public assistance benefits in such communities. Quality of life and sociocultural adjustment factors will also be considered. Concurrently, ORR seeks to decrease placements in communities where there has been a history of extended welfare use. Awards in this category will be made as Cooperative Agreements.

Category 2—Unanticipated Arrivals or Significant Increases in Arrivals of Refugees to Communities where Adequate or Appropriate Services do not Exist: To provide services to significant numbers of refugee arrivals, who were previously unanticipated, in communities that are unable to provide appropriate services. Such communities must demonstrate a specific need for supplementation of available resources for such populations. The arrivals may be new populations to the U.S. or merely new to the location requesting additional resources. Alternatively, the arrivals may be a significant and unanticipated number of an already existing ethnic group in the community. Awards in this category will be grants and not Cooperative Agreements.

Category 3—Support for Ethnic Community Organizations: To strengthen the role of ethnic community-based national organizations and acknowledged ethnic leadership of refugee communities. ORR's goal is to help maintain a national network of ethnic communitybased organizations as a vehicle for communities to organize their collective resources to promote refugee community building, to provide leadership in domestic refugee resettlement issues, to provide representation of the communities, and to serve as partners with ORR in developing strategies to articulate and address the needs of the communities.

Projects and services allowed under this announcement are described in Sections I, II, and III below. The application must state specifically for which of the three types of projects the application is being submitted.

Awards for Preferred Communities will be for one-year budget periods, although project periods may be for up to three years.

Applications for continuation grants to extend activities funded beyond the one-year budget period will be entertained in subsequent years on a noncompetitive basis, subject to availability of funds, timely and successful completion of activities during the budget period, and ACF's determination that such continuations would be in the best interest of the Government.

Awards for Unanticipated Arrivals will be for a single 17-month budget period. Applicants should view these resources as a temporary solution to an emergency created by unanticipated arrivals. ORR expects that by the end of one project period, States will have incorporated services for these particular refugees into their refugee services network, which is funded by formula social service dollars.

Project periods for Ethnic Community Organizations will be for two years. Applications for continuation grants to extend activities beyond the first year budget period will be entertained for a second year of funding on a noncompetitive basis, subject to availability of funds, timely and successful completion of activities during the budget period, and ACF's determination that such continuations would be in the best interest of the Government.

AVAILABLE FUNDS: In FY 1995, ORR expects to make individual grant awards in amounts ranging from \$20,000 to \$150,000. Amounts in subsequent years will depend upon the availability of funding, need, and the best interests of the Government. Approximately \$400,000 will be available for awards for Preferred Communities, \$200,000 for Unanticipated Arrivals, and \$500,000 for Ethnic Community Organizations.

The Director reserves the right to award more or less than the funds described above depending upon the quality of the applications or such other circumstances as may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Government.

AUTHORIZATION: Authority for this activity is contained in Section 412(c)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which authorizes the Director "to make grants to, and enter into contracts with, public or private nonprofit agencies for projects specifically designed— * * * (iii) to provide where specific needs have been shown and recognized by the Director, health (including mental health) services, social services, educational, and other services." In addition, section 412(a)(1)(B)-(C) gives the Director the responsibility to promote/encourage refugee resettlement in communities where the prospects for early selfsufficiency are good and the history of welfare utilization is low.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION: Forms and instructions for submitting an application may be obtained by contacting the Office of Refugee Resettlement at the address below. Applications which fail to stipulate the category for which funding is being

sought will not be considered for funding.

An original and two copies of all applications should be submitted to: Administration for Children and Families, Division of Discretionary Grants, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20447. STANDING ANNOUNCEMENT: This is a standing announcement, effective until canceled or modified by the Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement. As stated in the March 18, 1994 announcement cited above, the Director will observe closing dates for applications in Categories I and II of March 15, July 15, and November 15 of each year. There will be a single annual closing date, March 1, for Category III applications. Applicants should specify the category in which they are submitting an application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Preferred Communities: Ms. Marta Brenden.

Unanticipated Arrivals: Ms. Judith May.

Ethnic Community Organizations: Ms. Anna Mary Portz, Office of Refugee Resettlement, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, D.C. 20447, Telephone: Ms. Brenden (202) 205–3589, Ms. May (202) 205–3586, Ms. Portz (202) 401–1196.

I. Category 1: Preferred Communities

A. Purpose and Scope

Through this notice, successful applicants will receive funds to be applied toward the costs associated with resettling refugees in preferred communities and reducing the numbers of refugees placed in high impact sites. To be considered under the announcement, a proposed preferred community would need to receive a minimum of 100 refugees annually.

Preferred Community sites refer to those localities where refugees have the best opportunities to achieve early employment and sustain economic independence without public assistance. Preferred communities should have a history of low welfare utilization by newly arriving refugees. In addition, refugees should have a favorable earned income potential relative to the cost of living and to public assistance benefits in such communities. These communities should also have a moderate cost of living, good employment opportunities in a strong entry level labor market, affordable housing, low out-migration rates for refugees, religious facilities—if important to the refugees—local community support, receptive school environments, and related community