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**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:51 PM CDT

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**Subject:** FW: Department of Homeland Security Announces \$300 Million in Direct Funding to Communities Receiving Migrants and \$340 Million for A New Competitive Awards Process

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**Subject:** FW: EMBARGOED UNTIL 12:00 PM: Department of Homeland Security Announces Distribution of More Than \$77 Million in Congressional Funding for Communities Receiving Migrants

FYI

The Department of Homeland Security just released its second and final tranche of funding for SSP (Shelter and Services Program) for 2023. This is the primary program that all federal agencies have pointed towards when we ask for more federal assistance and money. The City of Chicago is eligible to apply for **\$2,163,472**, out of the \$77,303,836 tranche. This application is due by September 11<sup>th</sup>.

For those interested, the State of Illinois is only receiving \$2,647 in this tranche. NYC got roughly the same as us at around \$2.2 million. All in all, we favored pretty well; most places that received more funding are at the Southwest border. You can see the transparency for allocations here: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/shelter-services-program/awards>.

This announcement also lets us know that DHS is asking to allocate \$600 Million nationwide for SSP funding for 2024 – a \$200 Million decrease from 2023's \$800M total. We have specifically asked that SSP funding be increased in 2024, so this is not favorable to us.

For those unaware: We did get a meeting on the calendar between Mayor Brandon Johnson and Secretary Mayorkas for next Wednesday, 8/30.

Thanks,

**Chris Hoey (He/They)**

**Senior Federal Legislative Assistant, Office of the Mayor**

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**From:** DHS Legislative Affairs Updates <[dhslegislativeaffairsupdates@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:dhslegislativeaffairsupdates@hq.dhs.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 11:19 AM

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**EMBARGOED UNTIL 12:00 PM**

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*Funding represents another example of DHS providing unprecedented resources to support border and interior communities across America*

WASHINGTON – Today, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), announced more than \$77 million in grants to support border and interior communities receiving migrants through the Shelter and Services Program (SSP). The funding will be available to 53 grant recipients for temporary shelter and other eligible costs associated with migrants awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceedings. Today's announcement builds on the more than \$290 million announced through SSP in June, which brings the total funding allocated to more than \$770 million. Overall, 69 entities, in both Southwest Border and interior communities, have received funding this year through SSP and the Emergency Food and Shelter Program – Humanitarian Awards (EFSP-H).

Supporting communities is a critical component of DHS's efforts to manage encounters at the Southwest Border in a safe, orderly, and humane manner. This includes the Biden Administration's efforts to expand access to lawful and orderly pathways and processes while continuing to apply strengthened consequences for unlawful entry. DHS also requested \$600 million in the FY23 budget supplemental to support border and interior communities receiving migrants.

The Bipartisan Year-End Omnibus signed by President Biden on December 29, 2022, authorized the creation of the new SSP grant program to support these communities. The Omnibus directed CBP to transfer \$800 million in funding to FEMA to establish the SSP and authorized the use of a portion of that funding for the existing EFSP-H until SSP was established.

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) National Board has allocated more than \$400 million to support communities receiving migrants across the country, including \$332.5 million announced on May 5, 2023 to 35 entities and \$75 million awarded by the National Board in December 2022. The SSP was designed to quickly allocate funding to both Southwest Border and interior communities to meet a diverse set of needs across the nation.

As part of today's announcement, and in response to technical assistance and stakeholder feedback, DHS has also amended the policy to expand the cap for both hotels/motels and airfare to 10 percent of the total funding requested by the applicant. In addition, DHS will also allow for recipients to apply for a waiver of those caps based on operational need.

For more information on the new Shelter and Services Program, visit: [www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/shelter-services-program](https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/shelter-services-program).

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**Subject:** FW: Intended Destination Data Week Ending 2.17.24 - Chicago

**Attachment(s):** "Chicago - Intended Destination Data Week Ending February 17.pdf"

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Good afternoon,

Attached is the Chicago intended destination data for the week ending February 17, 2024.

V/R,  
Jason

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**Cc:** Sivak, Thomas <thomas.sivak@fema.dhs.gov>

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Hello,

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is leading the implementation of a whole-of-government effort to ensure the safe, orderly, and humane management of our nation's borders and a full return to enforcement of U.S. immigration laws under Title 8, consistent with the Department's six pillar plan. A critical element to this plan is to bolster the capacity of our NGO partners and ensure appropriate coordination with state, local, and community leaders to aid in their own preparedness and response efforts.

To that end, please find attached information that DHS has collected regarding the intended destination of migrants recently encountered by CBP. This report is completed and distributed to stakeholders where 500 or more migrants over the course of a week reported their intended destination as that location. We may re-evaluate this approach should the numbers of non-citizens released with a Notice to Appear change and will keep you informed if a new criteria or threshold level is established.

For additional information, please go to [dhs.gov/immigrationlaws](https://dhs.gov/immigrationlaws) or contact [swb-coordination@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:swb-coordination@hq.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

**Southwest Border Coordination Team**

Office of Partnership and Engagement

U.S. Department of Homeland Security





## **Intended Destination of Noncitizens Processed at the Southwest Border**

### **DHS Processing of Noncitizens at the Southwest Border**

Every noncitizen who arrives at the border and is processed by CBP is subject to security screening. Their biographic and biometric information is vetted across a suite of law enforcement and intelligence databases. Any noncitizen who poses a risk to national security or public safety is referred to ICE or other government agencies for detention.

### **Processed Noncitizens Released from DHS Custody**

Consistent with longstanding practice under Republican and Democratic Administrations, DHS may conditionally release from custody noncitizens who have been fully screened and vetted pending the outcome of their immigration processes. This could include noncitizens who have been processed for expedited removal, noncitizens who are determined to have a credible fear, or noncitizens who are otherwise placed in removal proceedings before an immigration judge.

This could also include noncitizens who presented at a port of entry via a scheduled CBP One™ appointment. A noncitizen who is processed at a port of entry via a scheduled CBP One™ appointment and who is placed in removal proceedings before an immigration judge may, on a case-by-case basis for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit, be released on parole for two years to continue their removal proceedings. These noncitizens are eligible to apply for employment authorization once they are paroled and are not subject to a statutory waiting period for parole-based employment authorization. Noncitizens who presented at a port of entry without an appointment or after being granted travel authorization under an authorized parole process may also be processed for removal proceedings. On a case-by-case basis, for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit, they may be released on parole while awaiting removal proceedings.

Noncitizens who are conditionally released are subject to reporting requirements, such as regular check ins with ICE, attendance at their immigration court proceedings, and keeping DHS apprised of their current residential address. In some cases, noncitizens are equipped with Alternatives to Detention (ATD) technology (e.g., GPS monitoring device) prior to release. Although noncitizens generally have freedom of movement throughout the United States, noncitizens equipped with ATD technology may be subject to conditions requiring them to remain in a certain location. The ATD program allows ICE to track noncitizens while their immigration proceedings are pending; nearly 95 percent of noncitizens enrolled in an ATD program appear for their scheduled immigration court hearings as required.



## **Noncitizen Travel to Intended Destinations**

Prior to their release from DHS custody, noncitizens provide their intended destination in the United States to CBP or ICE. This destination is then included on the paperwork they receive when they are released. The DHS Office of Immigration Statistics sorts that data to determine top intended destinations, as reported by noncitizens.

As noted above, noncitizens who are conditionally released are subject to reporting requirements, including keeping DHS apprised of their current residential address. It is important to note that these data reflect the intended destination reported by noncitizens at the time of their initial encounters with CBP; DHS does not have a role in transporting released noncitizens to their intended destination and does not have a role in validating travel plans. As a result, this information may not accurately reflect individuals who will travel to that destination, remain at that destination, or when they may arrive. With these caveats, DHS is providing these data to potential receiving cities in response to requests for planning purposes only.

### **Chicago – Naperville – Elgin, IL-IN-WI**

For the week ending February 17, 2024, **915** noncitizens provided an intended destination in your Core Based Statistical Area. The top three nationalities rounded to the nearest hundred are:

- Mexico (300)
- Colombia (100)
- Venezuela (100)

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In partnership,

**Cristina Pacione-Zayas, PhD** | ella, she, her (Learn more about pronouns[here](#))

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**Subject:** IL delegation briefing on asylum seekers

**Location:** 501-A

**Start:** Monday, June 26, 2023 9:00 AM CDT

**End:** Monday, June 26, 2023 10:00 AM CDT

**Show Time As:** Busy

**Recurrence:** None

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** MyChiExec57

**Required Attendees:** Cristina Pacione-Zayas <Cristina.Pacione-Zayas@cityofchicago.org>; Jason Lee <Jason.Lee@cityofchicago.org>; Cristina Pacione-Zayas <pacionezayas@gmail.com>

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**Attachment(s):** "6.26.2023 Federal Delegation Asylum Seeker Briefing.docx"

**BRIEFING for Mayor Brandon Johnson**

**Re:** Illinois Federal Delegation Briefing on Asylum Seekers

Address: 121 N L Salle, 501-A

Date and Time: Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023; 9:00 AM- 10:00 AM

From: First Deputy Chief of Staff Cristina Pacione-Zayas

## PURPOSE

You are meeting with members of Chicago's Federal Delegation to speak about the migrant mission in Chicago and requests for federal assistance.

## AGENDA

9:00-9:05 Welcome & Opening Remarks (MBJ)

9:05-9:15 State Presentation (Sol & Kirstin)

9:15-9:25 City Presentation (CPZ)

9:25-9:45 Discussion (Delegation)

9:45-9:55 Next Steps

9:55-10:00 Closing Remarks (MBJ)

Important Note: On May 10th, 2023, Jan Schakowsky (IL-09), Jesús "Chuy" García (IL-04), and Delia Ramirez (IL-03) led members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation Mike Quigley (IL-05), Danny Davis (IL-07), Jonathan L. Jackson (IL-01), Sean Casten (IL-06), Robin Kelly (IL-02), and Raja Krishnamoorthi (IL-08), in sending a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator Deanne Criswell urging them to prioritize the City of Chicago funding request and provide expedited reimbursement of the \$20.5M through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) to help address the needs of migrants that have been arriving to Chicago from Texas.[1] This encompasses our entire Chicago Federal Delegation, showing a unified front to support the City in this mission. While this was strictly a House of Representatives letter, our Senators are also highly supportive.

## PARTICIPANTS

- Congresswoman Delia Ramirez (IL-03)
- Congressman Chuy Garcia (IL-04)
- Congressman Mike Quigley (IL-05)
- Congressman Danny Davis (IL-07)
- Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (IL-09)

## Mayoral Staff:

- Jason Lee
- Cristina Pacione-Zayas
- Reyna Wencez Najera
- Frank Zhu, Federal Funding Project Manager

## PRESS PLAN

The meeting is CLOSED to press.

## BIOGRAPHIES



**Congresswoman Delia Ramirez (3rd District of Illinois)**

Born on June 2nd in Chicago, Cook County, Ill.,

Studies: Graduated from St. Gregory High School, Chicago, Ill., 2001; B.A., Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Ill.

Experience: Nonprofit executive; member of the Illinois state house of Representatives, 2019-2022; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress (January 2023-present).

Political Agenda Towards Immigration and Related Topics:

Representatives Ramirez, Schakowsky, and Quigley urge President Biden to Grant Parole and Issue Expedited Work Permits for Immigrant Communities.[2]

Congresswoman Delia Ramirez Fights Back Republican Misinformation and Violent Rhetoric Against Asylum Seekers[3]

Member of the Committee on Homeland Security, Border Security, and Enforcement.

She is part of the letter sent to Homeland Security and FEMA regarding the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) to help address the needs of migrants arriving in Chicago from Texas.

**Congressman Jesus “Chuy” Garcia (4th District of Illinois)**

Born in Durango, Mexico, April 12

Studies: Graduated from St. Rita High School, Chicago, Ill., 1974; B.A., University of Illinois, Chicago, Ill., 1999; M.A., University of Illinois, Chicago, Ill., 2002.

Experience: member of the Cook County, Democratic party, 1984-2000; member of the Chicago, Ill., city council, 1986-1993; member of the Illinois state senate, 1993-1998; member of the Cook County, Ill., board of commissioners, 2011-2019; unsuccessful candidate for Chicago Mayor in 2015; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Sixteenth and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 2019-present).

Political Agenda Towards Immigration and Related Topics:

Delivered this June 22, 2023, a Floor Speech Opposing Republicans' Attempts to Scapegoat Immigrants and vilify immigrants. H.Res. 461 threatens to take federal funds from public schools if any of their facilities are used to house refugees or migrants temporarily. Congressman García voted against this resolution.[4]

In September 2022, García led, with other representatives from different States, a Letter Requesting an Extra \$50 Million in Continuing Resolution for Migrants Bussed to D.C., Chicago, and New York City.[5]

He is a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

He is part of the letter sent to Homeland Security and FEMA regarding the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) to help address the needs of migrants arriving in Chicago from Texas.

**Congressman Mike Quigley (5th District of Illinois)**

Born on October 17 in Indianapolis, Marion County, Ind.

Studies: Attended Glenbard North High School, Carol Stream, Ill.; B.A., Roosevelt University, Chicago, Ill., 1981; M.P.P., University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., 1985; J.D., Loyola University School of Law, Chicago, Ill., 1989.

Experience: Professor; lawyer; legislative aide; member of the Cook County, Ill., board of commissioners, 1998-2009; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative Rahm Emanuel and reelected to the seven succeeding Congresses (April 7, 2009-present).

Political Agenda Towards Immigration and Related Topics:

In September 2022, Quigley, García, and Schakowsky made a statement on Migrants Arriving in Chicago: “We are committed to working with city and state officials throughout this process, and in Congress, we will continue fighting for immigration reform....”[6]

He is a member of the Committee on Appropriation, Subcommittee of Energy and Water Development, Related Agencies, and the Subcommittee of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies.

He is part of the letter sent to Homeland Security and FEMA regarding the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) to help address the needs of migrants arriving in Chicago from Texas.

**Congressman Danny Davis (7th District of Illinois)**

Born on September 6 in Parkdale, Ashley County, Ark.

Studies: Graduated from Savage High School, Parkdale, Ark., 1957; B.A., Arkansas A.M.&N. College, Pine Bluff, Ark., 1961; M.S.,

Chicago State University, Chicago, Ill., 1968; Ph.D., Union Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1977.

Experience: Clerk, Chicago, Ill., Post Office, 1961-1965; teacher, Chicago, Ill., public schools, 1962-1968; executive director, Greater Lawndale Conservation Commission, 1969; director of training, Martin L. King Neighborhood Health Center, 1969-1971; executive director, Westside Health Planning Organization, 1975-1981; alderman, Chicago, Ill., city council, 1979-1990; commissioner, Cook County, Ill., board, 1990-1996; college professor; unsuccessful candidate for nomination to the Ninety-Ninth Congress in 1984; unsuccessful candidate for nomination to the One-Hundredth Congress in 1986; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Fifth and to the thirteen succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1997-present).

Political Agenda Towards Immigration and Related Topics:

In 2017, he released a Statement on Immigration "Anti-immigrant rhetoric and hysteria... continues to be a central theme of his (Trump) presidency. Based on false assertions, or as they are now termed by his circle, alternate facts".[7]

He is a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, the Subcommittee on Health, and the Subcommittee on Work and Welfare.

He is part of the letter sent to Homeland Security and FEMA regarding the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) to help address the needs of migrants arriving in Chicago from Texas.

### **Congresswoman Janice D. Schakowsky (9th District of Illinois)**

Born on May 26 in Chicago, Cook County, Ill.,

Studies: Attended Sullivan High School, Chicago, Ill.; B.S., University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Ill., 1965.

Experience: Director, Illinois State Council of Senior Citizens, 1985-1990; member of the Illinois state house of representatives, 1990-1998; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Sixth and the twelve succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1999-present).

Political Agenda Towards Immigration and Related Topics:

She believes that the immigration system is broken and desperately needs reform. She supports a comprehensive approach that strikes the right balance between securing our borders and providing a viable and humanitarian option for the over 12 million undocumented individuals in the United States. "We need to create a pathway to citizenship so that undocumented immigrants can come out from the shadows, legally get jobs, learn English, pay taxes, and earn the opportunity to become American citizens." [8] In June 2019, she stated, "I am proud to represent... a district that is home to an extremely diverse group of people... I want to do everything in my power to prevent our community residents from deportation and family separation." [9]

She is a member of the Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** None

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** MyChiExec57

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## **BRIEFING for Mayor Brandon Johnson**

**Re:** Illinois Federal Delegation Briefing on Asylum Seekers  
**Address:** 121 N L Salle, 501-A  
**Date and Time:** Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023; 9:00 AM- 10:00 AM  
**From:** First Deputy Chief of Staff Cristina Pacione-Zayas

### **PURPOSE**

You are meeting with members of Chicago's Federal Delegation to speak about the migrant mission in Chicago and requests for federal assistance.

### **AGENDA**

9:00-9:05 Welcome & Opening Remarks (MBJ)  
9:05-9:15 State Presentation (Sol & Kirstin)  
9:15-9:25 City Presentation (CPZ)  
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### **PARTICIPANTS**

- Congresswoman Delia Ramirez (IL-03)
- Congressman Chuy Garcia (IL-04)
- Congressman Mike Quigley (IL-05)
- Congressman Danny Davis (IL-07)
- Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (IL-09)

#### ***Mayoral Staff:***

- Jason Lee
- Cristina Pacione-Zayas
- Reyna Wencez Najera
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### **PRESS PLAN**

The meeting is CLOSED to press.

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

### **Congresswoman Delia Ramirez (3rd District of Illinois)**

Born on June 2nd in Chicago, Cook County, Ill.,

Studies: Graduated from St. Gregory High School, Chicago, Ill., 2001; B.A., Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Ill.

Experience: Nonprofit executive; member of the Illinois state house of Representatives, 2019-2022; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress (January 2023-present).

Political Agenda Towards Immigration and Related Topics:

Representatives Ramirez, Schakowsky, and Quigley urge President Biden to Grant Parole and Issue Expedited Work Permits for Immigrant Communities.[2]

Congresswoman Delia Ramirez Fights Back Republican Misinformation and Violent Rhetoric Against Asylum Seekers.[3]

Member of the Committee on Homeland Security, Border Security, and Enforcement.

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### **Congressman Jesus “Chuy” Garcia (4th District of Illinois)**

Born in Durango, Mexico, April 12

Studies: Graduated from St. Rita High School, Chicago, Ill., 1974; B.A., University of Illinois, Chicago, Ill., 1999; M.A., University of Illinois, Chicago, Ill., 2002.

Experience: member of the Cook County, Democratic party, 1984-2000; member of the Chicago, Ill., city council, 1986-1993; member of the Illinois state senate, 1993-1998; member of the Cook County, Ill., board of commissioners, 2011-2019; unsuccessful candidate for Chicago Mayor in 2015; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Sixteenth and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 2019-present).

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Delivered this June 22, 2023, a Floor Speech Opposing Republicans’ Attempts to Scapegoat Immigrants and vilify immigrants. H.Res. 461 threatens to take federal funds from public schools if any of their facilities are used to house refugees or migrants temporarily. Congressman García voted against this resolution.[4]

In September 2022, García led, with other representatives from different States, a Letter Requesting an Extra \$50 Million in Continuing Resolution for Migrants Bussed to D.C., Chicago, and New York City.[5]



He is a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**Congressman Mike Quigley (5th District of Illinois)**

Born on October 17 in Indianapolis, Marion County, Ind.

Studies: Attended Glenbard North High School, Carol Stream, Ill.; B.A., Roosevelt University, Chicago, Ill., 1981; M.P.P., University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., 1985; J.D., Loyola University School of Law, Chicago, Ill., 1989.

Experience: Professor; lawyer; legislative aide; member of the Cook County, Ill., board of commissioners, 1998-2009; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative Rahm Emanuel and reelected to the seven succeeding Congresses (April 7, 2009-present).

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In September 2022, Quigley, García, and Schakowsky made a statement on Migrants Arriving in Chicago: "We are committed to working with city and state officials throughout this process, and in Congress, we will continue fighting for immigration reform...."[6]

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Born on September 6 in Parkdale, Ashley County, Ark.

Studies: Graduated from Savage High School, Parkdale, Ark., 1957; B.A., Arkansas A.M.&N. College, Pine Bluff, Ark., 1961; M.S., Chicago State University, Chicago, Ill., 1968; Ph.D., Union Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1977.

Experience: Clerk, Chicago, Ill., Post Office, 1961-1965; teacher, Chicago, Ill., public schools, 1962-1968; executive director, Greater Lawndale Conservation Commission, 1969; director of training, Martin L. King Neighborhood Health Center, 1969-1971; executive director, Westside Health Planning Organization, 1975-1981; alderman, Chicago, Ill., city council, 1979-1990; commissioner, Cook County, Ill., board, 1990-1996; college professor; unsuccessful candidate for nomination to the Ninety-Ninth Congress in 1984; unsuccessful candidate for nomination to

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In 2017, he released a Statement on Immigration “Anti-immigrant rhetoric and hysteria... continues to be a central theme of his (Trump) presidency. Based on false assertions, or as they are now termed by his circle, alternate facts”.[7]

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**Subject:** Intended Destination Data Week Ending 1.20.24 - Chicago

**Attachment(s):** "Chicago - Intended Destination Data Week Ending January 20.pdf"

[Warning: External email]

Good afternoon,

Attached is the Chicago intended destination data for the week ending January 20, 2024.

V/R,  
Jason

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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is leading the implementation of a whole-of-government effort to ensure the safe, orderly, and humane management of our nation's borders and a full return to enforcement of U.S. immigration laws under Title 8, consistent with the Department's six pillar plan. A critical element to this plan is to bolster the capacity of our NGO partners and ensure appropriate coordination with state, local, and community leaders to aid in their own preparedness and response efforts.

To that end, please find attached information that DHS has collected regarding the intended destination of migrants recently encountered by CBP. This report is completed and distributed to stakeholders where 500 or more migrants over the course of a week reported their intended destination as that location. We may re-evaluate this approach should the numbers of non-citizens released with a Notice to Appear change and will keep you informed if a new criteria or threshold level is established.

For additional information, please go to [dhs.gov/immigrationlaws](https://dhs.gov/immigrationlaws) or contact [swb-coordination@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:swb-coordination@hq.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

**Southwest Border Coordination Team**  
Office of Partnership and Engagement  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security





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## **Intended Destination of Noncitizens Processed at the Southwest Border**

### **DHS Processing of Noncitizens at the Southwest Border**

Every noncitizen who arrives at the border and is processed by CBP is subject to security screening. Their biographic and biometric information is vetted across a suite of law enforcement and intelligence databases. Any noncitizen who poses a risk to national security or public safety is referred to ICE or other government agencies for detention.

### **Processed Noncitizens Released from DHS Custody**

Consistent with longstanding practice under Republican and Democratic Administrations, DHS may conditionally release from custody noncitizens who have been fully screened and vetted pending the outcome of their immigration processes. This could include noncitizens who have been processed for expedited removal, noncitizens who are determined to have a credible fear, or noncitizens who are otherwise placed in removal proceedings before an immigration judge.

This could also include noncitizens who presented at a port of entry via a scheduled CBP One™ appointment. A noncitizen who is processed at a port of entry via a scheduled CBP One™ appointment and who is placed in removal proceedings before an immigration judge may, on a case-by-case basis for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit, be released on parole for two years to continue their removal proceedings. These noncitizens are eligible to apply for employment authorization once they are paroled and are not subject to a statutory waiting period for parole-based employment authorization. Noncitizens who presented at a port of entry without an appointment or after being granted travel authorization under an authorized parole process may also be processed for removal proceedings. On a case-by-case basis, for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit, they may be released on parole while awaiting removal proceedings.

Noncitizens who are conditionally released are subject to reporting requirements, such as regular check ins with ICE, attendance at their immigration court proceedings, and keeping DHS apprised of their current residential address. In some cases, noncitizens are equipped with Alternatives to Detention (ATD) technology (e.g., GPS monitoring device) prior to release. Although noncitizens generally have freedom of movement throughout the United States, noncitizens equipped with ATD technology may be subject to conditions requiring them to remain in a certain location. The ATD program allows ICE to track noncitizens while their immigration proceedings are pending; nearly 95 percent of noncitizens enrolled in an ATD program appear for their scheduled immigration court hearings as required.





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## **Noncitizen Travel to Intended Destinations**

Prior to their release from DHS custody, noncitizens provide their intended destination in the United States to CBP or ICE. This destination is then included on the paperwork they receive when they are released. The DHS Office of Immigration Statistics sorts that data to determine top intended destinations, as reported by noncitizens.

As noted above, noncitizens who are conditionally released are subject to reporting requirements, including keeping DHS apprised of their current residential address. It is important to note that these data reflect the intended destination reported by noncitizens at the time of their initial encounters with CBP; DHS does not have a role in transporting released noncitizens to their intended destination and does not have a role in validating travel plans. As a result, this information may not accurately reflect individuals who will travel to that destination, remain at that destination, or when they may arrive. With these caveats, DHS is providing these data to potential receiving cities in response to requests for planning purposes only.

### **Chicago – Naperville – Elgin, IL-IN-WI**

For the week ending January 20, 2024, **900** noncitizens provided an intended destination in your Core Based Statistical Area. The top three nationalities rounded to the nearest hundred are:

- Mexico (300)
- Venezuela (200)
- Ecuador (100)

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**Subject:** Intended Destination Data Week Ending 2.10.24 - Chicago

**Attachment(s):** "Chicago - Intended Destination Data Week Ending February 10.pdf"

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Good afternoon,

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V/R,  
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## **Intended Destination of Noncitizens Processed at the Southwest Border**

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### **Chicago – Naperville – Elgin, IL-IN-WI**

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- Mexico (200)
- Venezuela (200)
- Colombia (100)

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**Subject:** Intended Destination Data Week Ending 3.23.24 - Chicago

**Attachment(s):** "Chicago - Intended Destination Data Week Ending March 23.pdf"

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Good afternoon,

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Thank you

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- Venezuela (400)
- Mexico (300)
- Colombia (200)

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**Subject:** Intended Destination Data Week Ending 3.30.24 - Chicago

**Attachment(s):** "Chicago - Intended Destination Data Week Ending March 30.pdf"

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- Mexico (300)
- Colombia (100)

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**Subject:** Intended Destination Data Week Ending 4.13.24 - Chicago

**Attachment(s):** "Chicago - Intended Destination Data Week Ending April 13.pdf"

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Good afternoon,

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- Venezuela (300)
- Mexico (200)
- Ecuador (100)

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Thank you.

In partnership,

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Hi Cristina, Jason and Sydney,

Making sure you know that FEMA's SSP funding allocations are now public. You can view the allocations here:  
<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/shelter-services-program/awards>

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**Department of Homeland Security Announces \$300 Million in Direct Funding to Communities Receiving Migrants and \$340 Million for A New Competitive Awards Process**

*DHS continues to provide unprecedented resources to support border & interior communities while calling on Congress to act*

WASHINGTON – Today, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), announced \$300 million in grants through the Shelter and Services Program (SSP), which was authorized by Congress to support communities that are providing services to migrants. \$275 million will be distributed in the first allocation, and the remaining \$25 million will be allocated later in the year to accommodate evolving operational requirements. The initial funding will be available to 55 grant recipients for temporary shelter and other eligible costs associated with migrants awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceedings. Additionally, the Department is announcing \$340.9 million through the Shelter and Services Program-Competitive grant program to be allocated before the end of this Fiscal Year.

Today's announcement responds to feedback from recipients in terms of providing additional flexibilities and an opportunity for new recipients through the competitive program, while continuing to require budget submissions and review prior to releasing funds, which is standard practice at FEMA. It also builds on the support being provided to communities on the border and in the interior. Last year, more than \$780 million awarded through SSP and the Emergency Food and Shelter Program – Humanitarian Awards (EFSP-H) funding in Fiscal Year 2023 which went to organizations and cities across the country.

DHS also works to streamline and improve access to work permits for eligible noncitizens, including through the announcement last week of a temporary final rule to increase the automatic extension period for certain employment authorization documents to prevent a lapse for work-authorized individuals to be in the workforce, supporting local economies.

DHS efforts to manage and secure our borders in a safe, orderly, and humane way include support for communities, as well as strengthened consequences for those without a lawful basis to remain and an expansion of lawful pathways that have helped reduce the number of encounters from specific populations. From May 12, 2023 to April 3, 2024, DHS has removed or returned over 660,000 individuals, the vast majority of whom crossed the Southwest Border, including more than 102,000 individual family members. The majority of all individuals encountered at the southwest border over the past three years have been removed, returned, or expelled. Total removals and returns since mid-May exceed removals and returns in every full fiscal year since 2011.

Due to the substantial demand that exceeds the limited SSP program funding authorized by Congress, not all requests can be fulfilled. DHS continues to call on Congress to pass the bipartisan border security agreement, which would in part provide an additional \$1.4 billion in SSP funds, and provide additional needed tools and resources to respond to historic global migration.

For more information on the Shelter and Services Program, visit [www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/shelter-services-program](https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/shelter-services-program).

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Thanks Chris. OBM owns the FEMA grant. We are working with DFSS on the application and will get it in by the deadline.

Best regards,

Annette Guzman | *Budget Director*

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FYI

The Department of Homeland Security just released its second and final tranche of funding for SSP (Shelter and Services Program) for 2023. This is the primary program that all federal agencies have pointed towards when we ask for more federal assistance and money. The City of Chicago is eligible to apply for **\$2,163,472**, out of the \$77,303,836 tranche. This application is due by September 11<sup>th</sup>.

For those interested, the State of Illinois is only receiving \$2,647 in this tranche. NYC got roughly the same as us at around \$2.2 million. All in all, we favored pretty well; most places that received more funding are at the Southwest border. You can see the transparency for allocations here: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/shelter-services-program/awards>.

This announcement also lets us know that DHS is asking to allocate \$600 Million nationwide for SSP funding for 2024 – a \$200 Million decrease from 2023's \$800M total. We have specifically asked that SSP funding be increased in 2024, so this is not favorable to us.

For those unaware: We did get a meeting on the calendar between Mayor Brandon Johnson and Secretary Mayorkas for next Wednesday, 8/30.

Thanks,

**Chris Hoey (He/They)**

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**Department of Homeland Security Announces Distribution of More Than \$77 Million in Congressional Funding for Communities Receiving Migrants**

*Funding represents another example of DHS providing unprecedented resources to support border and interior communities across America*

WASHINGTON – Today, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), announced more than \$77 million in grants to support border and interior communities receiving migrants through the Shelter and Services Program (SSP). The funding will be available to 53 grant recipients for temporary shelter and other eligible costs associated with migrants awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceedings. Today’s announcement builds on the more than \$290 million announced through SSP in June, which brings the total funding allocated to more than \$770 million. Overall, 69 entities, in both Southwest Border and interior communities, have received funding this year through SSP and the Emergency Food and Shelter Program – Humanitarian Awards (EFSP-H).

Supporting communities is a critical component of DHS’s efforts to manage encounters at the Southwest Border in a safe, orderly, and humane manner. This includes the Biden Administration’s efforts to expand access to lawful and orderly pathways and processes while continuing to apply strengthened consequences for unlawful entry. DHS also requested \$600 million in the FY23 budget supplemental to support border and interior communities receiving migrants.

The Bipartisan Year-End Omnibus signed by President Biden on December 29, 2022, authorized the creation of the new SSP grant program to support these communities. The Omnibus directed CBP to transfer \$800 million in funding to FEMA to establish the SSP and authorized the use of a portion of that funding for the existing EFSP-H until SSP was established. The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) National Board has allocated more than \$400 million to support communities receiving migrants across the country, including \$332.5 million announced on May 5, 2023 to 35 entities and \$75 million awarded by the National Board in December 2022. The SSP was designed to quickly allocate funding to both Southwest Border and interior communities to meet a diverse set of needs across the nation.

As part of today’s announcement, and in response to technical assistance and stakeholder feedback, DHS has also amended the policy to expand the cap for both hotels/motels and airfare to 10 percent of the total funding requested by the applicant. In addition, DHS will also allow for recipients to apply for a waiver of those caps based on operational need.

For more information on the new Shelter and Services Program, visit: [www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/shelter-services-program](https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/shelter-services-program).

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