DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

March 10, 2000

REFUGEE COORDINATOR LETTER NO. 00-07

The federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) is announcing the availability of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2000 discretionary funding for the continuation of Elderly Refugee Grant Projects.

The funding is being made available on a non-competitive basis to continue those projects in your counties that were awarded funding in FFY 1999. The California Department of Social Services' Refugee Programs Branch (RPB) will be preparing and submitting a single state application to ORR. The application will be for $1.7 million, the same amount that was awarded to our Department for FFY 1999.

We realize that many projects were late in getting started and are now just beginning to provide outreach and services to elderly refugees. However, to ensure that we receive second-year funding, we will need the following information for each elderly project in your county in order to complete an application package.

- A list of the FFY 1999 elderly project goals and the number/percent of completions to date;
- A description of the project activities completed to date, including those activities anticipated to be completed by the end of the FFY 1999 budget period;
- If applicable, an explanation of why project activities were not or will not be completed as planned and a proposed time line for completing or amending the activities;
- A description of the purpose, goals and objectives for the FFY 2000 project; and,
- A list of goals proposed for FFY 2000.

To assure continued funding of California's application, the information must be submitted by close of business, ***March 29, 2000*** to:

California Department of Social Services
Refugee Programs Branch
Attn.: Elderly Discretionary Grant Application
744 P Street, M/S 6-646
Sacramento, CA 95814

Once the continuation application package is completed, the RPB will forward a copy of the application to you.

If you have any questions, please contact Betts Smith at (916) 654-0495.

Sincerely,

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Refugee Programs Branch