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**Refugee School Impact Grant
AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT**

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Refugee Programs Bureau (RPB) is pleased to announce the tentative list of school districts successful in receiving funding under the Refugee School Impact Grant (RSIG) for federal fiscal year 2012-13 under the Request for Application (RFA) issued on January 7, 2013:

Tentative RSIG Grantees	Funding Amount
Cajon Valley Unified School District, San Diego County	\$150,000
Grossmont Union High School District, San Diego County	\$150,000
Oakland Unified School District, Alameda County	\$150,000
East Side Union High School District, Santa Clara County	\$138,000
Glendale Unified School District, Los Angeles County	\$132,000
San Juan Unified School District, Sacramento County	\$120,000
Sacramento City Unified School District, Sacramento County	\$100,000
State Administration Cost	\$60,000
TOTAL	\$ 1,000,000

The CDSS was successful in attaining funding for the first of a two-year funding cycle under the RSIG, which is funded by the United States (U.S.) Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement. The CDSS had been awarded \$1,000,000 for the first year covering September 15, 2012 through August 14, 2013. Only school districts in the following counties are eligible to submit an RFA: Alameda, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento, San Diego, and Santa Clara.

The RSIG's primary focus is to assist refugee school age students who have been in the U.S. three years or less to improve their academic performance and social adjustment to schools through such activities as supplemental English language instruction, after-school tutoring programs focused on helping refugee students

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understand and complete assignments, after-school/summer programs that support remedial work or promote school readiness, and parental involvement programs.

During the last grant cycle (2010-12), the California RSIG Program provided services to over 4,700 refugee students in five school districts in four counties (Santa Clara, Sacramento, Oakland, and Alameda) which were awarded \$1,900,000 in federal funding. Refugee students were provided with English language instruction; after school programs designed to assist student in completing assignments; educational counseling; and assistance with remedial school work, translating, and understanding new technologies. As a result, 92 percent of RSIG students improved regarding completing grade level requirements; 62 percent of students improved in their English scores; and 53 percent of RSIG students improved their math scores.

Under the RSIG RFA, an applicant who was not selected to receive funding may file an appeal of the tentative grant award decisions for the RSIG RFA. The appeal must be sent by registered mail and postmarked no later than **5:00 PM, March 6, 2013** (five business days after the announcement of the tentative RSIG grantee awards). Only non-funded applicants that met the technical requirements of the RFA and were scored by the CDSS may file an appeal.

All RSIG application information is considered public record unless exempted in the Information Practices Act of 1977 and the California Public Records Act (CPRA). Due to privacy laws, personal information will be redacted from all public records prior to public review in order to protect the privacy rights of individuals. As part of the CPRA, the public, including all applicants, have the right to inspect and/or obtain copies of the RSIG applications and the scoring instrument used in selecting the final RSIG grantees, subject to any exemptions under the CPRA.

Please refer to the RSIG RFA document for detailed information on the appeal and CPRA processes at the following webpage:

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/refugeeprogram/res/pdf/RFA/2012RSIG-RFA.pdf>

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Sincerely,

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