

It is vital that the administration and Congress robustly invest in the US refugee resettlement program to grow and sustain our domestic capacity and to equip our state and local communities with the resources they need. RCUSA shares its annual funding recommendations with members of Congress focus on the following areas:

Labor Health and Human Services (LHHS) funding

For FY 2025, RCUSA requests **\$11.795 billion** for the Refugee and Entrant Assistance (REA) account. REA supports the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) in providing early employment, self-sufficiency, and long-term integration support of refugees, Ukrainian and Afghan parolees, unaccompanied children, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and many others. According to a February 2024 [HHS report](#), refugees and asylees had a net fiscal benefit of \$124 billion over a fifteen-year period when taking into account the costs of ORR programming.

State and Foreign Operations (SFOPS) funding

For FY 2025, RCUSA requests **\$4.447 billion** for the Migration and Refugee Assistance (MRA) Account, **\$4.85 billion** for the International Disaster Assistance (IDA) account, and **\$100 million** for the Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance (ERMA) account. These accounts represent U.S. investments in lifesaving humanitarian assistance and permanent solutions for displaced people in accordance with our strategic interests and national values. This funding helps to meet the basic human needs of persons fleeing persecution while they are displaced; helps to identify permanent solutions to their displacement; and supports the Refugee Admissions Program for those most in need of resettlement.

Homeland Security (DHS/USCIS) funding

For FY 2025, RCUSA requests **\$461,161,000** for US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), including **\$432 million** for USCIS Operations and Support and **\$30 million for the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program**. These funds would go towards addressing refugee and asylum processing needs and backlogs, as well as other lengthy delays in parole renewals, adjustments of status, and work authorization.

Oversight language

For FY 2025, RCUSA requests authorization language including support for refugee capacity development and cash flow sustainability (including an increase in per capita for administrative and direct assistance costs); a retroactive extension in eligibility of benefits for Afghan and Ukrainian parolees; and the codification of the Lautenberg Program, Bureau of Population Refugees and Migration (PRM), and Office of the Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts (CARE).

Summary of key accounts

Account	Total FY 2023 Enacted	FY 2024 Minibus	FY 2025 President's Budget Request	FY 2025 RCUSA Request
Refugee and Entrant Assistance	\$11,336,955,998	\$6,392,214,000	\$9,979,354,000	\$11,795,341,000
Migration and Refugee Assistance	\$4,447,236,000	\$3,928,000,000	\$3,827,236,000	\$4,447,236,000
International Disaster Assistance	\$4,843,362,000	\$4,779,000,000	\$4,543,362,000	\$4,850,000,000
Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000
USCIS	\$267,981,000	\$271,140,000	\$265,230,000	\$462,161,000

Short links to RCUSA FY 2025 Funding Documents:

- LHHS Backgrounder: <https://bit.ly/FY25LHHSRefugeeAccounts>
- SFOPS Backgrounder: <https://bit.ly/FY25SFOPSRefugeeAccounts>
- DHS Backgrounder: <https://bit.ly/FY25USCISRefugeeAccounts>
- FY 2025 Oversight Language: <https://bit.ly/FY25RCUSAOversight>