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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AWARD OF A SINGLE-SOURCE PROGRAM EXPANSION SUPPLEMENT GRANT TO HEARTLAND HUMAN CARE SERVICES IN CHICAGO, IL

AGENCY:

ACTION:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AWARD OF A SINGLE-SOURCE PROGRAM EXPANSION SUPPLEMENT TO HEARTLAND HUMAN CARE SERVICES (HHCS) TO SUPPORT EXPANDED SERVICES TO FOREIGN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS, POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING VICTIMS, AND CERTAIN FAMILY MEMBERS.

SUMMARY:

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) announces the award of a single-source program expansion supplement grant to Heartland Human Care Services in Chicago, Illinois, for a total of $144,822.

The supplemental funding will ensure that clients’ essential needs, such as housing, transportation, communication, food, and medical care, will be met.

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The National Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (NHTVAP) provides funding for comprehensive case management services to victims of trafficking and certain family members on a per capita basis. The NHTVAP grantees help clients gain access to housing, employability services, mental health screening and therapy, medical care, and some legal services. During FY 2015, a grantee, Heartland Human Care Services (HHCS), served more clients than it had planned for in its budget for the year. Without the additional funding, HHCS would have to make significant cuts in services to current clients and limit the enrollment of new clients. With the supplemental funding, HHCS will be able to ensure that all of the clients’ essential needs will be met.


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Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects: Application for Grants to States.
Title: State Access and Visitation Grant Application.
OMB No.: 0970–NEW.
Description: The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) created the “Grants to States for Access and Visitation” program (AV grant program). Funding for the program began in FY 1997 with a capped, annual entitlement of $10 million. The statutory goal of the program is to provide funds to states that will enable them to provide services for the purpose of increasing noncustodial parent (NCP) access to and visitation with their children. State governors decide which state entity will be responsible for implementing the AV grant program in addition to determining who will be served, what services will be provided, and whether the services will be statewide or in local jurisdictions. The statute specifies certain activities which may be funded including: Voluntary and mandatory mediation, counseling, education, the development of parenting plans, supervised visitation, and the development of guidelines for visitation and alternative custody arrangements. Even though OCSE manages this program, the funding for the AV grant is separate from funding for federal and state administration of the Child Support program.

Section 469B(e)(3) of the Social Security Act (Pub. L. 104–193) requires that each state receiving an AV grant award shall monitor, evaluate and report on such programs in accordance with regulations. Additionally, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, states that there is an application requirement for Grants to States for Access and Visitation Programs (93.597). The application process will assist OCSE in complying with this requirement and will reflect a greater emphasis on program efficiency, coordination of services, and increased attention to family safety.

The application will require states to submit a program plan, indicating how they anticipate spending their funds within the program statute and regulations. The applications will cover three fiscal years and any changes made to the plan during the three year period will require a notification of change to OCSE.

OCSE will review the applications to ensure that planned services meet the requirements laid out in Section 469B(e)(3) of the Social Security Act (Pub. L. 104–193). This review will include monitoring of program compliance and the safe delivery of services. In addition to monitoring, the report will also assist in OCSE’s ability to provide technical assistance to states that would like assistance.

Respondents: Recipients of the Access & Visitation Grant (54 states and territories).

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