

The Office of Refugee Resettlement invites you to share your expertise in working with refugees or in refugee resettlement by reviewing applications for future discretionary grants.

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), founded on the belief that newly arriving populations have inherent capabilities when given opportunities, provides people in need with critical resources to assist them in becoming self-sufficient and integrated members of American society. ORR provides assistance to refugees and other eligible persons via collaboration with a nationwide network of voluntary agencies, State partners, mutual assistance associations, and faith and community-based organizations. ORR looks to these entities to propose relevant and innovative methods to better serve such diverse and unique populations, through a broad range of discretionary grant programs.

Your role as a reviewer is crucial in helping ORR determine which applicant can best meet the needs of the populations it serves. ORR seeks reviewers with experience in the following program areas:

- [Agricultural Partnership](#)
- [Anti-Trafficking in Persons](#)
- [Cuban and Haitian Entrants](#)
- [Ethnic Community Self-Help](#)
- [Individual Development Accounts](#)
- [Matching Grant](#)
- [Microenterprise Development Programs](#)
- [Preferred Communities](#)
- [Preventive Health](#)
- [School Impact](#)
- [Services for Survivors of Torture](#)
- [Services to Older Refugees](#)
- [Supplemental Services to Newly Arriving Refugees](#)
- [Targeted Assistance](#)
- [Training and Technical Assistance](#)
- [Unaccompanied Children's Services](#)
- [Unaccompanied Refugee Minors](#)
- [Wilson/Fish](#)

The Review Process

ORR conducts an electronic, remote panel review process lasting two (2) to three (3) weeks. The panel review process consists of three reviewers on a panel evaluating up to 15 applications per panel. A schedule will be determined based on the program and will be forwarded to all selected reviewers.

- Reviewers are required to conduct an online tutorial of the Application Review Module (ARM) to become more familiar with the electronic remote review process.
- All reviewers are required to participate in a mandatory orientation via conference call, in which the Program Manager highlights specific programmatic components for reviewers and emphasizes the requirements detailed in the funding opportunity announcement.
- The panel chairperson will convene a panel discussion after a specified number of applications have been individually reviewed and/or upon conclusion of the individual review of all of the assigned applications.
- The panel discussion(s) are held remotely via conference call and all reviewers have the opportunity to discuss the merits of the application per the evaluation criteria.
- Upon conclusion of the final panel discussion, reviewers are required to submit all signed, original forms to ORR, and properly dispose of all materials related to the panel review process.
- Eligible reviewers will receive a small honorarium upon final submission of all signed, original forms.

Reviewer Selection and Notification

There is no preference for the selection of reviewers based on race, ethnicity, religion, age or organization or institutional affiliation; however, former refugees are encouraged to apply. ORR will maintain confidentiality and safeguard personal information of individuals serving as reviewers including, but not limited to, names, credentials, affiliations, and any honorarium payments received as a result of his/her participation as a reviewer.

To be considered as a reviewer for an ORR program/funding opportunity announcement, please submit your curriculum vitae/résumé (indicating if you have served on previous panel reviews for ORR) via email to ORRreviewers@acf.hhs.gov. ORR staff will contact only those deemed eligible to participate in the review process.

We appreciate your interest in ORR programs and look forward to working with you on future panel reviews.

For questions or additional information about the review process, please contact ORRreviewers@acf.hhs.gov. To learn more about ORR and its grant programs, please visit www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ORR/.