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	Formula Funding (Merged)	Discretionary Programs	Cash & Medical Assistance (CMA)			
	Refugee Social Services & Targeted Assistance Grant	School Impact & Targeted Assistance Discretionary	Refugee Health Program	Unaccompanied Refugee Minors	Refugee Cash Assistance	Refugee Medical Assistance
Description	In Texas, services include Job Placement Assistance, Vocational Training, On-the-Job Training, Professional Recertification, English as a Second Language instruction, Civics, Social Adjustment Services, Pre-GED, Driver's Education, and Citizenship assistance.	<p>School Impact: Provides services that lead to the effective integration & education of refugee children.</p> <p>Targeted Assistance: Currently provides ESL and employment services to pre-literate women from the Congo and Burma.</p>	Provides initial health screening to refugees within 90 days after arrival. Services are culturally and linguistically appropriate and include comprehensive health assessments, vaccinations, and follow-up and referrals for health conditions identified in the assessment process.	Unaccompanied Refugee Minors receive the full range of assistance that is available to all foster children in the state by establishing legal authority to act in place of the child's unavailable parent(s). Services include indirect financial support for housing, food, clothing, medical care; independent living skills; English language training; career/college counseling and training; mental health services; and immigration assistance.	One of two short-term cash assistance programs available to refugees. Must be determined ineligible for TANF. Employable adults must participate in employment program offered under RSS. Texas' RCA program is a Public/Private Partnership administered through local VOLAGs.	Short-term medical assistance available to refugees determined ineligible for Medicaid.
How long are services available?	Up to 5 years from date of arrival depending on availability of funds. Clients are prioritized based on time in the U.S. and cash assistance status.	Services target specific populations during their first two years in the U.S.	Health Screening Services are available within 90 days of arrival. Vaccinations are available for up to one year for refugees applying for adjustment of status.	Services are available up to age 18. Other services can be available, such as education voucher for participants enrolled in higher education up to age 21. Extended foster care is available up to age 21.	Eight months from date of arrival	Eight months from date of arrival
Who provides services?	HHSC allocates funds to refugee service providers through competitive bid. *A small portion of RSS funds is allocated without competition to local VOLAGs to provide employment services to clients accessing RCA (as required under CFR Part 400).	HHSC allocates funds to school districts, VOLAGs and other refugee service providers.	HHSC has an interagency agreement with DSHS to administer the Refugee Health Program. DSHS enters into contracts with city and county health departments.	HHSC has an interagency agreement with DFPS to administer the URM program. DFPS enters into contracts with refugee service providers in Fort Worth & Houston.	HHSC allocates funds to local VOLAGs through non-competitive contracts (as required under CFR Part 400).	RMA is a state administered program.

Glossary

VOLAG: Voluntary Agency. There are national VOLAGS and local VOLAGS. Only VOLAGS have an agreement with the U.S. Department of State to receive and resettle refugees.

Refugee Service Provider: Community and faith-based organizations, mutual assistance associations, educational institutions as well as VOLAGS.

Who is eligible for services?

All services are available to refugees, asylees, Cuban/Haitian entrants, victims of trafficking, and Special Immigrant Visa holders from Iraq and Afghanistan. URM services are also available to children with Special Immigrant Juvenile status and U status recipients.

In order to be eligible for Refugee Cash Assistance or Refugee Medical Assistance, participants must be determined ineligible for TANF or Medicaid respectively.

Other Refugee Programs

Programs NOT administered by HHSC

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	U.S. Department of State	U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement	
	Reception & Placement* (R&P)	Matching Grant (MG)	Discretionary Programs
Description	Reception at airport, placement in fully furnished apartment, food and basic necessities provided, some cash assistance provided. Referrals to longer term services begin.	One of two short-term cash assistance programs available. Employment and case management services also provided. Alternative to TANF.	ORR offers a variety of services that can be applied for directly by refugee service providers. HHSC does not administer these programs. Programs include Preferred Communities, Microenterprise Grant, Ethnic Self Help, Refugee Agricultural Project, and many more.
How long are services available?	Up to 90 days after arrival	Up to 180 days after arrival	Varies depending on program
Who provides services?	The U.S. Department of State funds national Voluntary Agencies (VOLAGs) who then allocate funds to their affiliate offices as refugees are placed.	ORR funds national Voluntary Agencies (VOLAGs) who then allocate funds to their affiliates throughout the country.	ORR funds refugee service providers through competitive grants. Service providers include community and faith-based organizations as well as Voluntary Agencies.

*Reception & Placement Services (R&P) are only available to refugees and Special Immigrant Visa holders from Iraq & Afghanistan. Other Asylees, Victims of Trafficking, and Cuban/Haitian Entrants are not eligible for R&P services.