

settings. Applicants may propose activities that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Award 5—10 sub-grants to local organizations to conduct marriage enrichment activities for refugees.
- Develop culturally and linguistically appropriate marriage enrichment and family strengthening materials to be used in training local refugee communities.
- Assist sub-grantees, in coalition with marriage enrichment organizations, to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate communication and conflict resolution skills training to refugee couples in specific refugee ethnic communities to help them improve their relationships and enrich their marriages.
- Assist sub-grantees to train refugee couples to act as mentors in their ethnic community. Newly married refugee couples should be considered a priority.
- Conduct local workshops on marriage and relationship skills that may include coping with the customs of a new community, conflict resolution, financial management, and job and career advancement for refugees.
- Conduct customized premarital education and marriage enrichment programs for refugee youth and young adults.
- Develop refugee resource centers to help enhance the relationships in refugee families.
- Teach effective child-rearing techniques, including positive and culturally-acceptable child disciplinary practices and parenting skills for refugees.
- Provide information about U.S. cultural and legal issues as they affect gender, parenting roles, and intergenerational family relationships for refugees.

The successful application will demonstrate extensive knowledge of, and comprehensive experience working with, refugee communities in providing services or access to services to refugees. The successful application also will demonstrate knowledge of marriage enrichment organizations, both national and in the local communities of sub-grantees.

Category 2 Review Criteria—Category 2 applications will be reviewed and rated based on the following criteria:

1. Organizational Profiles (30 points)—Application demonstrates an extensive knowledge of and comprehensive experience working with local entities, including faith-based and community organizations. Application includes letters of support that demonstrate the organization's strong relationship with the local refugee community groups and

relationship with marriage enrichment programs. Individual staff position descriptions, volunteer positions, consultants and coalition organizations are appropriate to the goals of the project. The administrative and management features of the project, including a monitoring and technical assistance plan for program and fiscal activities, are adequately described. The applicant provides a copy of its most recent audit report.

2. Objectives and Need for Assistance (20 points)—Applicant (a) fully and clearly describes the need for activities to support and strengthen refugee marriages, (b) demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of the refugee experience in local U.S. communities and demonstrates access to agencies that have relationships with refugees, including faith-based and community organizations, (c) clearly understands the marriage enrichment concept and can effectively integrate it with the activities of local refugee community-based organizations, and (d) proposes establishing a coalition with marriage enrichment organizations at the local level for purposes of providing marriage education services to the refugee community.

3. Approach (20 points)—The proposed approach for the cooperative agreement and awarding of sub-grants is fully and clearly described. The strategy and plan demonstrate the ability to achieve the proposed results. The proposed communities and the resident refugee groups along with strategies for recruiting them into the program are described in detail. Timeframes are reasonable and feasible. The proposed activities are likely to lead to the desired results, *i.e.*, healthy families among refugee communities.

4. Results or Benefits Expected (20 points)—Applicant describes outcomes that are consistent with the goals of marriage enrichment programs for refugee families. The outcomes are likely to be reached through the proposed activities. Proposed outcomes are measurable and achievable within the grant project.

5. Budget and Budget Justification (10 points)—The budget and narrative justification are reasonable, clearly presented, and cost-effective in relation to the proposed activities and anticipated results. Approximately 90 percent of the funding is expended at the local level. The budget contains no more than one FTE at the national level.

Category 3—Refugee Family Enrichment Projects for Elderly and Youth

Category 3 Purpose and Objectives: ORR is interested in funding 20 or more

public or private agencies, including faith-based or community organizations to aid the elderly in accessing appropriate services and to work with youth to promote healthy development. Programs should focus on unmet needs and not duplicate or supplant programs available under any other Federal source of funding.

The successful applicant must demonstrate extensive knowledge of and comprehensive experience in working with refugee communities in providing specialized services to the youth and elderly and promoting access to mainstream services for refugees.

The specific services proposed may be as diverse as the refugee populations and the resettlement communities themselves. Proposed activities and services should be planned in conjunction with mainstream service providers and should provide linkages to these services. ORR is particularly interested in projects that are planned and implemented through coalitions with community-based organizations and local service providers. Such projects would address refugee needs for cultural and linguistic access to services, and would work with their refugee community members to help the elderly to access appropriate services, or with youth, to promote healthy development and adjustment.

Category 3 Allowable Activities—ORR is interested in applications in which an applicant addresses, based on an analysis of service needs and available resources, the difficulties which refugee elderly and youth face. The goals and expected outcomes of activities should be clearly stated and should respond to the particular needs of the elderly and youth in refugee families. The application should clearly outline how the agency will accomplish the goals and how the proposed activity fits into the existing network of services.

An application may include activities for youth, the elderly, or a combination thereof. ORR seeks to support local communities in finding innovative approaches that fit the unique needs of families in different communities. Projects may be designed to adapt contemporary American approaches to traditional practices and cultural settings. Applicants may propose activities that include, but are not limited to, the following:

Elderly

- Develop or implement programs or provide linkages to existing local programs that enable older refugees to live independently as long as possible.
- Provide services that meet the needs of older refugees, such as