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**Notice of Funding Opportunity:
Washington Migrant and Asylum-Seeker Support Project
2024-2025**

*Information Session
Wednesday, May 29, 2024*

DSHS Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance



AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of the Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance
- Washington Migrant and Asylum-Seeker Support Project
- Application Requirements
- Important Reminders and Key Dates
- Question and Answer



Washington State
Department of Social
& Health Services

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Welcome and Introductions

- Please introduce yourself in the chat.
- Enter questions in the Q&A section of the Zoom Format.
- Hold all questions to the end of the presentation.
- Verbal responses are unofficial.
- Official responses to questions will be posted to the DSHS ORIA website by Friday, May 31, 2024.
- They will be updated as often as necessary.

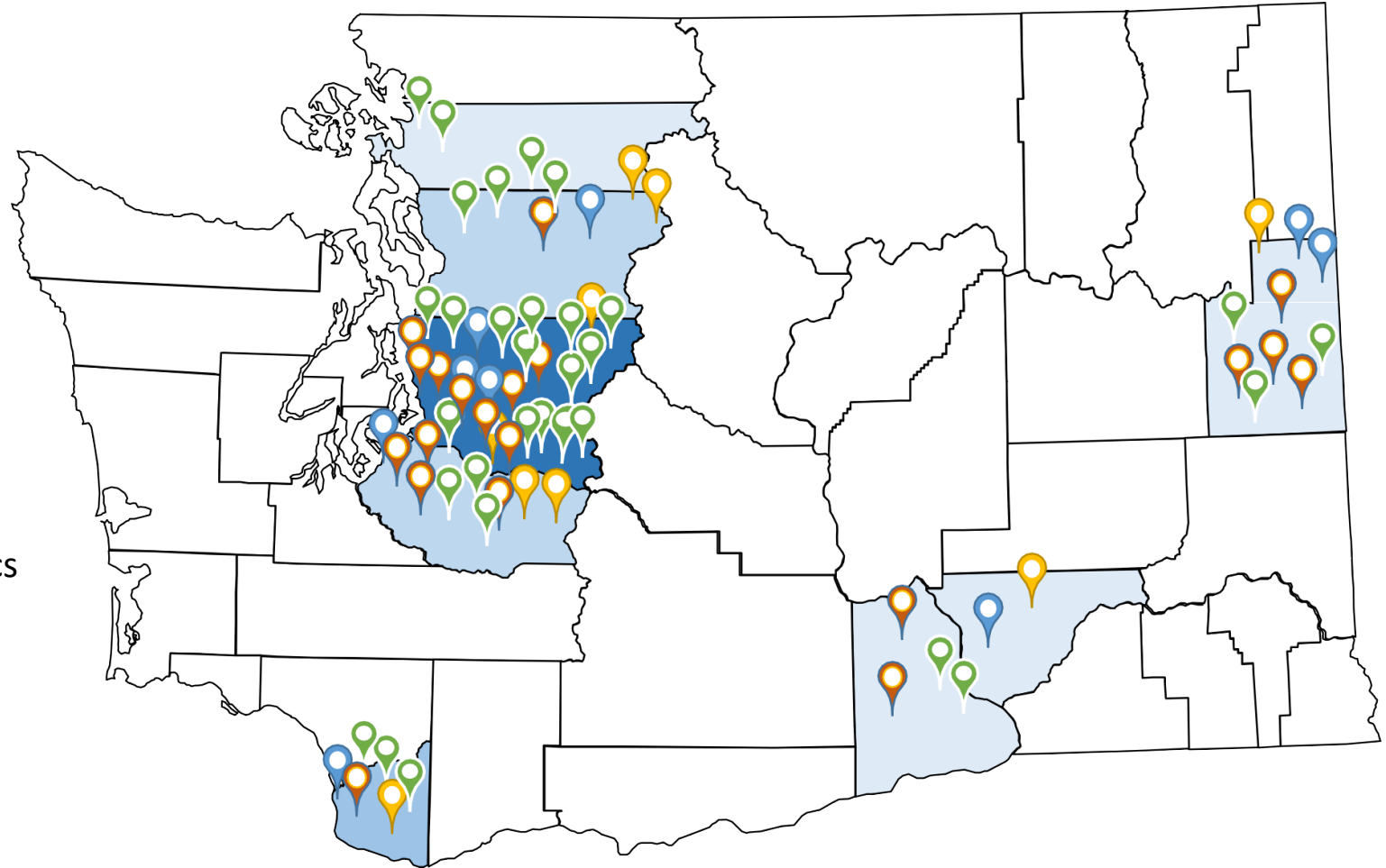
Welcoming refugees is a collective effort.


WA Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance


invests federal and state funding into local community across Washington to provide services and resources that help refugees and humanitarian immigrants achieve economic stability and supports long-term integration.


Partners with more than 100 organizations:


- Refugee Resettlement Agencies
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Ethnic Community-Based Organizations
- Public Health Departments and Health Clinics
- School Districts
- Community Colleges
- Other State Agencies
- And more...



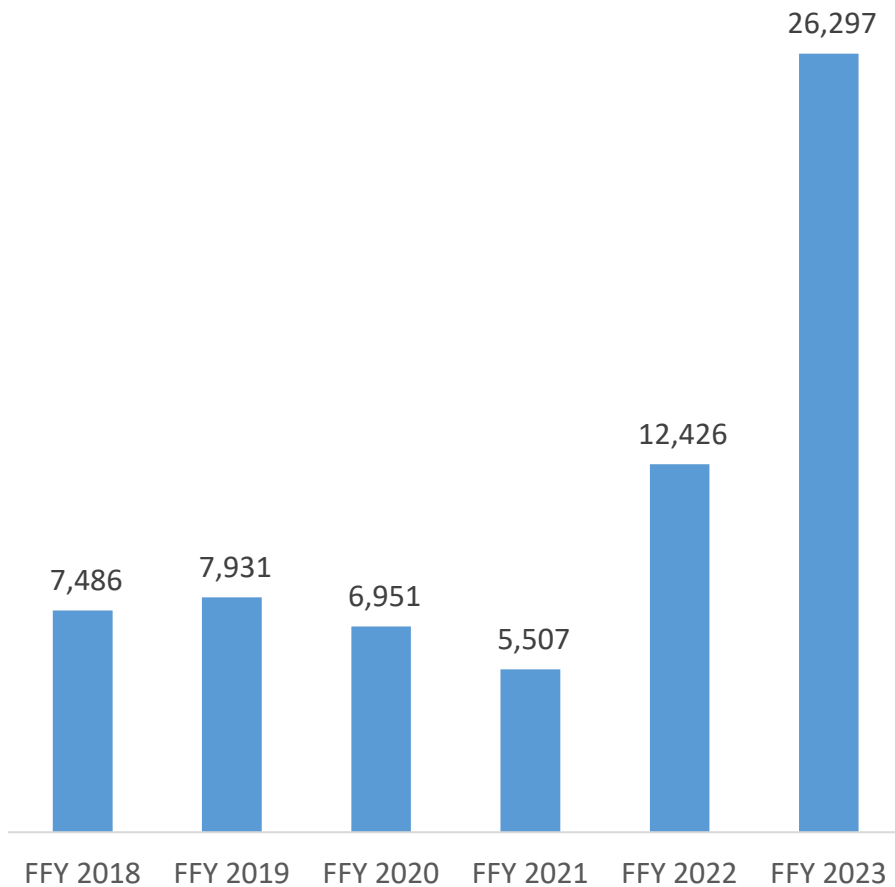
 Refugee Health & Wellness

 Employment & Training

 Immigration Assistance & Naturalization Services

 Whole Family Programs

How many people are served by ORIA's Refugee Resettlement Programs?



Data collected and reported through the ORR-5.

Serves all federal eligible immigrants, including:

- Refugees admitted under [§ 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act \(INA\)](#)
- People granted asylum [under § 208 of the INA](#)
- Cuban and Haitian entrants
- Amerasians
- Certified victims of human trafficking
- Special Immigrant Visa Holders from Iraq and Afghanistan
- Afghan Humanitarian Parolees (See [ORR Policy Letter 22-01](#) and [22-02](#))
- Afghan Special Immigrant Conditional Permanent Residents
- Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees (See [ORR Policy Letter 22-13](#))

Federally Funded Refugee Services may include:

- Refugee Cash Assistance
- Refugee Medical Assistance
- Medical Screenings
- Refugee Support Services, including:
 - Health and Wellness
 - Employment & Training Services
 - Immigration-Related Legal Services
 - Whole Family Programs

Definitions

Asylum-Seeker: is a person who has left their country and is seeking protection from persecution, but who has not yet been recognized as a refugee.

Migrant: is a person who leaves their country of origin to seek permanent or temporary residence in another country.

Many new migrants and asylum seekers are entering the U.S. via the Southwest border and are being apprehended by the Department of Homeland Security. As a result, they are placed in removal proceedings with a Notice to Appear in front of an Immigrant Judge.

The WA MASS Project is intended to serve migrants and asylum-seekers who are ineligible for federal refugee resettlement services.

Refugee: is an individual that has fled their home country and cannot return because they have a well-founded fear of persecution due to their race, religion, national origin, membership in a social group, or political opinion. Refugees apply for and are granted a stable immigration status by the Department of Homeland Security and are admitted into the United States under that status.

Other immigrations statuses qualify for federal refugee resettlement services:

- Asylee or someone granted asylum by the U.S. government.
- Certified Victim of Human Trafficking.
- Amerasian.
- Cuban-Haitian Entrant.
- Afghan and Iraqi Special Immigrant Visa holders (SIVs).
- Certain Afghan and Ukrainian humanitarian parolees

These individuals do not qualify for WA MASS services.

Washington Migrant and Asylum-Seeker Support Project

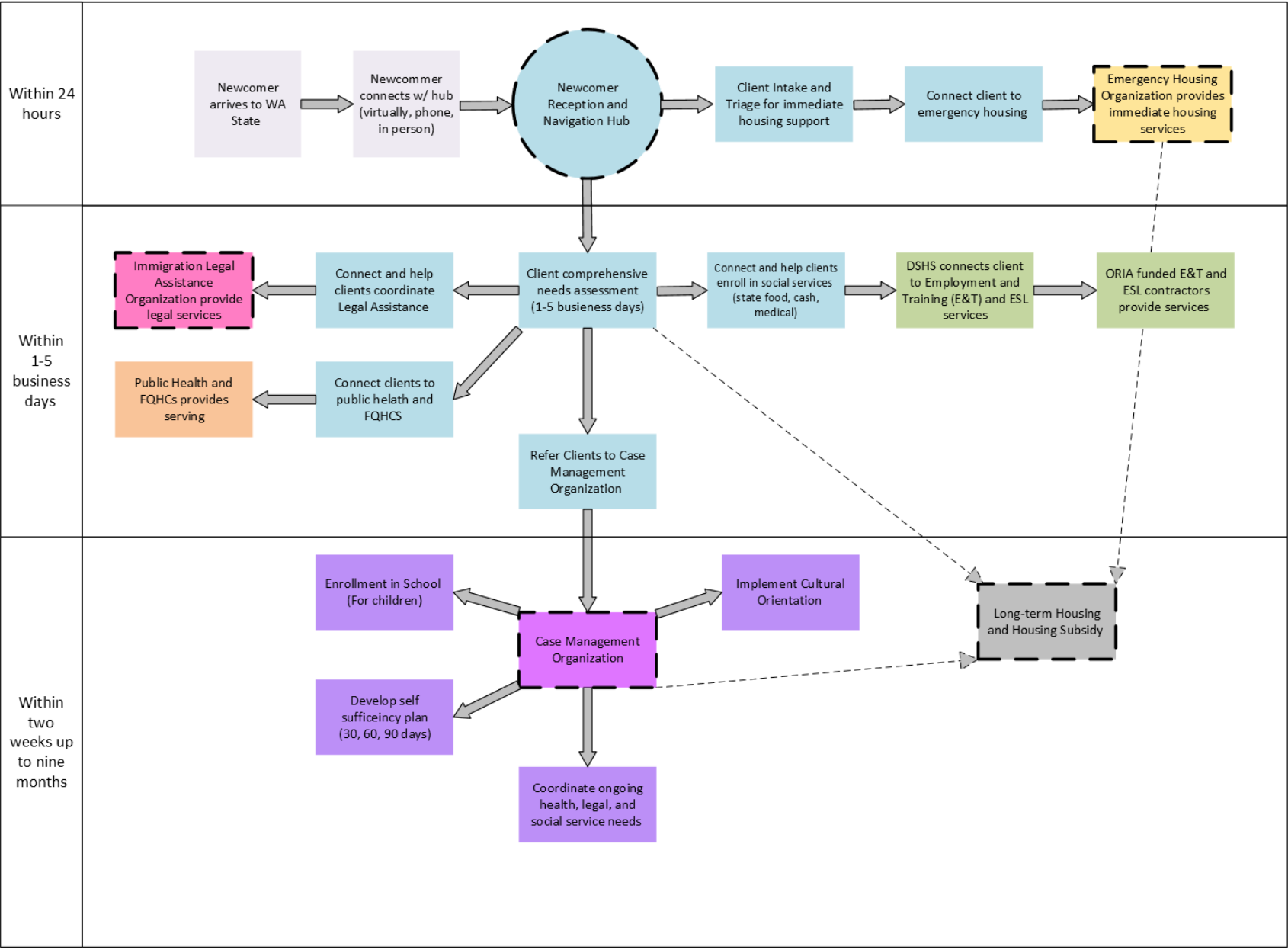
Purpose: To build a statewide network of organizations to deliver a coordinated response to meet the specific and immediate needs of recently arrived migrants and asylum-seekers.

Pilot Project to provide up to one year of services for eligible migrants and asylum-seekers.

Service Area	Number of Organizations
Newcomer Navigation and Reception Hub	One primary organization
Migrant Housing Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency Shelters and Hotels• Transitional Housing Subsidies	Multiple Organizations
Immigration-Related Legal Services	One lead coordinating organization Multiple organization to provide client services
Culturally Responsive Case Management Services	Multiple Organizations

WA Migrant and Asylum-Seeker Support Project Pilot

- Newcomers
- Hub
- Emergency Housing
- DSHS - ORIA providers
- Legal Services
- Healthcare services
- Case Management Services
- Long Term Housing
- Providers/Services funded by ORIA



Participant Eligibility and Prioritization

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be a non-citizen that entered the U.S. for the first time after Jan. 1, 2022, and
- Do not qualify for federal refugee resettlement services and benefits, and
- Have been placed in removal proceedings or are at risk of deportation or removal from the U.S. because they have not been granted a permanent immigration status; and
- Have a household income below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Prioritization:

- Pregnant individuals
- Households with dependents under the age of 18
- Individuals with significant medical conditions.

Funding Source and Funding Restrictions

- Investing \$20,000,000 for State Fiscal Year 2025
- Funds and services are available between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025
- Geographic Prioritization:
 - King, Snohomish, Clark, Pierce, Yakima, Spokane, Benton-Franklin Counties

Support Services Areas	Proposed Percentage	Number of Organizations
Emergency and Transitional Housing Services	45 - 50%	Multiple Direct Service Providers
Newcomer Reception and Navigation Hub	20 - 23%	One Primary Organization
Immigration-Related Legal Services	12 – 20 %	One Lead Organization Multiple Direct Service Providers
Culturally Responsive Case Management Services	10 - 15%	Multiple Direct Service Providers
Education, Employment and Training Services	5.0%	Current or Existing Providers Only

Project Requirements and Outcomes

- Successful applicants will receive a client-services contract with performance-based outcomes.
- All organizations will be expected to verify immigration documentation and collect and report personally identifiable information for each participant served.

Minimum Outcomes Tracked:

- The total number of unduplicated participants.
- The number of participants in emergency housing.
- The percentage of participants that transition from emergency housing to long-term housing.
- The number of people who receive immigration-related legal services.
- The percentage of that participate in legal services who obtain employment authorization document.
- The percentage of people served who successfully achieve self-sufficiency.
- The number of organizations collaborating with the Hub and serving the participants.

Data Collected:

- First Name and Last Name
- Date of Birth
- Country of Origin or Nationality
- Language
- Alien Numbers
- Date of arrival in the U.S.
- Date of Notice to Appear
- Additional data as requested

Applicant Minimum Qualifications

- a. Have a current Washington State business license.
- b. Be registered **either** as a nonprofit charitable organization with a 501(c)3 status **or** have a federal employer tax identification number.
- c. Have at least two years of experience within the past five years providing services to noncitizen migrants, asylum-seekers, and/or refugees.
- d. Have the requisite electronic hardware and software to communicate with DSHS and to provide invoices, participant data, supporting documentation and other information through DSHS' secure email system. Minimum hardware requirements include a computer with internet access. Minimum software requirements include Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Office.
- e. Have a service location and space that is accessible to noncitizen migrants with disabilities and conveniently located near public transportation.
- f. Have interpretation and translation services to serve eligible participants in their primary language and in culturally appropriate ways. Qualified applicants must have the capacity to provide culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate services. Applicants are encouraged to have staff that reflect the populations they intend to serve.

How to Apply – Submission Requirements

Please submit all applications to ORIANOFO@dshs.wa.gov.

- [Attachment A: Cover Sheet](#)
- [Attachment B: Applicant Narrative](#) – no more than 25 pages
- [Attachment C: Program Annual Budget Spreadsheet](#)
- [Attachment D: Certifications and Assurances](#)
- [Attachment E: Contractor Intake Form](#)

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. PST on June 13, 2024.

Evaluation Process

1. Administrative Review
2. Evaluation Panel
3. Evaluation Points to Washington Small Businesses
4. Selection of Successful Applicants
5. Contract Negotiations

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Application Process and Contracting Timeline

Date	Activity
May 23, 2024	NOFO Release Date
May 29, 2024	Virtual Information Session at 1 p.m.
May 29, 2024	Questions may be sent via email by 5 p.m.
May 31, 2024	Responses to questions posted on website
June 13, 2024	Applications due by 5 p.m.
June 14 - 21, 2024	Evaluation of Applications (three or more Evaluators)
July 1, 2024	Announcement of Successful Applicant(s)
July 1, 2024	ORIA notifies unsuccessful Applicant(s)
July 2 - 19, 2024	Contract Negotiations
August 1, 2024	Estimated start date of contracts resulting from NOFO

Q&A

- Please enter all question into the Q&A Section.
- Verbal responses to questions are unofficial.
- For questions that we do not answer today, please submit to ORIANOFO@dshs.wa.gov by 5 p.m. May 29, 2024 to be posted on May 31, 2024.
- Future questions may be answered. We recommend continuing to look at the NOFO for new questions.

Thank you!

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