

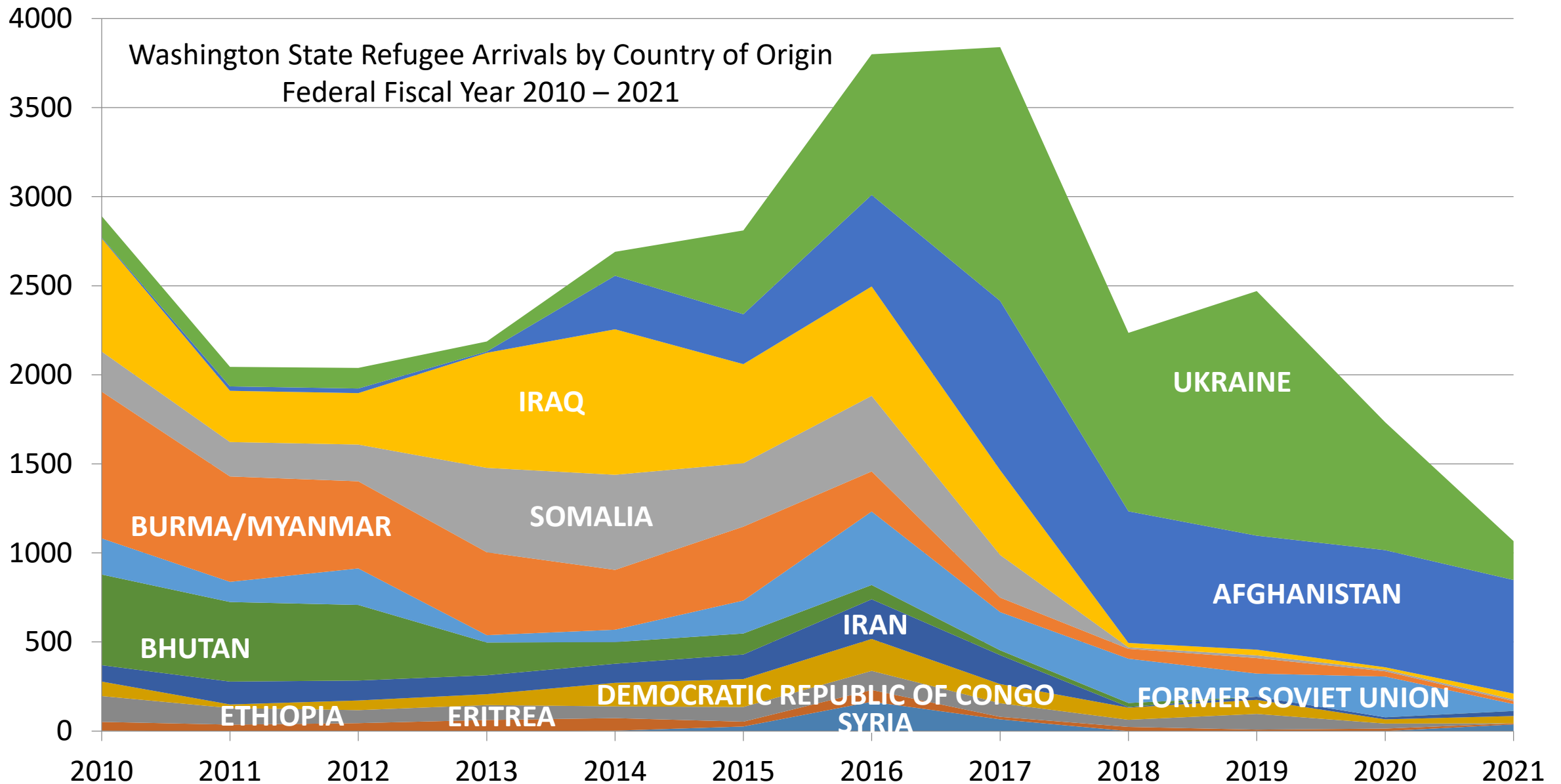
Welcoming Washington: Quarterly Community Consultations

September 2022

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Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance

Washington welcomes more than 30 different nationalities annually.



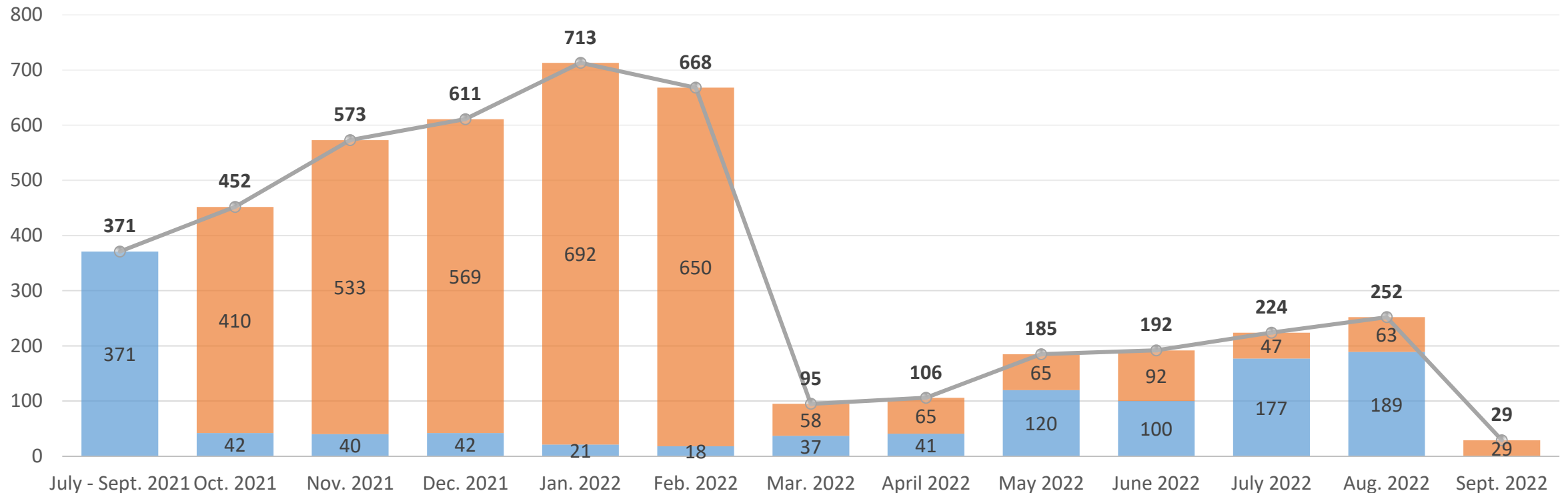
Source: Data from the Department of State, Refugee Processing Center. www.wrapsnet.org

Afghan Arrivals in Washington 2021 – 2022

Total Arrivals: 4,432 people

US Refugee Admissions Program (RAP) SIV Arrival
July – Sept. 2021

Operation Allies Welcome (OAW)
Aug. 28, 2021 to Sept. 21, 2022

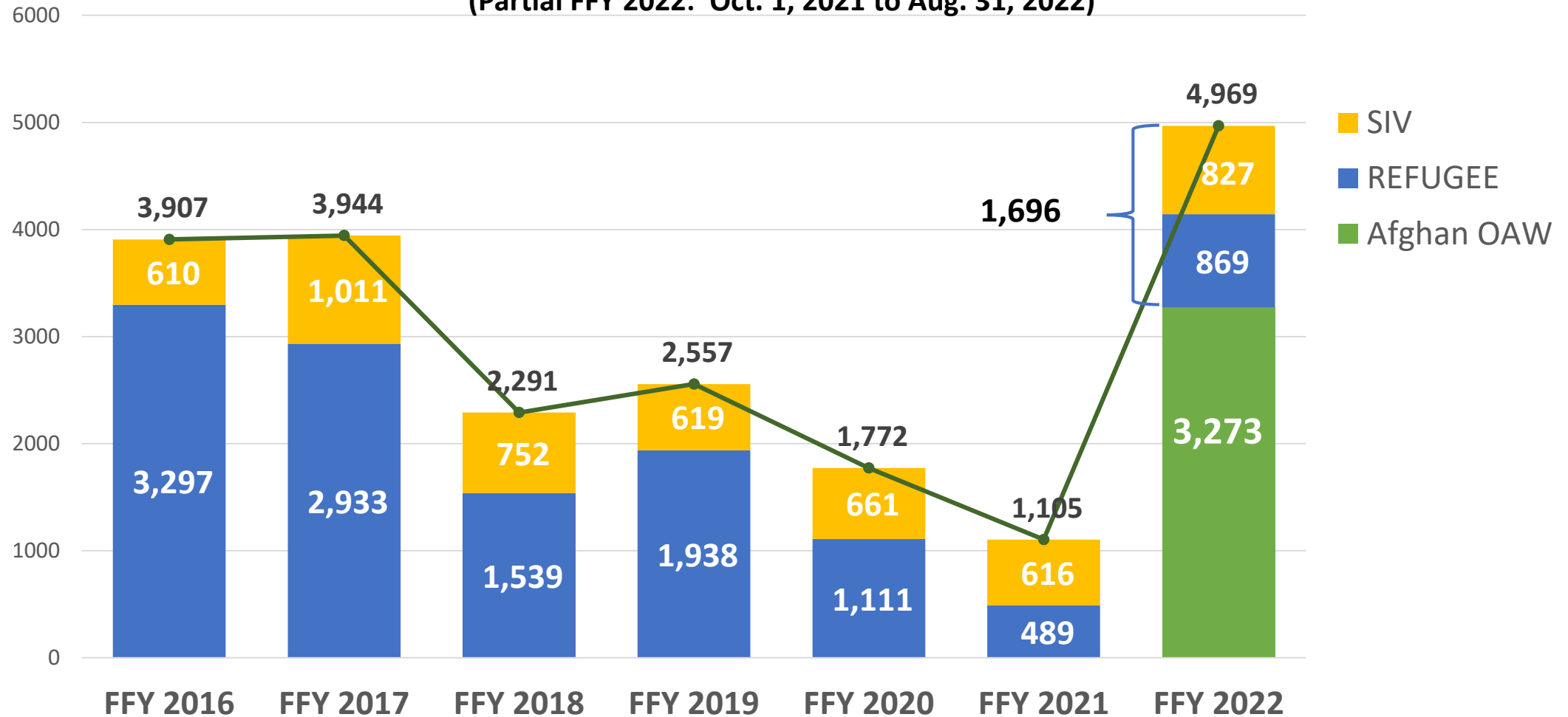


Total US RAP Arrivals: 1,198 people

Total OAW Arrivals: 3,273 people

Washington State Arrivals: Refugee, Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) and Afghan Humanitarian Parolees – Operation Allies Welcome Arrivals FFY 2016 to FFY 2021

(Partial FFY 2022: Oct. 1, 2021 to Aug. 31, 2022)



Sources: State Post-Arrival Demographics Report, Dept. of State, Bureau of Populations, Refugees and Migration
Afghan Placement and Assistance Program - Weekly Departure Status Report

Ukrainian Clients on Select Cash, Food, and Apple Health Medical Programs January 2022 - August 2022

Benefit Month	Total Unduplicated Clients Across Programs ³	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	Food Assistance Program for Legal Immigrants (FAP)	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	State Family Assistance Program (SFA)	Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)	Aged, Blind, Disabled Program (ABD) and Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) Referral	Apple Health (Both Classic and Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)) ²
		# of Clients	# of Clients	# of Clients	# of Clients	# of Clients	# of Clients	# of Clients
Jan-2022	44	30	10	4	10	4	2	30
Feb-2022	211	168	37	85	24	26	3	170
Mar-2022	626	376	232	140	261	49	7	376
Apr-2022	4,573	1,481	3,057	221	2,696	82	67	2,871
May-2022	5,456	1,389	4,004	461	2,993	72	99	4,148
Jun-2022	6,661	1,836	4,695	717	3,419	868	138	5,276
Jul-2022	7,514	3,315	4,067	1,099	3,601	1,668	138	6,178
Aug-2022	8,685	5,201	3,314	1,963	3,351	2,252	123	7,264
Total Unduplicated Clients (Jan 2022 - August 2022)	8,926	5,813	5,233	2,316	4,270	2,287	164	7,380

Source: ESA-EMAPS Report #5541C using the ACES Data Warehouse as of the Aug. 22 2022.

This report was produced on Sept. 12, 2022.

Uniting for Ukraine Program

National Applications for U4U (9/16/2022)

- 128,904 sponsor applications filed
- 90,768 applications approved for travel
- 54,815 arrivals in the United States

Locations of U.S.-based Supporters by Top States

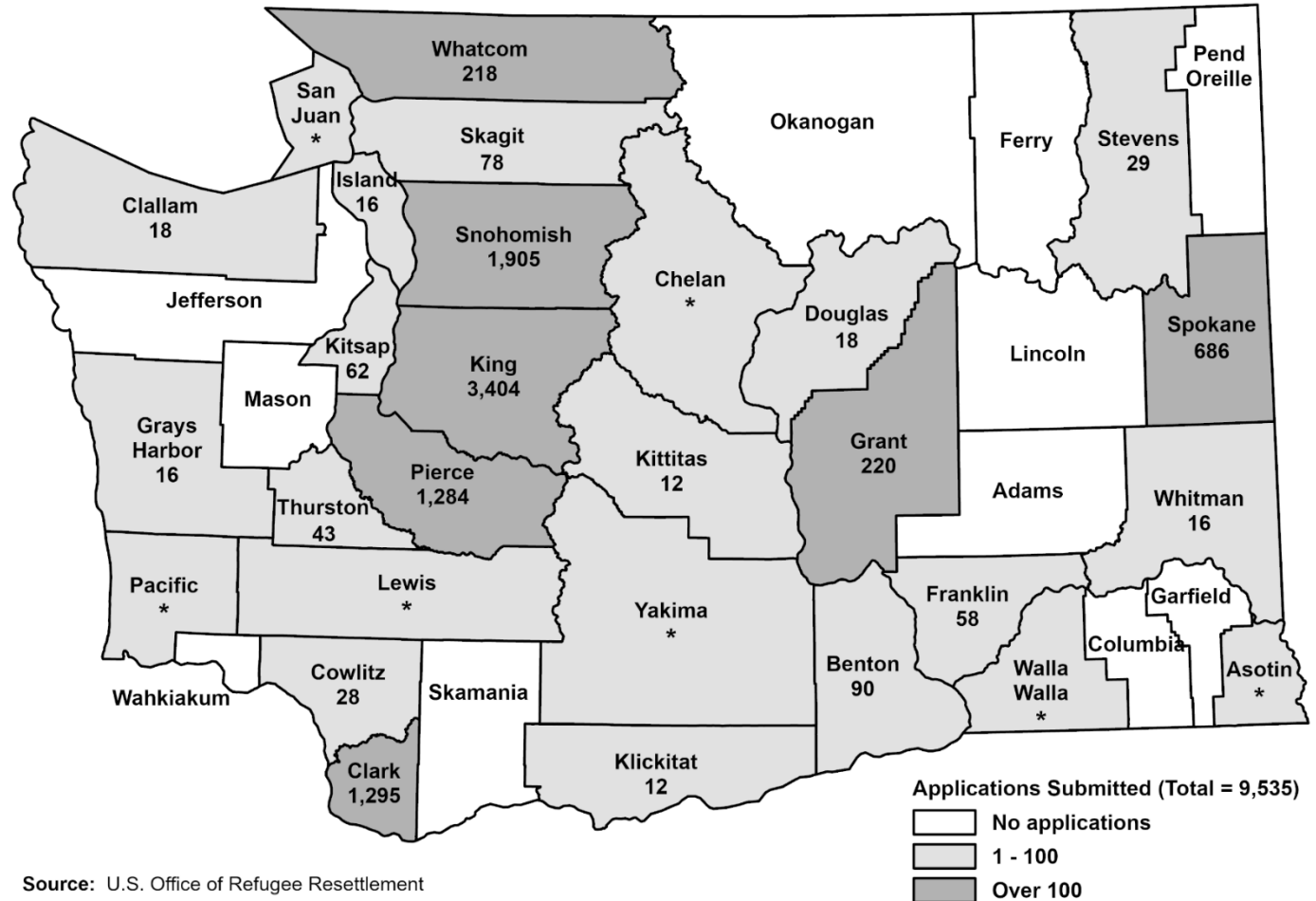
New York	18,386
Illinois	16,604
California	13,168
Washington	10,082
Florida	8,641

On April 21, 2022, President Biden announced Uniting for Ukraine, a new streamlined process to provide Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members who have fled Russia's unprovoked war of aggression opportunities to come to the United States and stay temporarily, with a period of parole up to two years.

Ukrainians participating in Uniting for Ukraine must have a supporter in the United States who agrees to provide them with financial support for the duration of their stay in the United States. For more information, visit

www.DHS.gov/Ukraine.

Number of Form I-134 Applications Submitted by Uniting for Ukraine Supporters
by County in Washington State, April 25 - September 9, 2022

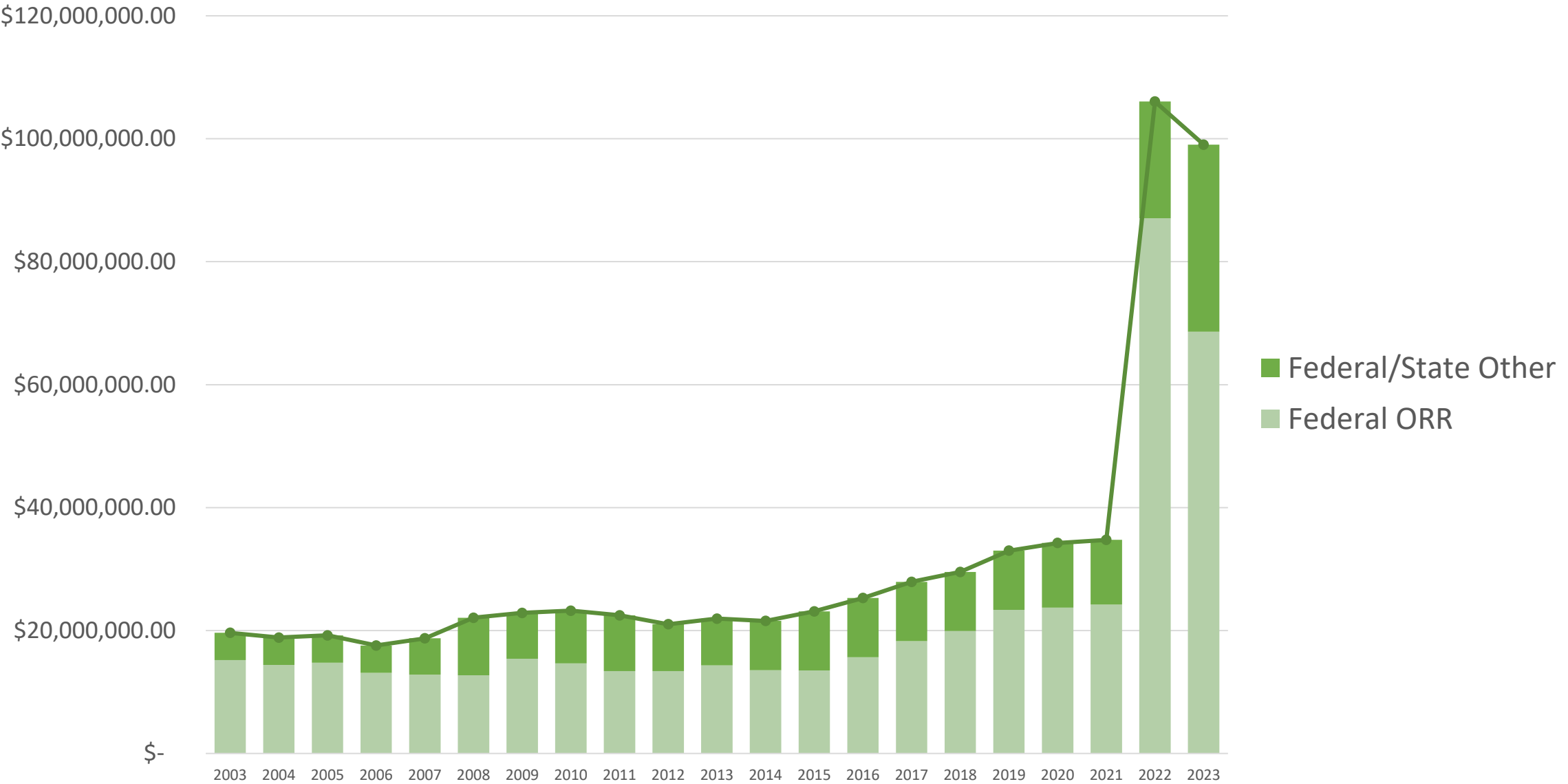


Source: U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement

Provided by DSHS/ESA/OAS/E-MAPS Assignment #5587 - September 2022

* When necessary, values less than 10 (but greater than zero) are not displayed in order to help protect client confidentiality. These counties are denoted with an asterisk (*).

Federal and State Funding for WA Refugee and Immigrant Services (ORIA)



Washington Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance

HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS	EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING PROGRAMS	IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION ASSISTANCE	WHOLE FAMILY SERVICES
Culturally Relevant and Linguistically Appropriate Services			
Medical Screenings	LEP Pathway Program Employment Services	Naturalization Services	PRIME Program <i>(Case Management and Self-sufficiency workshops)</i>
Refugee Mental Health Services	LEP Pathway Program ESL Services	PRIME Immigration Assistance Services	Refugee School Impact Program
Refugee Health Promotion Program	ORIA-Basic Food Employment & Training (BFET) Program	Immigration-Related Legal Services for Afghans	Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program
Refugee Elders Program	CLEVER Program		Refugee Youth Mentoring
	State-funded employment services for FAP participants		Housing Stabilization Services



WASHINGTON COVID-19 IMMIGRANT RELIEF FUND

Purpose:

- Established by the Governor's Office in August 2020 and continued by the Washington State Legislature.
- Community-based and driven.
- Distribute cash assistance to people affected by the pandemic who are ineligible for federal economic stimulus funding or unemployment insurance due to their immigration status.

Funding 2020-2021:

- \$127.6 million federal CARES Act Funding allocated in 2020-2021.
 - \$121,850,000 allocated to individual grants.

Funding 2022-2023:

- \$340 million of coronavirus federal funding. \$306 million to be released in grants.
- Open application Sept. 19 – Nov. 14, 2022. Application will be live on www.immigrantreliefwa.org

Thank you!

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HEALTH UPDATES – REFUGEE ADVISORY COUNCIL
9/22/2022

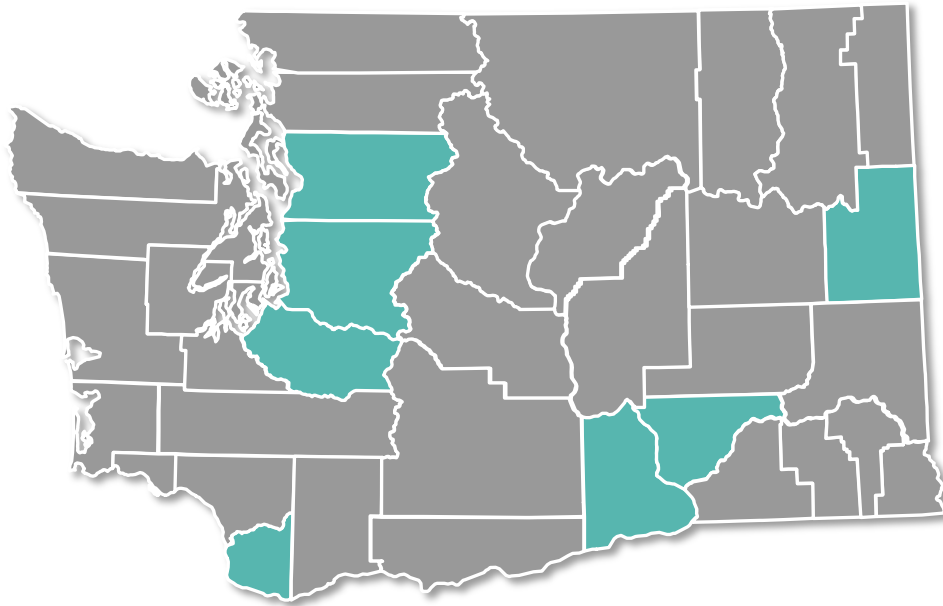
Washington State Department of Health

Health Resources for New Arrivals

- Health insurance
- Primary Care and Dental Care
- Domestic medical screening
- WIC

For more information: [Newcomer Health Overview](#)

Domestic Medical Screening Clinics



Contact information: <https://doh.wa.gov/about-us/programs-and-services/disease-control-and-health-statistics/refugee-health-program/domestic-medical-screening>

Snohomish Health District

Public Health Seattle & King County

Tacoma Pierce County Health Department

Sea Mar Community Health Centers, Vancouver

Benton-Franklin Health District

Unify Community Health, Spokane

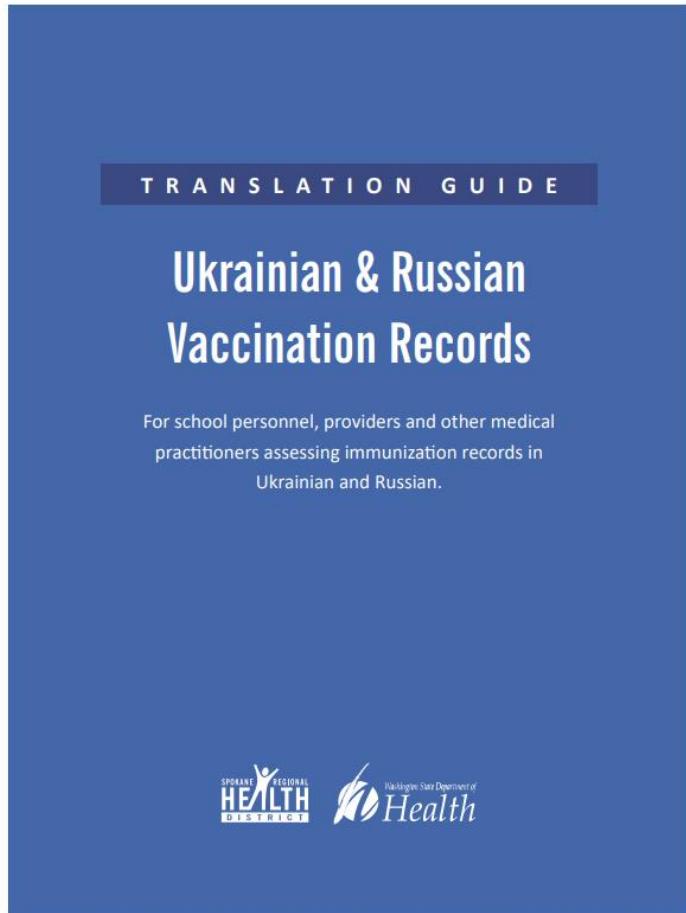
Harborview Medical Center

Uniting for Ukraine – Updated Health Requirements

Requirement	Pre-arrival attestation	Post-arrival attestation
TB Screening	None	IGRA test and follow-up within 90 days for everyone ages 2 and older
COVID-19 vaccine	If authorized COVID-19 vaccine available, receive at least 1 dose.	Complete COVID-19 vaccine series within 90 days of arrival for everyone ages 6 months and older
Measles vaccine	Receive at least 1 dose of measles vaccine	None
Polio vaccine	If polio vaccine available for age, receive at least 1 dose	Receive polio vaccine, if needed for everyone ages 6 weeks and older

Source: <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/uniting-for-ukraine/uniting-for-ukraine-vaccine-attestation>

Translation Guide



Webinar 9/30 for school personnel, providers and other medical practitioners assessing immunization records in Ukrainian and Russian.

Vax4School.org
Volunteer assistance with vaccine record translation at Vax4School.org







Source: <https://srhd.org/media/documents/Ukraine-Vaccine-Record-Interpretation.pdf>

Smoke from Fires



Learn more: <http://doh.wa.gov/smokefromfires>

Air Quality Index

Air Quality Index	What Should I Do?
Good 0–50	 It's a great day to be active outside and a good time to make a plan if worse air quality is in the forecast.
Moderate 51–100	 Some people are especially sensitive to lower levels of particle pollution and should reduce exposure. For example, limit time outside and avoid strenuous outdoor activity. All sensitive groups should watch for symptoms.
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups 101–150	 Sensitive groups should take steps to reduce exposure. Limit time outside, avoid strenuous outdoor activity, and follow tips for cleaner indoor air. Everyone should watch for symptoms as a sign to reduce exposure.
Unhealthy 151–200	 Everyone should reduce exposure. Limit time outside, avoid strenuous outdoor activity, and follow tips for cleaner indoor air.
Very Unhealthy 201–300	 Everyone should reduce exposure. Stay inside and filter indoor air to keep it cleaner. Go elsewhere for cleaner air, if needed.
Hazardous >300	 Everyone should reduce exposure. Stay inside and filter indoor air to keep it cleaner. Go elsewhere for cleaner air, if needed.

Source:

<https://enviwa.ecology.wa.gov/Documents/WhatIsAQI.pdf>

Air Quality Index Map:

<https://enviwa.ecology.wa.gov/home/map>

Smoke from Fires Information in Multiple Languages:

<https://doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/air-quality/smoke-fires/smoke-wildfires-toolkit>

Smoke from Fires Webpages:

[화재 연기 \(Korean\)](#)

[Дым от пожаров \(Russian\)](#)

[Qiiqa Ka imaanayo Dabka \(Somali\)](#)

[Usok Mula Sa Apoy \(Tagalog\)](#)

[Дим від пожеж \(Ukrainian\)](#)

[Khói Từ Các Đám Cháy \(Vietnamese\)](#)

[燃烧烟雾 \(Chinese\)](#)

COVID-19 Booster Doses

Updated COVID-19 Booster Doses

New boosters are now available to provide increased protection against Omicron variants.

When to get the updated booster

At least 2 months after your last COVID-19 dose — either a booster dose or your primary series.

Who should get the updated booster

Individuals age 12 and up are eligible for the updated Pfizer booster, and adults age 18 and up are eligible for the updated Moderna booster.

CDC recommendations as of September 1, 2022



Source: <https://doh.wa.gov/emergencies/covid-19/vaccine-information/vaccine-booster-doses>



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ORIA

Employment and Training Programs

- Introductions
- Overview of Employment Programs
- LEP Pathway Employment Services
- ORIA BFET
- CLEVER
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Overview

- Funding Sources
- Numbers Served
- English Language Levels of Participants
- Outcomes

LEP Pathway Employment Services

- Services Offered
- Eligibility
- How to Access Services
- Geographic Location of Services

ORIA BFET

Services under the ORIA BFET program include:

- Job Search
- English as a Second Language (ESL) training
- Vocational education and training
- Case management
- Job retention services
- Support services

ORIA BFET

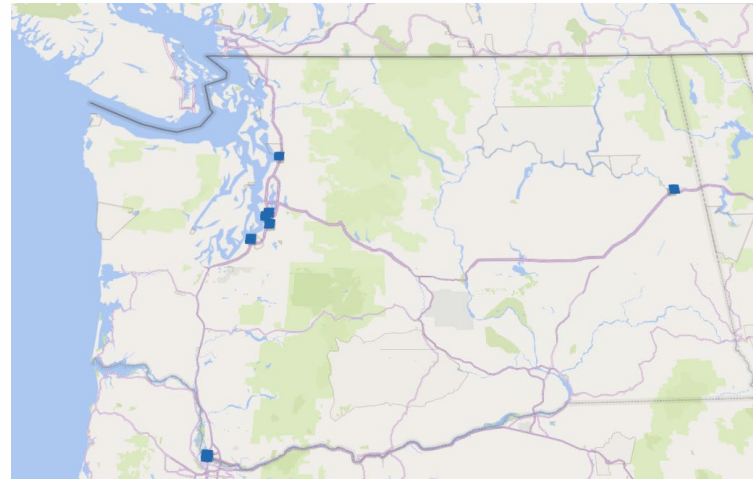
An individual is eligible to receive ORIA BFET services if they are:

- 16 years or older
- Receiving Basic Food Assistance from DSHS
- A refugee or immigrant
- Not receiving TANF, Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), or other cash assistance under Title IV

ORIA BFET

ORIA BFET services are available in the following locations:

- King County (Seattle, Kent, SeaTac, Tukwila)
- Pierce County (Tacoma)
- Snohomish County (Everett)
- Clark County (Vancouver)
- Spokane County (Spokane)



CLEVER

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FAP (Food Assistance Program) E&T

- New E&T Program for State Food Assistance Program (FAP) recipients.
- FAP is for authorized immigrants who meet all the Basic Food requirements, except citizenship or alien status.
- Key differences between ORIA BFET & FAP E&T.
- More details to follow. Stay tuned!

Current Challenges

- Increased Numbers and Capacity
- Increasing Numbers in Geographic Areas not Traditionally Served by ORIA-funded Services
- Employment Authorization Delays
- Others?

Thank You!

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Transforming
Lives

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Eligibility: Immigration Status (Refugee, Asylee, SIV, Afghan Parolee, Ukrainian Parolee, Amerasian, Cuban-Haitian, Victim of Human Trafficking), less than 5 years in US, not yet naturalized, have a professional, education and/or vocational background they are hoping to re-enter.



Agency	Jewish Family Service	Trac Associates	Welcome Back Center at Highline College
Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Professional Case ManagementMentorshipCareer PlanningCLEVER Networking Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Professional Case ManagementCareer PlanningEmployment Placement and Retention Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Educational Case ManagementLicensure and Re-Credentialing GuidanceCertification Courses
Point of Contact	Paige Vogel, Economic Integration Program Manager, pvogel@jfsseattle.org	Ginney To, Employment and Training Specialist, ginney.to@kingcounty.gov (206) 227-5221	Linda Faaren, Director of Welcome Back Center, lfaaren@highline.edu

REFUGEE CAREER PATHWAYS ADVANCE YOUR CAREER



SPECIALIZED SERVICES

- Career Counseling
- Industry Recognized Training
- Validation of Foreign Credentials
- Advanced Education Opportunities
- And more!

ELIGIBILITY

- ESL level 3 or higher
- Refugee, Asylee, Iraqi, and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) Holders, or Afghan Humanitarian Parolees who are noncitizens and arrived on or after March 1, 2015 may be eligible

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