

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



September 1, 2005

REFUGEE COORDINATOR LETTER NO. 05-12

TO: COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS

This letter is to advise counties that the Final Notice of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 Targeted Assistance (TA) grants to states for services to refugees under the Refugee Resettlement Program will be posted on the Office of Refugee Resettlement's (ORR) website next week. The due date for the California Department of Social Services, Refugee Programs Bureau (RPB) to submit the TA application to ORR is September 12, 2005. Due to the short timeframe, ORR has informed the RPB that states are welcome to submit their application based on the Proposed Notice and can fill in the final allocation amounts at a later date.

California's proposed TA allocation for FFY 2005 is \$4,956,872, a decrease of \$331,209 from last year's final allocation of \$5,288,081. The State's allocation is the sum of the allocations to eligible California counties. County allocation amounts are determined by ORR according to a formula based on each eligible county's proportion of refugee arrivals during FFY 2000 through 2004.

For FFY 2005, eligible TA counties are Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, and Santa Clara. These counties will remain qualified through 2007. Two counties that were eligible for TA funds in FFY 2004, Orange and San Francisco Counties, no longer qualify due to a decrease in refugee arrivals over the last five years. The ORR will not consider the eligibility of additional counties for TA funding until FFY 2008.

During the next week, the RPB will be preparing the State's application on behalf of all eligible counties. The application must include, for each eligible county, proposed goals for each of the six ORR performance outcome measures: Entered Employments, Cash Assistance Reductions due to Employment, Cash Assistance Terminations due to Employment, 90-Day Employment Retentions, Average Wage at Placement, and Job Placements with Available Health Benefits.

Counties' proposed FFY 2005 TA allocations, as determined by ORR, are shown in Column 5 on the enclosed spreadsheet. A portion equal to five percent (5%) of each county's allocation has been set aside for state administration purposes. Counties are cautioned to use the proposed

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allocations for planning purposes only. Final allocations are subject to federal funds availability and may be less than amounts indicated in the Proposed Notice.

To ensure that the State's application is submitted in a timely manner, counties must complete the enclosed TA Annual Goal Plan for FFY 2005 and submit it to the RPB by close of business on September 7, 2005. The completed Goal Plan may be e-mailed to Bonnie.Rivero@dss.ca.gov or faxed to her attention at (916) 654-7187.

Should you have any questions on the proposed allocations, please contact Ms. Rivero at (916) 654-5964. Questions on your Annual Goal Plans may be directed to your County Consultant.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By:
Thuan Nguyen
On September 1, 2005
THUAN NGUYEN, Chief
Refugee Programs Bureau

Enclosures

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2005
TARGETED ASSISTANCE ANNUAL GOAL PLAN**

County Name _____

Allocation Amount \$ _____

Data are: (Check one) Unduplicated
 Duplicated

Caseload (CL)	FFY 2004 Goal	FFY 2004 Actual (as of _____) (Enter Date)	FFY 2005 Goal
TOTAL			
CalWORKs (TANF)			
RCA			
Non Cash Aided			

Performance Measures: *Indicate a number and a percentage for each measure (except Average Wage at Placement).*

	#	%	#	%	#	%
1. Entered Employment (Total)						
Full Time						
Part Time						
CalWORKs (TANF)						
Full Time						
Part Time						
RCA						
Full Time						
Part Time						
Non Cash Aided						
Full Time						
Part Time						

If you are using the number of cash assistance recipients placed in employment as the denominator for # 2 and #3, enter #: _____

	#	%	#	%	#	%
2. Cash Assistance Terminations - Total						
CalWORKs (TANF)						
RCA						
3. Cash Assistance Reductions - Total						
TANF						
RCA						
4. Average Hourly Wage Placement						
5. Employment Retentions - Total						
CalWORKs (TANF)						
RCA						
Non Cash Aided						
6. Entered Employment with Health Benefits						

*****Please provide narrative comments, if any, on a separate sheet.**

