



## 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. The amount is \$1,125 per individual. 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 is paid in full by the group 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 \$30 *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 SNAP benefits are not activated by their second week or subsequent weeks thereafter (rare).
- **Cell Phone**  
Cell phone itself and one month of service up to \$100
- **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. \$150 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
- **Bed Frames**  
Up to \$70 each
- **Furniture Items (as listed on the R&P Permanent Housing Home Supply list found on the [Co-Sponsors' Resources](#) page under Pre & Post Arrival Required Documents)**  
Up to \$50 per person
- **Linens and Related Supplies (as listed on the R&P Permanent Housing Home Supply List)**  
Up to \$20 per person
- **Kitchen Items (as listed on the R&P Permanent Housing Home Supply List)**  
Up to \$20 per person
- **Toiletries (as listed on the R&P Permanent Housing Home Supply List)**  
Up to \$10 per person
- **Cleaning Supplies (as listed on the R&P Permanent Housing 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 R&P Permanent Housing Home Supply List)**  
Up to \$50 per baby
- **Crib or Pack-N-Play**  
Up to \$100

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.

## Initial Groceries, First Food Allocation, Second Food Allocation and Culturally Appropriate Hot Meal

Federal R&P Funds should also be used for the first few weeks of groceries the family will need before their SNAP funds are in place as well as for the culturally appropriate hot meal. The chart below outlines how the funds should be allocated depending on family size.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	+ addl
<b>Groceries</b>	\$80	\$120	\$140	\$160	\$180	\$200	\$220	\$240	\$20
<b>Hot Meal</b>	\$30	\$30	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$50	\$50	\$70 (8-10)	\$20
<b>Initial Food Allocation at Arrival</b>	\$50	\$70	\$90	\$100	\$110	\$120	\$130	\$140	\$15
<b>Second Food Allocation</b>	\$100	\$140	\$185	\$235	\$279	\$335	\$370	\$427	\$57

Food allocations are given to the family weekly until they receive their SNAP benefits, which usually takes 2-3 weeks. Some families experience delays when applying for DSS benefits due to backlogs in the system that happen from time-to-time. The payments should continue throughout such delays as outlined, but notify your Community Sponsor Coach (CSC) if delays persist beyond three weeks time. These allocations are to be given to the refugee in cash. The member of your group who made the cash withdrawal should keep the slip/receipt and submit it for reimbursement from the refugee's R&P account. Adult members should sign the receipt when they are given the cash.

Pocket Money is provided every other week based on the number of adults (18+) and children in the family. *This should not be confused with the food allocations. Pocket money is a separate payment given bi-weekly.* \$50 is given to each adult and \$30 is given to the PA for each child. The initial food allocation is given in cash with the first pocket money payment at arrival based on family size as indicated in the chart above.

The second food allocation is disbursed one week after arrival and the following week if needed (i.e., if they have not received their SNAP benefits by then). Please alert your CSC if SNAP benefits are delayed beyond week 3 after arrival.