



Afghan Placement and Assistance (APA) Program

Certain Afghan nationals at risk who were granted humanitarian parole into the United States are eligible for the U.S. Department of State's Afghan Placement and Assistance (APA) Program.

The Department of Defense is providing temporary housing facilities for SIV applicants and certain other Afghan nationals at eight Safe Havens: Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia; Fort Pickett, Virginia; Fort Lee, Virginia; Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico; Fort McCoy, Wisconsin; Fort Bliss, Texas; Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey; and Camp Atterbury, Indiana. While on these bases, these Afghans will complete medical screenings, apply for work authorization, and will be matched with a resettlement agency in local communities across the country. Placement of individuals in local communities prioritizes reunification with U.S.-based family or friends and considers the needs and characteristics of each case, as well as the suitability and capacity of the community to receive them. The location of the Safe Haven does not play a role in determining where an individual will be placed.

The purpose of the APA Program is to provide certain Afghans granted parole with initial relocation services for 30 to 90 days after arrival as they begin to rebuild their lives in the United States. These services are provided through local refugee resettlement agencies and community partners. A one-time per capita amount of \$2,275 is provided to the resettlement agencies, of which \$1,225 is available for agencies to use to fund critical direct assistance needs such as housing and basic necessities, including food, clothing, and furnishings during the first 30-90 days in their new communities. Services include cultural orientation, assistance with enrollment in English language services as eligible, assistance with school enrollment, access to immigration assistance, and referral to other social, medical, and employment services, as eligible.

As with resettlement, the APA Program is at its core a public-private partnership. Resettlement agencies conduct extensive engagement with local communities to develop resources and support. Potential donors and volunteers can email AfghanPartnerships@state.gov or go to welcome.us to register their support, learn how to get involved, and become connected with organizations working to help meet needs.

APA Resettlement Agencies

CWS: Church World Services
ECDC: Ethiopian Community Development Council
EMM: Episcopal Migration Ministries
HIAS
IRC: International Rescue Committee
LIRS: Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
USCCB: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
USCRI: U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
WR: World Relief