-Aside Allocation	(9) Total County RESS Allocation	(10) County Administration (@15% maximum)	(11) Total County RESS Allocation Service Dollars
		(4) Adult refugees receiving RCA/CalWORKs who have been in the U.S. 60 months or less ³			(6) Refugees (Adults and Children) receiving RCA/CalWORKs without regard to time in the U.S. ³					
		Number	% of Total		Number	% of Total				
Alameda	RESS0301	255	3.108%	\$ 190,055	4,426	8.988%	\$ 16,538	\$ 206,593	\$ 30,989	\$ 175,604
Contra Costa	RESS0302	85	1.036%	\$ 63,352	812	1.649%	\$ 3,034	\$ 66,386	\$ 9,958	\$ 56,428
Fresno	RESS0303	139	1.694%	\$ 103,589	10,503	21.330%	\$ 39,245	\$ 142,834	\$ 21,425	\$ 121,409
Los Angeles	RESS0304	4,544	55.381%	\$ 3,386,561	12,614	25.617%	\$ 47,132	\$ 3,433,693	\$ 515,054	\$ 2,918,639
Orange	RESS0305	596	7.264%	\$ 444,195	4,074	8.274%	\$ 15,223	\$ 459,418	\$ 68,913	\$ 390,505
Sacramento	RESS0306	1,725	21.024%	\$ 1,285,623	13,242	26.892%	\$ 49,479	\$ 1,335,102	\$ 200,265	\$ 1,134,837
San Francisco	RESS0307	128	1.560%	\$ 95,394	692	1.405%	\$ 2,585	\$ 97,979	\$ 14,697	\$ 83,282
Santa Clara	RESS0308	481	5.862%	\$ 358,463	2,878	5.845%	\$ 10,755	\$ 369,218	\$ 55,383	\$ 313,835
Stanislaus ⁴	RESS0309	118	1.438%	\$ 87,934	-	-	\$ -	\$ 87,934	\$ 13,190	\$ 74,744
Yolo ⁴	RESS0310	134	1.633%	\$ 99,858	-	-	\$ -	\$ 99,858	\$ 14,979	\$ 84,879
Total		8,205	100.000%	\$ 6,115,024	49,241	100.000%	\$ 183,991	\$ 6,299,015	\$ 944,853	\$ 5,354,162

Service Period: 10/1/03 through 9/30/05

Notes:

- ¹ Unallocated reserve was taken from standard allocation to maximize set-aside allocation.
- ² Please note that the allocation for San Diego County will be diverted to a Wilson/Fish Alternative Project. The exact amount of funding for the project was determined by ORR.
- ³ Data from Medi-Cal Eligibility Determination System (MEDS) File Reports, dated September 29, 2003.
- ⁴ Stanislaus and Yolo counties have opted to forego the RESS Set-Aside Allocation.

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