U.S. Refugee Resettlement Funding Recommendations

*as of 12/15/15*

- Underwrite community outreach, education, and communications efforts that address misinformation and misperceptions about refugees; highlight their contributions; and promote a welcoming environment to facilitate their long-term integration. Special effort is needed to address anti-Muslim sentiment.

- Fund policy and advocacy related work to ensure protection of rights and adequate government resources to support successful resettlement and lay the foundation for long-term successful integration.

- Enhance capacity of state and local programs to meet the basic needs of refugees during the initial phase of resettlement as well as long-term integration programs. Priorities should be for early housing support, mental health services, employment training, English language class, mutual support networks and capacity to provide translation and interpretation services to non-English speaking refugees.

- Address the particular needs of women and children who represent the majority of refugee admissions, as well as other populations with unique needs including people with disabilities and LGBT refugees.

- Fund training for teachers, healthcare staff, and other professionals to help them understand and respond to the needs of resettled refugees.

- Support short-term evaluations to identify effective program models and longitudinal research to assess the effectiveness of resettlement programs, track long-term integration outcomes, and evaluate the impact the refugees on receiving communities.

*This document will be updated periodically.*