

outreach, information, referrals, follow-up, nutrition programs (both congregate and home delivered), and transportation to senior centers or medical appointments.

- Conduct outreach to locate and inform elderly refugees of the existence of services in their community.

- Provide transportation services.

- Conduct case management.

- Provide services and/or information and referral to appropriate services that offer in-home care, adult day care, institutionalized care, and State Nursing Home Ombudsmen.

- Offer programs or provide linkages to existing programs that prevent or discourage the abuse of elderly refugees.

- Offer English tutoring or home-based English language training for homebound refugees.

- Provide employment support services, especially with agencies involved with the Older American Act, Title V Senior Employment Programs.

- Provide linkages to caregiver programs.

- Help elderly become naturalized.

Youth

- Conduct workshops for parents and youth on dating and gender cultural norms in the U.S.

- Help students negotiate the school system, familiarizing them with the school rules and fostering better communication between youth, administrators, counselors, mentors and tutors.

- Support or foster parental outreach programs that involve refugee parents in their children's education to help them understand school life.

- Provide youth employment support services.

- Provide after-school tutorials focused on helping students understand and complete assignments.

- Conduct programs that encourage high school completion and full participation in school activities.

- Conduct after-school activities that foster engagement in constructive activities.

- Conduct cognitive enrichment programs to bridge the gap between refugee students' intellectual abilities and the elements of school and curriculum that are culture-based.

Category 3 Review Criteria—Category 3 applications will be reviewed and rated based on the following criteria:

1. Organizational Profiles (25 points)—Application demonstrates a history, in-depth experience with, and access to, local refugee communities. Individual staff position descriptions, volunteer positions, consultants and coalition organizations are appropriate

to the goals of the project. Application includes letters of support that demonstrate the organization's ability to accomplish, with appropriate partnerships with community organizations, the purpose and objectives of the application. 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)—The application clearly describes the youth or elderly refugees' physical, economic, social, financial, institutional and/or other issues requiring a solution. The need for assistance must be demonstrated and the objectives of the project must be clearly stated. The application clearly describes how funding through this program will meet those needs.

3. Results or Benefits Expected (20 points)—The applicant fully and clearly describes the results and benefits to be achieved. The applicant identifies how improvement will be measured on key indicators for the well-being of refugee elderly and youth and provides milestones indicating progress. Proposed outcomes are tangible and achievable within the grant project period and the proposed monitoring and information collection are adequately planned.

4. Approach (20 points)—The strategy and plan are likely to achieve the proposed results and the proposed activities and timeframes are reasonable and feasible. The proposed activities focus on unmet needs and do not duplicate or supplant programs available under any other Federal source of funding. The plan describes in detail how the proposed activities will be accomplished as well as the potential for the project to have a positive impact on the quality of life for refugee elderly and youth and communities by (1) improving refugees' abilities to access services, providing mutual assistance and creating services where they are not available and (2) instituting change among service providers to make these services more accessible.

5. Budget and Budget Justification (15 points)—The budget and narrative justification are reasonable in relation to the proposed activities and anticipated results. The budget narrative provides justification in relation to the proposed activities and anticipated outcomes.

Part II: The Review Process

Intergovernmental Review—This program is covered under Executive

Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," and 45 CFR Part 100, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Programs and Activities." Under the Order, States may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposed Federal assistance under covered programs.

* All States and Territories except Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming, and Palau have elected not to participate in the Executive Order process. Applicants from these twenty-seven jurisdictions need take no action regarding E.O. 12372. Applicants for projects to be administered by federally-recognized Indian Tribes are also exempt from the requirements of E.O. 12372. Applicants should contact their Single-Points-of-Contact (SPOC) as soon as possible to alert them of the prospective applications and receive any necessary instructions. Applicants from participating jurisdictions must submit any required material to the SPOCs as soon as possible so that the program office can obtain and review SPOC comments as part of the award process. The applicant must submit all required materials, if any, to the SPOC and indicate the date of this submittal (the date of contact) on the Standard Form 424, item 16a.

Under 45 CFR 100.8(a)(2), a SPOC has 30 days from the application deadline to comment on proposed new or competing continuation awards. SPOCs are encouraged to eliminate the submission of routine endorsements as official recommendations. Additionally, SPOCs are requested to clearly differentiate between mere advisory comments and those official State process recommendations that may trigger the "accommodate or explain" rule.

When comments are submitted directly to ACF, they should be addressed to: Grants Management Officer, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., 4th floor, Washington DC, 20447.

A list of the Single Points of Contact for each participating State and Territory can be found on the web at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>.

Initial ACF Screening—Each application submitted under this program announcement will undergo a pre-review to determine that (1) the application was received by the closing date and submitted in accordance with the instructions in this announcement;