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Subject: NonSubstantive Change Request – Ethnic Community Self-Help (ECSH) Program
Data Indicators (OMB #0970-0490)

This memo requests approval of nonsubstantive changes to the approved information collection under the ACF Generic for Performance Progress Reports (OMB #0970-0490): Ethnic Community Self-Help (ECSH) Program Data Indicators.

Background

The ECSH Data Indicators is used to collect information on grantees' performance on a semi-annual basis. The data is used to help ORR assess the progress of the ECSH Program in terms of three main objectives¹.

The Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (AUSAA) authorizes ORR to provide resettlement assistance and other benefits available for refugees to specific Ukrainian populations and other non-Ukrainian individuals in response to their displacement from Ukraine and entry into the United States. The current OMB approved Performance Progress Report (PPR) form for the Ethnic Community Self-Help (ECSH) Program has already been collecting eligible immigration status or category of individual. There is no existing option available to accurately capture the newly authorized Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees (UHP) population. ORR is requesting to add the UHP option to the existing OMB approved forms. ORR also requests to replace the term 'grantee' with 'recipient' as guided by the Office of Grants Policy.

Overview of Requested Changes

ORR requests to add "Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee" as a new option under the existing section: "6. Number of Clients Served According to Status" for more accurate reporting. The Instructions has been updated to reflect the inclusion and the definition of UHP to improve clarity of instructions.

¹ Objectives include: 1) to strengthen ECBOs' provision of culturally and linguistically appropriate services to refugees within five years after their initial resettlement; 2) to support ECBOs' organizational development and engagement in capacity building by encouraging their collaboration with established refugee service providers and mainstream organizations; and 3) to support ECBOs in promoting community building and civic participation by refugee individuals and refugee community members

ORR also requests to replace the term ‘grantee’ with ‘recipient’, as guided by the Office of Grants Policy, on both the data collection form and throughout the Instruction for consistency and accuracy. Finally, ORR requests to correct a misspelling: “6f. Amerasians” on the data collection form.

Time Sensitivities

Ukrainian humanitarian parolees became newly eligible for applicable ORR benefits and services starting May 21, 2022, or the individual’s date of humanitarian parole, whichever is later. Without a timely approval on adding this newly authorized eligibility type and immigration status/category for the data collection form, ORR is unable to ensure accurate data collection and reporting on services provided to the Ukrainian humanitarian parolees.