

signed original and two copies of Standard Form 424, 424A, and 424B, dated April 1988. (We will provide copies of these materials to all targeted assistance States.) The application package should be addressed to the Division of Refugee Self-Sufficiency, Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF, 6th Floor, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447.

CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA) NUMBER: 93.584.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON APPLICATION PROCEDURES, STATES SHOULD CONTACT: RON MUNIA AT (202) 401-4559 IN ORR.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Purpose and Scope

This notice announces the availability of funds for grants for targeted assistance for services to refugees in counties where, because of factors such as unusually large refugee populations, high refugee concentrations, and high use of public assistance, there exists and can be demonstrated a specific need for supplementation of resources for services to this population.

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) has available \$49,397,000 in FY 1995 funds for the targeted assistance program (TAP) as part of the FY 1995 appropriation for the Department of Health and Human Services (Pub. L. 103-333).

The House Appropriations Committee Report reads as follows with respect to targeted assistance funds (H.R. Rept. No. 103-553, p. 93):

This program provides grants to States for counties which are impacted by high concentrations of refugees and high dependency rates. The Committee intends that \$19,000,000 of the total recommended for targeted assistance be provided to continue the current program of support to communities affected as a result of the massive influx of Cuban and Haitian entrants. The Committee also intends that 10 percent of the total appropriated for targeted assistance be used for grants to localities most heavily impacted by the influx of refugees such as Laotian Hmong, Cambodians, and Soviet Pentecostals, including secondary migrants who entered the United States after October 1, 1979. The Committee expects these grants to be awarded to communities not presently receiving targeted assistance because of previous concentration requirements and other factors in the grant formulas, as well as those who do currently receive targeted assistance grants.

The Senate Appropriations Committee Report (S. Rept. No. 103-318, p. 154) is consistent with the above-quoted House Report.

The Conference Report on Appropriations (H. Rept. No. 103-733,

p. 24) clarifies Congress' intent on the use of the \$19 million for communities affected by Cuban and Haitian entrants as follows:

The conferees are agreed that \$19,000,000 of the \$49,397,000 appropriated for targeted assistance is to serve communities affected by the Cuban and Haitian entrants and refugees whose arrivals in recent years have increased.

The Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) will use the \$49,397,000 appropriated for FY 1995 targeted assistance as follows:

- \$25,457,300 will be allocated under the updated formula, as set forth in this notice.
- \$19,000,000 will be awarded to serve communities most heavily affected by recent Cuban and Haitian entrant and refugee arrivals.
- \$4,939,700 (10% of the total) will be awarded as second-year continuation grants in a two-year project period under a discretionary grant announcement that was issued in FY 1994.

In addition, the Office of Refugee Resettlement has available an additional \$6,000,000 in FY 1995 funds to augment the targeted assistance 10% program through the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 103-306). These funds will be awarded under a separate discretionary grant announcement which will be issued setting forth application requirements and evaluation criteria.

The purpose of targeted assistance grants is to provide, through a process of local planning and implementation, direct services intended to result in the economic self-sufficiency and reduced welfare dependency of refugees through job placements.

The targeted assistance program reflects the requirements of section 412(c)(2)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), which provides that targeted assistance grants shall be made available "(i) primarily for the purpose of facilitating refugee employment and achievement of self-sufficiency, (ii) in a manner that does not supplant other refugee program funds and that assures that not less than 95 percent of the amount of the grant award is made available to the county or other local entity."

II. Authorization

Targeted assistance projects are funded under the authority of section 412(c)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended by the Refugee Assistance Extension Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-605), 8 U.S.C. 1522(c); section 501(a) of the Refugee Education

Assistance Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96-422), 8 U.S.C. 1522 note, insofar as it incorporates by reference with respect to Cuban and Haitian entrants the authorities pertaining to assistance for refugees established by section 412(c)(2) of the INA, as cited above; section 584(c) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1988, as included in the FY 1988 Continuing Resolution (Pub. L. 100-202), insofar as it incorporates by reference with respect to certain Amerasians from Vietnam the authorities pertaining to assistance for refugees established by section 412(c)(2) of the INA, as cited above, including certain Amerasians from Vietnam who are U.S. citizens, as provided under title II of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Acts, 1989 (Pub. L. 100-461), 1990 (Pub. L. 101-167), and 1991 (Pub. L. 101-513).

III. Client and Service Priorities

Targeted assistance funding should be used to assist refugee families to achieve economic independence. To this end, ORR expects States and counties to ensure that a coherent plan of services is developed for each eligible family that addresses the family's needs from time of arrival until attainment of economic independence. Each service plan should address a family's needs for both employment-related services and other needed social services. In local jurisdictions that have both targeted assistance and refugee social services programs, one plan of services may be developed for a family that incorporates both targeted assistance and refugee social services.

Services funded under the targeted assistance allocations are required to focus primarily on those refugees who, either because of their protracted use of public assistance or difficulty in securing employment, continue to need services beyond the initial years of resettlement. The targeted assistance program, however, is not intended to be limited to cash assistance recipients. TAP-funded services may also be provided to other refugees in need of services, regardless of whether the refugees are receiving cash assistance.

However, effective October 1, 1995, under new provisions in § 400.314 in the final rule published in the **Federal Register** on June 28, 1995, (60 FR 33584), States will be required to provide targeted assistance services to refugees in the following order of priority, except in certain individual extreme circumstances: (a) Refugees who are cash assistance recipients, particularly long-term recipients; (b)