

441—61.17(217) Targeted assistance grants. “Targeted assistance grants” means U.S. Department of Health and Human Services formula allocation funding granted to the department for assistance to counties where, because of factors such as unusually large refugee populations (including secondary migration), high refugee concentrations, and high use of public assistance by refugees, there exists and can be demonstrated a specific need for supplementation of available resources for services to refugees.

61.17(1) Administration of targeted assistance grants. The department shall make 95 percent of the total award available to the designated county except when the designated county has agreed to let the department administer the targeted assistance grant in its stead.

61.17(2) Eligibility for services under targeted assistance grants. Services funded by targeted assistance grants are limited to refugees who reside in the designated county.

61.17(3) Services and limitations for services funded by targeted assistance grants. Rules of 441—Chapter 61 are applicable to services funded by targeted assistance grants, except for subrules 61.5(5) and 61.6(1).

61.17(4) Priority of services. Services funded by targeted assistance grants shall be provided in the following order of priority, except in certain individual extreme circumstances:

1. Cash assistance recipients, particularly long-term recipients.
2. Unemployed refugees who are not receiving cash assistance.
3. Employed refugees in need of services to retain employment or to attain economic independence.