

Refugee Career Pathway Program – RFA #19-300-001

FAQ (May 8, 2020)

Question:

The RFA requires the following:

The applicant must clearly demonstrate that the applicant will be serving a county that serves at least 40 percent of the total population of eligible participants in the state during the 2016–17 fiscal year, is projected to serve at least 40 percent of the total eligible participants that will resettle in the state in the 2018–19 and/or the 2019-20 fiscal year....

Based on our research no county serves 40% of the entire state's refugees.

Answer:

According to the Worldwide Refugee Admissions Processing System (WRAPS), Sacramento County is the only county that meets the threshold of serving at least 40% of eligible participants in the years listed above. This data was made possible by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (Chancellor's Office) partnership with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS).

The Chancellor's Office Workforce and Economic Development Division is collaborating with the California Department Social Services (CDSS), Immigrant Integration Branch, Refugee Program Bureau (RPB) to provide oversight of the Refugee Career Pathways Program. The RPB, as the state administrator, on behalf of CDSS, has access to data provided by the *Resettlement Support Centers (RSCs) interactive computer system called the WRAPS. The RPB conducted a data run on WRAPS, which was the basis for the response to the question above.

* The Refugee Processing Center (RPC) is operated by the U.S Department of State (DOS) Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) in the Rosslyn section of Arlington, Virginia USA.

At the RPC and at Resettlement Support Centers (RSCs), the computer system called the Worldwide Refugee Admissions Processing System (WRAPS) is used to process and track the movement of refugees from various countries around the world to the U.S. for resettlement under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP).

Question:

Based on the response in the FAQ (above), the only eligible county for this program is Sacramento County. Is this correct?

Answer:

Correct, please note that in accordance to the criteria provided in law and the data provided by the California Department Social Services (CDSS), Immigrant Integration Branch, Refugee Program Bureau (RPB); on a Community College District(s) serving Sacramento County are eligible.

Question:

Will the Bidders' Conference scheduled on May 14, 2020 provide the same information as the information provided on the webinar on March 19, 2020?

Answer:

No, the March 19, 2020 webinar was provided to announce the change in key dates to accommodate RFA applicants that were unable to conduct the activities (e.g., meetings with partners and stakeholders) necessary to complete a timely application due to required measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The Bidders' Conference will be a webinar that provides an overview of the RFA #19-300-001 requirements and process.

Please note; the Bidder's Conference is postponed until May 27, 2020. Please see memo regarding Addendum #2.