

General Federal Benefit Eligibility for Populations with Humanitarian Parole

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For this resource, “parolee” refers to those granted parole under § 212(d)(5)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, rather than conditional parole under § 236(a)(2)(B).

Benefit / Program	Population				
	Afghan Parolee (with valid entry date)	Ukrainian Parolee (with valid entry date)	Cuban/Haitian Parolee	Venezuelan/Nicaraguan Parolee	Other Nationality with Parole
Protection from removal	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eligibility for work authorization	✓*	✓*	✓	✓	✓
Reception and Placement (R&P) Program Immediate resettlement assistance for newly arrived refugees, SIVs, and Amerasians resettled through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Afghan Placement and Assistance (APA) Program [Discontinued] Immediate resettlement assistance for newly arrived Afghan parolees who do not meet the eligibility criteria for the R&P program.	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Matching Grant (MG) Program Assists ORR eligible populations to overcome barriers and become economically self-sufficient within 180-days.	✓	✓	✓**	✗	✗
Preferred Communities (PC) Program Supports ORR eligible populations with challenging needs that require special attention, including those with serious medical conditions, women at risk, and elderly refugees.	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Afghan Supplemental PC Program Provides legal and other integration support to eligible Afghan parolees.	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
PC Intake and Referral for Ukrainians (PC-IRU) Program 90-day program providing intake, screening, and referral services to eligible Ukrainians.	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
Refugee Support Services (RSS) Provides employability services and other services to address barriers to employment.	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Time-limited cash assistance and other support services for qualifying low-income individuals with dependent children.	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) Similar program to TANF for those who do not qualify for TANF (e.g., single adults).	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Medical Assistance: Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) or Medicaid Medicaid: Health care coverage for qualifying low-income individuals. RMA: Program similar to Medicaid for those who are not eligible for Medicaid.	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Food assistance for qualifying low-income individuals.	✓	✓	✓	✗***	✗***
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Cash assistance to low-income individuals who are elderly, blind, or disabled.	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Resources	Policy Letter 22-01	Policy Letter 22-13	Fact Sheet	Dear Colleague Letter 23-13	

*Employment authorized incident to status. See more from [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services](#).

**For the USCCB network, enrollment is limited to those with an Employment Authorization Document or those who have applied for employment authorization under the c(11) category.

***Unless a child under the age of 18 or one of several other conditions apply. See more from the [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#).

Individuals may also be eligible for Temporary Protected Status (TPS), which would allow them to maintain lawful presence and work authorization beyond their parole period. See [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services](#) for current designations, eligibility criteria, and registration instructions.