

What Does Federal R&P Money Cover?

R&P money is provided by the federal government to ensure that refugees' basic needs are met upon arrival. It is expected of all groups that this money will be spent on the following items, for which these reimbursable expenses are explained below:

- **Rent**
First month in full and partial rental assistance for subsequent months according to the [IRIS Financial Assistance Policy](#).
- **Renter's Insurance**
First month *if required by the landlord*
- **Pocket Money**
\$50 will be given to each adult (anyone 18 or older) and \$25 *for each child* will be given to the PA. The amount given for initial food allocation at arrival depends on family size (see below)
- **Initial Food Allocation at Arrival**
In addition to providing pocket money as described above, a cash payment to supplement initial groceries provided is given based on family size (see below)
- **Second Food Allocation**
To be provided to the family one week after arrival, where amount depends on family size (see below). The appropriate amount should be given to the family if their DSS cash and SNAP are not activated by their second week or subsequent weeks thereafter (rare).
- **Cell Phone**
Cell phone itself and one month of service up to \$60
- **Bus Passes**
(Up to 90 days' worth, if applicable)
- **Initial Groceries**
4-5 days' worth at time of arrival - specific amounts depending on family size (see below)
- **Utilities**
First 30 days of gas and/or electric service. \$100 maximum for oil.
- **Over-The-Counter Medications**
Only if prescribed
- **New Mattresses and Box Springs**
Up to \$150 for twin and \$200 for full/queen
- **Bedframes**
Up to \$70 each
- **Furniture Items (as listed on [Home Supply List](#))**
Up to \$50 per person

- **Linens and Related Supplies (as listed on the [Home Supply List](#))**
Up to \$20 per person
 - **Kitchen Items (as listed on the [Home Supply List](#))**
Up to \$20 per person
 - **Toiletries (as listed on the [Home Supply List](#))**
Up to \$10 per person
 - **Cleaning Supplies (as listed on the [Home Supply List](#))**
Up to \$10 per person
 - **Car Seats**
Up to \$25 for booster, \$75 for infant, \$60 for toddler/intermediate
 - **Culturally Appropriate Hot Meal for Day of Arrival**
Specific amounts depending on the size of the family (see below)
 - **Clothing**
\$50 per person
 - **Baby Items (as listed on the [Home Supply List](#))**
Up to \$50 per baby
- Crib or Pack-N-Play**
Up to \$100

| Family Size | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Groceries | \$60 | \$90 | \$115 | \$140 | \$160 | \$180 | \$200 | \$220 |
| Hot Meal | \$15 | \$25 | \$30 | \$35 | \$40 | \$45 | \$50 | \$55 |
| Initial Food Allocation at Arrival | \$20 | \$30 | \$40 | \$45 | \$53 | \$60 | \$67 | \$73 |
| Second Food Allocation | \$45 | \$83 | \$119 | \$151 | \$180 | \$216 | \$238 | \$273 |

Your group is responsible for providing all of these items and must submit receipts for reimbursement in a timely manner. **Car seats, mattresses, and toiletries must be new.** All other items can be used in good condition. You will notice that the amounts that can be reimbursed are relatively low. The reason for this is that it is our expectation that your group will make every effort to reduce costs by finding donated items and the most inexpensive items when necessary.

Examples of Co-Sponsorship Rental Assistance Only

Refugee family of four (4), no English, two (2) children, health issues.

IRIS decides they need 5 months of rental support.

- 2BR apartment rent is **\$1,200/month**
- R&P (Welcome Money) = 4(\$925) = **\$3,700**
Used for initial expenses such as cell phones, food, bus passes, over-the-counter (OTC) medications.
- TFA = approximately **\$700/month**

| | Month 1* | Month 2 | Month 3 | Month 4 | Month 5 | Month 6 | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Federal R&P**funds | 1,200 | 600 | 600 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,400 |
| State / TFA | | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 1,750 |
| Cosponsor Subsidy | 1,200 | 250 | 250 | 850 | 850 | 0 | 3,400 |
| | | <i>security deposit</i> | | | | | |
| Job income | | | | | | 850 | 850 |
| Total | 2,400 | 1200 | 1200 | 1200 | 1200 | 1200 | \$8,400 |

*Cosponsor responsible for security deposit, R&P will cover first month's rent

**Also covers pocket money, utilities and cell phone, plus bus passes (about \$700)

Refugee family of four (4), no English, healthy.

IRIS decides they need 4 months of rental support.

- 2BR apartment rent is **\$1,000/month**
- R&P (Welcome Money) = 4(\$925) = **\$3,700**
- TFA = approximately **\$700/month**

| Funding sources | Month 1* | Month 2 | Month 3 | Month 4 | Month 5 | Month 6 | Total |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Federal | 1,000 | 650 | 650 | 350 | 0 | 0 | 2,650 |
| R&P**funds | <i>Rent</i> | | | | | | |
| State Assistance/ TFA | | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 1,750 |
| Co-sponsor subsidy | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 300 | 0 | 0 | 1,300 |
| | <i>security deposit</i> | | | | | | |
| Job income | | | | | 650 | 650 | 1,300 |
| Total | 2,000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 7,000 |

*Cosponsor responsible for security deposit, R&P will cover first month's rent

**Also covers first month of pocket money, utilities and cell phone, plus bus passes (approximately \$700)

Pocket money and food allocations for the family to use until they receive their DSS cash (TFA) and SNAP, which can take 2-3 weeks. As noted in the finance section, this is to be given to the refugee in cash. The member of your group who made the cash withdrawal should keep her/his slip/receipt and submit for reimbursement from the refugee's R&P account.

Pocket Money is only provided at arrival based on the number of adults (18+) and children in the family. \$50 is given to each adult and \$25 is given to the PA for each child. Initial food allocation is given in cash with the pocket money at arrival based on family size (please refer to the chart under "What Does R&P Money Cover?" in the preceding Finance Section for amount).

The second food allocation to be disbursed one week after arrival and the following week if needed (i.e., if they have not received their TFA/SNAP by then).