

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

FAQ (April 3, 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).