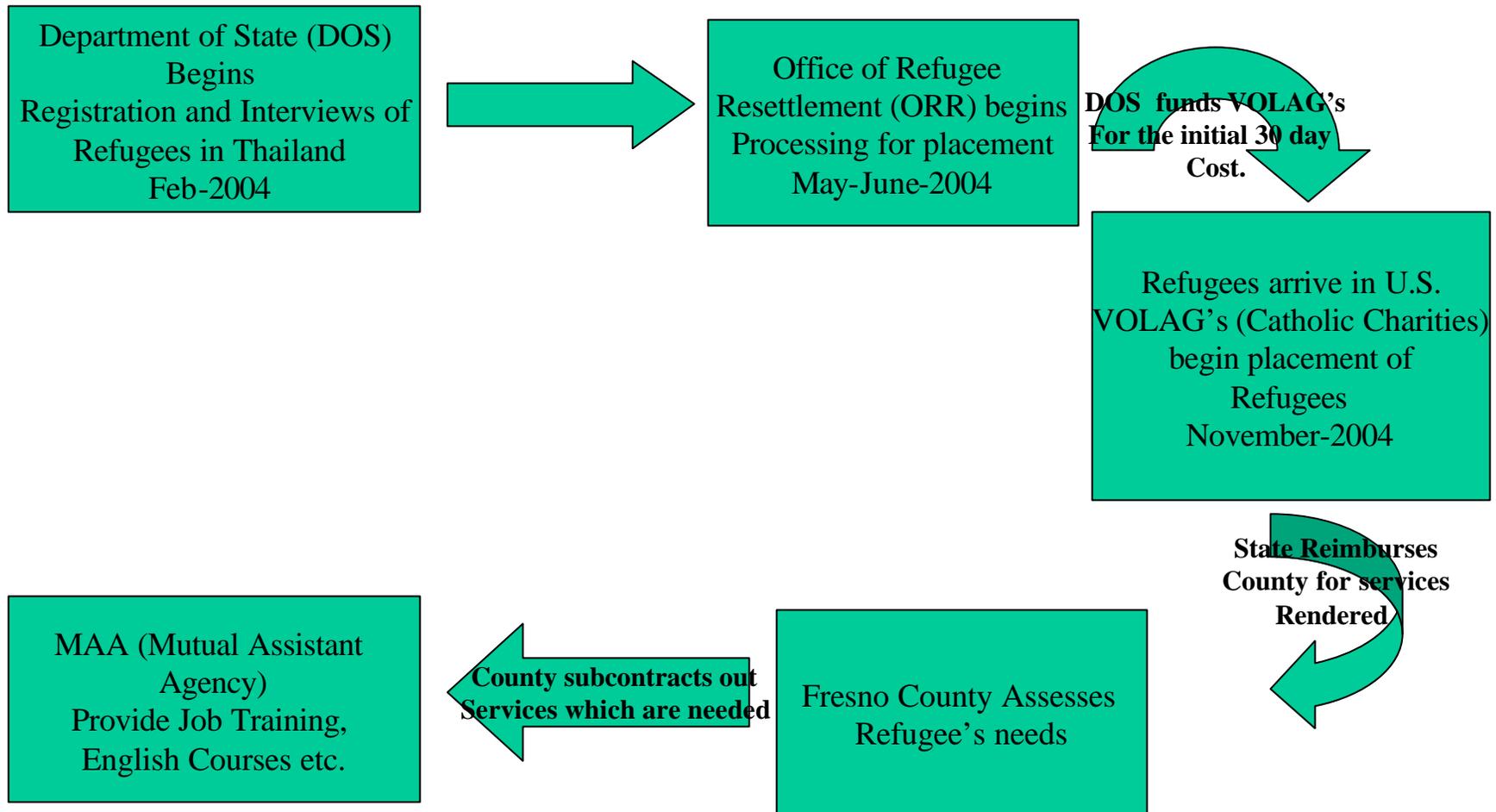


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Hmong Refugee Resettlement



Department of State

1. In February the Department of State (DOS) begins to register and interview refugees for resettlement in Bangkok, Thailand. DOS estimates about 8,000 to 10,000 refugees will be eligible. Refugees will be accepted if they meet the following requirements
 - ✍ Personally agree to be relocated.
 - ✍ Pass medical check up.
 - ✍ Pass background check.

Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)

- ✍ Once a refugee is found to be eligible for resettlement, the Office of Refugee Resettlement under the Dept. of Health and Human Services will begin processing them for resettlement. ORR estimates that most of the refugees will be located to the following areas; **North Carolina, Montana, Minnesota and in California the Central San Joaquin Valley.**
- ✍ Once ORR determines what area a refugee wants to be located in DOS/ORR will contract with one of 9 National Voluntary Resettlement Agencies (VOLAG).
- ✍ United States Catholic Conference (USCC) is the VOLAG which will be used for the resettlement of Central Valley Refugees. Catholic Charities of Fresno is the contracted agency of USCC.

Voluntary Resettlement Agency

3. Voluntary Resettlement Agency (VOLAGS) will receive funding from ORR for the cost of the initial 30 day placement. This initial fund includes monies for services such as:

- Housing
- Food and Clothing
- Transportation
- Case Management

Fresno County Refugee Program

4. Once the VOLAG (Catholic Charities) finds housing for the Refugees the local County takes responsibility of the refugees and the goal of making them self-sufficient. During this process the Refugees are eligible for the following services:

- ✍ Food Stamps and Cash Aid
- ✍ Social Security Insurance (SSI)
- ✍ Health Coverage
- ✍ Job Training

Note: Counties are fully reimbursed for the cost of refugees by the State whom receives monies from ORR based on the number of refugees and services rendered to them.

Mutual Assistance Associations

5. Once local counties determine the needs of refugees they will then sub-contract them out to local Mutual Assistance Associations (MAA). MAA's are contracted for services such as the following:

- ✍ Job Training
- ✍ English Courses
- ✍ Transition and Interpretation

Note: In addition, to contracting from the County MAA's are eligible to receive grant funding from the State and ORR for other refugee services. There are currently 20 MAA's in the Fresno area.