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# STATUS OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

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# Status of Refugee Resettlement



Resettlement is still **effectively paused for most groups.**

Few exceptions have been made for refugees named in one lawsuit and Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders.

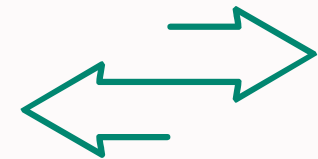
Phoenix has been slotted to receive **75 arrivals** this fiscal year. None in Tucson.



Presidential Determination (# of refugees who will be admitted into the country each year) was **set to 7,500.**

No president of any party except for President Trump has ever set the Presidential Determination to **less than 60,000.**

Phoenix has welcomed **18** Afrikaners.



The program formerly known as Reception and Placement (R&P) will now be titled the **Program of Initial Resettlement** under the Office of Refugee Resettlement.



# Policy Impacts



**February 18<sup>th</sup> Memo**  
(Arrest and detain refugees who have not adjusted status after 1 year)



**HR1**  
(One Big Beautiful Bill Act, OBBBA)



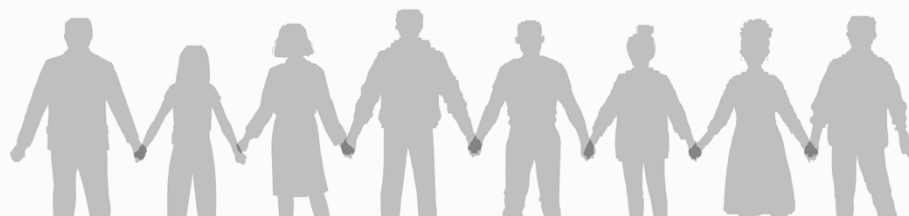
**Operation PARRIS**  
(Re-reviewing refugees admitted under Biden)



**Temporary Protected Status/Asylum**

# Partners in Action

LSS-SW staff and other Partners in Action continue working hard to ensure resources and just treatment for our refugee and immigrant communities.



**Pima County** - Approved funds for housing, utilities, and food. Also approved funding for legal services.

**City of Phoenix** - Set aside 1.5 million to support refugees in Phoenix.

## **Community Transparency Initiative (CTI)**

Effort related to document federal immigration enforcement activities in Phoenix and assess their impact on residents and City operations.

## **Federal Funding News**

While HR 1/OBBBA eliminated all funding for refugees, the latest Senate budget retained some funding.

## **Spotlighting Advocacy**

March was a busy month! A lot of work to be done made possible by the help of many partners.



QUESTIONS?