

**Services to Older Refugees Bidders' Conference Call**  
**Questions & Answers**

1. Q: Is the grant award available to each county listed within the RFP or will only one county be awarded? If the award is for one county, would the successful applicant need to provide services to all other listed counties? Do we need to submit more than one proposal in order to serve more than one county?

A: Only one (1) award will be made under this RFP. That one (1) award will be made among the eligible counties listed. The intent is to provide services in one eligible county. However, if your agency normally provides services in neighboring counties, we will accept proposals to serve both as long as the proposal contains a commitment from your partner(s) to do the same

2. Q: Does a refugee service provider have to partner with the New York State government Office for the Aging?

A: No. A refugee service provider will partner with a local county office for the aging or the county's designated provider.

3. Q: Does the local office for the aging have to be someone who is receiving funds from the NYSOFA?

A: Yes. Each county has a designated Local Office for the Aging. The intent of this program is to work with those agencies.

4. Q: Can we apply with more than one provider and should they be listed in the Attachment Q?

A: There must be one applicant. However, an applicant can apply with more than one partner agency. Attachment Q need only contain the name of applicant agency submitting the application.

5. Q: Does funding come from the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)?

A: Yes.

6. Q: Is Suffolk County an eligible county?

A: No. Eligible counties were determined by numbers of older refugees resettled and limited to those listed in the RFP.

7. Q: How is "target community" defined?

A: The target community refers to the population(s) of older refugees that the applicant proposes to serve. Your proposal should demonstrate knowledge regarding which refugee group(s) has the highest need among their older members. Those groups will constitute your target population.

**8.** Q: To what degree should the partner agencies experience and capacity be described? Should more information be provided for the primary agency, or should they be weighted equally?

A: The narrative should include enough information to fully describe the experience and capacity that each agency would contribute to serving the targeted population.