

# Service and Support for Afghan Arrivals

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# ODHS State Refugee Program

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The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Refugee Program provides financial assistance, employment-related services and acculturation (assimilation) services to refugees and other eligible individuals.

- Funding
  - Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
  - Other state and federal funds
- ODHS contracts with resettlement agencies (RAs) and local refugee organizations to provide additional services to refugee communities.
- State Refugee Coordinator - Regular meetings with federal partners and RAs to collaborate on the resettlement process.

# Immigration status

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Immigration Status	Description
Refugee	A person who is unable or unwilling to return to his or her country of nationality because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.
Special Immigrant Visa (SIV)	Interpreters and translators of Iraqi or Afghan nationality who have worked directly with the U.S. armed forces or under Chief of Mission authority, and who have experienced ongoing serious threats as a consequence of this employment.
Parole	A person who is permitted to enter and stay in the U.S. without a visa for urgent humanitarian reasons.

## Potential for eligibility

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Refugee and  
Special  
Immigrant  
Visa

- TANF, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or Refugee Cash Assistance (REFC)
- Medicaid or Refugee Medical Assistance (REFM)
- SNAP

Parole

- Eligibility is dependent upon the type of parole granted and whether the individual meets additional requirements.

## Other services

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In addition to Refugee Cash Assistance and Refugee Medical Assistance, the State Refugee Program uses funding to provide:

- Employment Services and Training
- Oregon Refugee Children Assistance Services
- Refugee Senior Services
- Refugee Youth Mentoring Projects
- Extended Case Management



Thank You