

Afghan Funding Application Q&A

1. The application states that we need to use the ODHS approved budget form. Where can I access that?

The website has been updated with a copy of the blank budget summary form.

2. I see that ODHS will distribute the funding through 9/30/2024 but for planning purposes, we wanted to clarify what the timeframe for services or potential contracts would be.

There are no limitations on length of service other than all funding must be used prior to 9/30/2024. All contracts must end no later than 8/31/2024 in order to invoice and receive payment prior to 9/30/2024.

3. Who are eligible for these services?

- Citizens or nationals of Afghanistan paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act between July 31, 2021 and September 30, 2022.
- A spouse or child of any Afghan humanitarian parolee described above, who is paroled into the United States after September 30, 2022.
- A parent or legal guardian of an Afghan humanitarian parolee who is determined to be an unaccompanied child as defined by 6 U.S.C. 279(g)(2), who is paroled into the United States after September 30, 2022.
- Citizens and nationals of Afghanistan for whom refugee and entrant assistance activities are authorized (e.g., Special Immigrant Visa holders, Special Immigrants with Conditional Permanent Residency, SQ/SI parolees, refugees, asylees), whose eligibility date is on or after July 31, 2021.

4. I was wondering if there is a more detailed description of the services that would fall under these broader categories:

- Employment services and housing assistance:
- Health and mental health services:
- Youth mentoring:
- School assistance:
- Senior services:

I can find some on the ORR website but not all and I want to make sure our plans fall under the approved activities for each of these categories.

Hyperlinks have been added to the announcement that will direct the applicant to ORR State Letters that provide guidance for each service area.

5. If an organization currently holds a contract for services listed in the announcement, can that organization apply for increased funding for the same services? Can that organization apply for funding for different services?

Yes, an organization that currently holds a contract with the ODHS – Refugee Program for services that are listed in the announcement may apply for additional funding for the same services. However, the organization would need to address how the funding and services from this announcement would interact/enhance/change/etc with the funding and services from the current contract. Also, the organization may apply for funding from this announcement to provide different services from their current contract.

6. Can a non-Resettlement Agency (RA) apply for the housing assistance funding?

Yes, other organizations can apply.

7. Can two organizations apply together to provide services?

Organizations are welcome to work together to provide services, but ODHS cannot contract with two organizations at the same time under one contract. A contractor can subcontract with a different organization to provide services if they so choose. The subcontractor will be subject to all the same requirements as the contractor. If you wish to partner with another organization, please choose one organization to be the main contractor – that organization will apply. Please describe the subcontracting intention and address the subcontractor's role and qualification required in the announcement.

8. Are the employment services referenced in 45 CFR 400.154 and 155 the same services that are provided by through the State Refugee Program (SRP) employment services? Is the funding also the same?

Yes, but the population served is limited to eligible Afghans. Also, any applicant that wishes to provide services that are referenced in 45 CFR 400.154 and 155 – those services must not be already provided by the SRP employment program.

9. Legal services: since this is ORR and not state funding, would we be able to serve Vancouver/SW Washington clients if they are coming to Portland to seek services? Or can we only serve Oregon residents?

All services must be provided for those eligible Afghans who reside in Oregon. The State of Washington will receive their own funding for Afghan Services.

10. Would it be best to submit a separate proposal for each service area, or include all service areas in one proposal?

Applicants may provide a single application that covers all service areas they wish to provide or they may provide a separate application for each service area they wish to provide.