Refugee Resettlement and Public Assistance

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Refugee Resettlement and Public Assistance Presentation

• Information regarding primary and secondary refugee resettlement in Stearns County
• Stearns County’s role in administering public assistance programs
• Benefit disbursements by program
• Fiscal impact of refugee resettlement
• Public health services to newly arrived refugees
Definition of Refugee

A person who has been forced to flee his/her homeland and is unable to return because she or he has experienced persecution or has a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, member of a social group or political opinion.

- Primary Refugees – Stearns County is their first location
- Secondary Refugees – moved to Stearns County from a different U.S. location
Refugee Status in the U.S.

- “Refugee” is a distinct U.S. immigration status
- Refugee status granted prior to arrival in U.S. after completion of an extensive screening
- Path to citizenship (5 years)
- Protected from being deported (except in some instances of criminal activity)
Prior to Arrival

• Refugees frequently stay in camps on average of 17–20 years, where living conditions are often unsafe and unhygienic.

• Less than 1% of refugees are permanently resettled in any given year.
Primary Refugee Arrivals

Minnesota Arrivals in 2017

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<td>Hennepin</td>
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<td>Stearns</td>
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<td>Anoka</td>
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<td>Kandiyohi</td>
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<td>Olmsted</td>
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Source: Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Refugee Health Report 2017
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Source: Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Refugee Health Report 2017
Primary Refugees

- Refugees receive a federal loan for travel expenses to US to be paid back within 42 months
- Refugees receive a one-time federal grant of $1,175 per person to cover initial expenses in the primary resettlement location that must be used within 90 days of arrival
- Lutheran Social Service of MN receives $1,000 per individual to provide resettlement services
  - These funds are limited to the same 90-day period described above. All resettlement services, including funds, must be used within 90 days of a refugee’s arrival to the United States.
- These benefits are not part of the county budget

Sources: Lutheran Social Service of MN and State Dept. ([https://www.state.gov/j/prm/ra/](https://www.state.gov/j/prm/ra/))
• Transitioning to life in USA is difficult
• Public assistance benefits do not cover basic living costs
• Need to enter workforce as soon as possible
• Community customs are challenging to understand at first
• Refugees fled horrific and dangerous conditions – usually from war-torn countries
• Refugees mostly arrive in Stearns County as secondary refugees to be reunited and supported by family and friends
• Refugees are eligible residents for public assistance benefits the same as any other lawful resident
Stearns County has a responsibility for benefit eligibility determination but no authority over benefit design, amount, or eligibility criteria.
Stearns County Administered Public Assistance Programs and Services

**Federally Funded Programs***:
- Medical Assistance (MA)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- MN Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)

**State Funded Programs***:
- Group Residential Housing Program (GRH)
- General Assistance Program (GA)
- Minnesota Supplemental Assistance Program (MSA)

**County Funded Programs**:
- Interpreter Services
- Public Health Coordination of Refugee Health Assessments

* This is not an exhaustive list of the federal and state funded programs
Benefits Issued in Stearns County

Stearns County Administered Disbursements
Human Services Programs
December 2017
Source: DHS MAXIS Reports

Programs included: Medical Assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, MN Family Investment Program, Refugee Cash Assistance, Group Residential Housing, General Assistance, MN Supplemental Aid, Interpreter Services, Public Health Coordination of Refugee Health Assessments

Source: DHS MAXIS Reports December 2017
## Federal Program Benefits Provided in Stearns County

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<td><strong>Medical Assistance</strong> (MA): is Minnesota's largest health care insurance program for income eligible children and families, pregnant women, adults without children, seniors and people who are blind or have a disability.</td>
<td>$19,538,660</td>
<td>92.58%</td>
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<td><strong>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):</strong> Formerly known as food stamps, provides support to help food budget, not intended to meet all household needs</td>
<td>$1,069,098</td>
<td>5.07%</td>
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<td><strong>Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP):</strong> Helps families with children meet basic needs, while helping parents move to financial stability</td>
<td>$494,839</td>
<td>2.34%</td>
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<td><strong>Refugee Cash Assistance Program (RCA):</strong> Newly arrived refugee adults with no minor children (primarily senior or young adults) qualify for funds provided by the Refugee Resettlement Program for a limited 8 months after arrival (to qualify, these adults must be eligible for MFIP or SSI)</td>
<td>$2,337</td>
<td>0.01%</td>
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* Paid to local employers such as hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and pharmacies

Source: DHS MAXIS Reports December 2017
Medical Assistance (MA)

- Center for Medicaid & Medicare Services
- Medical Assistance is Minnesota's largest health care insurance program for income eligible children and families, pregnant women, adults without children, seniors and people who are blind or have a disability.
- This is not Medicare – Medicare is for over 65 and typically retired persons
- Medical Assistance is by far the largest percentage of benefits that we administer on behalf of the Federal and State government
- Affordable Care Act 2010 – effectively expanded healthcare for adults and children
## State Program Benefits Provided in Stearns County

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<td>$364,122</td>
<td>53.13%</td>
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<td>MN Family Investment Program (MFIP)</td>
<td>$193,224</td>
<td>28.19%</td>
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<td>General Assistance, Single Adults (GA)</td>
<td>$71,459</td>
<td>10.42%</td>
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<td>MN Supplemental Aid (MSA)</td>
<td>$56,593</td>
<td>8.26%</td>
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* Paid to Companies such as medical providers, insurance companies, and housing owners

Source: DHS MAXIS Reports December 2017
Employment Success 3-Years After Exiting MFIP by Group in Stearns County

Stearns County MFIP Self-Support Index
2016 – 2017
Source: DHS 4214

- Stearns County: 74.4% (2016) and 71.9% (2017)
- White: 74.7% (2016) and 72.9% (2017)
- African American: 54.5% (2016) and 51.0% (2017)
- Somali: 80.5% (2016) and 78.0% (2017)

Source: DHS 4214 MN Family Investment Program Performance Measures by Racial/Ethnic or Immigrant Group and by County
County Supported Services

• Interpreter Services
  • Mandated by the 1964 Civil Rights Act

• Public Health Coordination of Refugee Health Assessments
  • Mandated by the Minnesota Department of Health for preventing and controlling communicable diseases
# Interpreter Services

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<th>Number of Applications</th>
<th>Number Needing Interpreter</th>
<th>Percent Needing Interpretive Services</th>
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<td>Amharic</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<td>Arabic</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>94%</td>
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<td>ASL</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<td>Burmese</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>50%</td>
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<td>English</td>
<td>18,813</td>
<td>286</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>French</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>Hmong</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Karen</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>Khmer</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>80%</td>
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<td>Laotian</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>Oromo</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>85%</td>
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<td>Somali</td>
<td>2980</td>
<td>2526</td>
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<td>Spanish</td>
<td>227</td>
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<td>Swahili</td>
<td>28</td>
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<td>89%</td>
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<td>Vietnamese</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>44</td>
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<td>9</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>22,235</td>
<td>3,158</td>
<td>14%</td>
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Source: DHS 2011/12 Limited English Proficiency Language and Interpreter Data; Data warehouse
County Supported Services

Stearns County Interpreter Services
Human Services
2013-2017

Source: Human Services Finance and Technology
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Refugee Health Assessments

• While in refugee camps or urban (non-camp) settings, access to health care varies by location.
• Health assessments are required pre-departure
• Once refugee is scheduled for travel to primary location, the resettlement agency notifies MN Dept. of Health (MDH) and local public health (LPH)
Health Status of Primary Refugee Arrivals to MN

• Tuberculosis in about 21% of refugees but is not infectious in most cases
  • A few are active cases, as are some in the our native born population. When this occurs, Public Health provides Direct Observed Therapy to assure the infection is eliminated.

• Parasite infections in 21% of refugees
  • Easily treated

• Hepatitis B infections in 4% of refugees
  • Vaccine preventable

• STIs (syphilis, HIV, chlamydia, gonorrhea) in 1% of refugees
  • Some of these services are billed to Medical Assistance for reimbursement

Source: Minnesota Department of Health, Primary Refugee Arrival Health Screening Data, 2017
• This does not take into account costs that are reimbursed by federal government
There are no county funds budgeted for refugee resettlement specific programs

Refugees contribute to the community workforce and are employed at a very high rate

Refugees bring valuable contributions to our communities, including an eagerness to work and economic strength as consumers and taxpayers

Refugees are eligible to apply for any financial assistance program available to the general public

* = based off of MFIP Self-Support Index
Summary

• County services provided to support the Refugee community are mandated services through the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (interpreters) and through the Department of Health (coordination of health assessments) to ensure prevention of communicable disease

• Public Health departments and community partners work towards the goal of helping all people in their communities obtain and maintain the highest level of health.

• Evidence shows healthy people are more productive citizens – contributing to the good of the community.
Questions?

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Frequently Asked Questions and Answers
FAQ: Refugee National Numbers

How are decisions made and by whom concerning refugee numbers and from which foreign country they originate when destined for resettlement in MN?

• Each September, the President consults with Congress and establishes presidential determination for annual refugee arrivals to the United States

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<th>Number of Refugees Allowed in U.S.</th>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>85,000</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>50,000 (initially set at 110,000)</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>45,000</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>30,000</td>
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• NPR reported in June 2016 that refugee and internally displaced persons now number 65+ million people, for 2017, it is now above 68 million (data collected from UNHCR)

• US Department of State and US Department of Homeland Security decides who gets into the US

Sources: Lutheran Social Service of MN and State Dept. (https://www.state.gov/j/prm/ra/)
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• FACT SHEET: The federal role in immigrant and refugee integration
  www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/07/16/fact-sheet-strengthening-communities-welcoming-all-residents

• US Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Refugee Resettlement
  • Scott Lloyd, Director, Division of Refugee Resettlement
    www.acf.hhs.gov/about/leadership/scott-lloyd

• US Department of State – Bureau of Population, Refugees, & Migration
  www.state.gov/j/ prm/

• US Department of Homeland Security
  • FACT SHEET: The United States Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) Consultation & Worldwide Processing Priorities
FAQ: Refugee Local Numbers

Who is involved in deciding the specific number of refugees assigned to Stearns County, and what kind of metrics are used?

- Nationally, there are nine voluntary agencies that coordinate refugee resettlement through 300+ local organizations
- National voluntary agencies work with the State Department to develop allocation pools in regards to each city
  - Allocations to St. Cloud are limited to family-reunification, thus the allocation pool for St. Cloud is a list of refugee individuals who have family living in St. Cloud with whom they would like to reunite. Primary refugee arrivals to St. Cloud are drawn only from this allocation list

Sources: Lutheran Social Service of MN and State Dept. (https://www.state.gov/j/prm/ra/)
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- Annually, the U.S. State Department receives abstracts from the nine voluntary agencies regarding local capacities. These abstracts are evaluated by the State Dept. and are created based on many variables, which may include, but are not limited to:
  - Previous years’ capacities
  - Allocation pools
  - Ability to provide core services
  - Conversations with State Refugee Coordinator and State Refugee Health Coordinator
  - Conversations with representative(s) from local governance, local/county public health, welfare/social services, public education, and public safety
FAQ: Refugee Local Numbers

Is there some kind of balance related to country of origin included in the metric?

- In accordance with Section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the President is given exclusive rights to provide the allocations for countries of origin for refugee arrivals.
- The FY2019 determination listed these allocations:

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<td>Africa</td>
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<td>East Asia</td>
<td>4,000</td>
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<td>Europe &amp; Central Asia</td>
<td>3,000</td>
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<td>Latin America/Caribbean</td>
<td>3,000</td>
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<td>Near East/South Asia</td>
<td>9,000</td>
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Sources: U.S. Department of State, Proposed Refugee Admissions
FAQ: Primary Refugees in Stearns County

How many primary refugees (not including secondary refugees) have been designated to Stearns County?

- Lutheran Social Service of MN – St. Cloud office has settled 1,512 primary refugees since the resettlement program began (FY2010–FY2017)

- Lutheran Social Service of MN resettled the following primary refugees:

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Sources: Lutheran Social Service of MN
FAQ: Top Five Countries of Origin of Refugees to the U.S.

What are the top five countries of origin of the refugees?

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<th>Country of Origin</th>
<th>Number of Refugee Arrivals to U.S.</th>
<th>Percent of Total Refugee Arrivals to U.S.</th>
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<td>Democratic Republic of the Congo</td>
<td>7,878</td>
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<td>Burma</td>
<td>3,555</td>
<td>15.81%</td>
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<td>Ukraine</td>
<td>2,635</td>
<td>11.72%</td>
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<td>Bhutan</td>
<td>2,228</td>
<td>9.91%</td>
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<td>Eritrea</td>
<td>1,269</td>
<td>5.64%</td>
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Source: Refugee Admissions Processing Center, Refugee Admissions Report, FY 2018
FAQ: Fiscal Support to Refugees

Upon arrival in Stearns County, how much fiscal support does each refugee have access to?

- Refugees receive a federal loan for travel expenses to US to be paid back within 42 months
- Refugees receive a one-time federal grant of $1,175 per person to cover initial expenses in the primary resettlement location that must be used within 90 days of arrival
- Refugees can apply for public benefits if they are eligible, the same as other residents
- Refugees may be eligible for Refugee Cash Assistance, as described previously
- Lutheran Social Service of MN receives $1,000 per individual to provide resettlement services
- These benefits are not part of the county budget
FAQ: Dialog Between Stearns Country and Voluntary Agencies

Is there an ongoing dialogue existing between Stearns County and the Voluntary Agencies relative to their Refugee Resettlement initiatives and how they form their abstracts?

- Abstracts are written by the national Voluntary Agencies and submitted to the State Department for consideration
- Local affiliate offices do not write or submit the abstract
- Stearns County participates in quarterly meetings with the local affiliate office, Lutheran Social Service of MN, but does not have a continuing dialogue with any of the VOLAGS (national voluntary agencies)
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- Other attendees to the local affiliate’s quarterly meetings include State Refugee and State Refugee Health Coordinators, local governance, public health, public education, welfare/social services, public safety, and local non-profits and businesses.
- Human Services does not participate in the formulation of, nor have access to, the Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service (LIRS) abstract.
- The refugee resettlement program’s initiatives are federally mandated.
  - Lutheran Social Service of MN is reviewed regularly by the State Department, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS), and are in compliance.
FAQ: Cost to Stearns County

How much money is specifically targeted for refugee resettlement for Stearns County to administer funds and programs?

• The only benefit specifically targeted to refugees is the Refugee Cash Assistance Program, which is federally funded by the Refugee Resettlement Program, and is 0.1% of all County benefit disbursements
• There are no county or city funds budgeted for refugee resettlement programs
• Refugees are eligible to apply for any other financial assistance available to the general public
• Stearns County does not track refugee status for any financial assistance program other than Refugee Cash Assistance
FAQ: Cost to Stearns County

What is the cost to Stearns County for refugee resettlement related to day care, after school care, and the school lunch program?

• The County receives funds for child care through the MN Child Care Assistance Program, which receives funding from the federal Child Care & Development Block Grant
  • Funds for child care do not run through the Stearns County budget
• 38.2% of K-12 public schools in Stearns County participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
  • Funds for school lunch do not run through the Stearns County budget

Sources: MN Department of Human Services, Social Security Administration, City of Saint Cloud
FAQ: Cost to Stearns County

What is the cost to Stearns County for refugee resettlement for SSDI, psychotherapy, English speaking translators (needed by police, fire, and rescue)?

- SSDI information (https://www.ssa.gov/disabilityfacts/facts.html)
- Medical Assistance (re: mental health services)
  - Mental Health Rates Study currently being conducted by DHS through Mercer – results to be released soon (https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/policies-procedures/adult-mental-health/service-rates-information/)
- City budgets do not itemize interpretation services needed by police, fire, and rescue

Sources: MN Department of Human Services, Social Security Administration, City of Saint Cloud
Upon arrival to Stearns County, what kind of priority is given to housing for refugee resettlement?

• NONE: Refugees do not receive any preferential treatment in housing placement

For any reason are refugees placed ahead of the line of others already waiting for similar housing?

• Landlords and leasing offices in St. Cloud must abide by the Fair Housing Act, which prohibits any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make such preference, limitation, or discrimination

Source: Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, (www.hud.gov)
FAQ: Refugee Employment

Are refugees allowed federal government subsidy to the employer? How much is this hourly subsidy and how long is the employer benefited?

• Employers do not accrue federal subsidies as a benefit for hiring refugees
• The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) is a Federal tax credit available to employers for hiring individuals from certain target groups who have consistently faced significant barriers to employment
  • The tax credit employers can claim depends upon the target group of the individual hired, the wages paid to that individual in the first year of employment, and the number of hours that individual worked. There is also a maximum tax credit that can be earned.
  • Target groups include: Veterans, TANF Recipients, SNAP (Food Stamp) Recipients, Designated Community Residents (living in Empowerment Zones or Rural Renewal Counties), Vocational Rehabilitation Referral, Ex-felons, Supplemental Security Income Recipients, Summer Youth Employee (living in Empowerment Zones)

Source: US Department of Labor (https://www.doleta.gov/business/incentives/opptax/)
FAQ: Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)

While RCA is provided by Voluntary Agency affiliates in eight counties, RCA continues to be county-administered in the seventy nine remaining counties. Given Stearns County is ranked third for SM behind Kandiyohi, why is Stearns County having to pay for program subsidies? Shouldn’t this be voted on by local residents?

- All counties in MN administer federal Refugee Cash Assistance benefits
- Resettlement agencies in eight counties have a special contract with the State Department to administer Refugee Cash Assistance benefits to newly arrived singles and childless couples
- Refugee Cash Assistance is funded through the federal Refugee Resettlement Program, for all counties, including Stearns County. Funds for RCA benefits in Stearns County do not run through the Human Services Department or County budget
FAQ: Health Assessments

Refugees are commonly not tested for many foreign borne diseases – HIV, Tuberculosis, etc. Other than obvious potential exposure threats, who is paying for related medical expenses?

• All refugees are routinely screened and treated (pre- and post-arrival)
• Refugees cannot travel if they have a communicable disease

Prior to Arrival:

• Under the Immigration and Nationality Act and the Public Health Service Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services distributes regulations outlining the requirements for the medical examination of refugees seeking admission into the United States.

https://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/exams/medical-examination.html
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**Post-Arrival:**

- The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developed guidelines used by State public health departments for post-arrival medical screening of refugees.
  

- Locally, MN Department of Health and local public health work together to ensure primary and secondary refugees receive necessary post-arrival Refugee Health Screens
  
  [http://www.health.state.mn.us/refugee/](http://www.health.state.mn.us/refugee/)

Sources:  Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Minnesota Department of Health
Under what conditions might Stearns County entertain a resolution to specifically prohibit the use of foreign law in administering county services, law enforcement, and county court proceedings?

• Stearns County follows the United States Constitution, federal, and state law