

# Item 7: Refugee Family Support No-cost Extension

**First 5 California  
Commission Meeting  
August 17, 2023**





# Background

## Refugee Family Support (RFS) funding:

- Originally presented in October 2021 Commission Meeting
- Authorization: \$3 million for one year
  - Three RFS focus areas
  - Six Grantees
  - Implementation timeline

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# Request



**Approve a no-cost extension for one-year**

Reason:

Grantees will continue to:

- Partner and connect with families
- Build relationships
- Establish and build on existing systems of support
- Reach out to additional families
- Data collection and evaluation



# Evaluation Summary

From September 2022 to March 2023, the RFS grantees served:

**395** families, including:

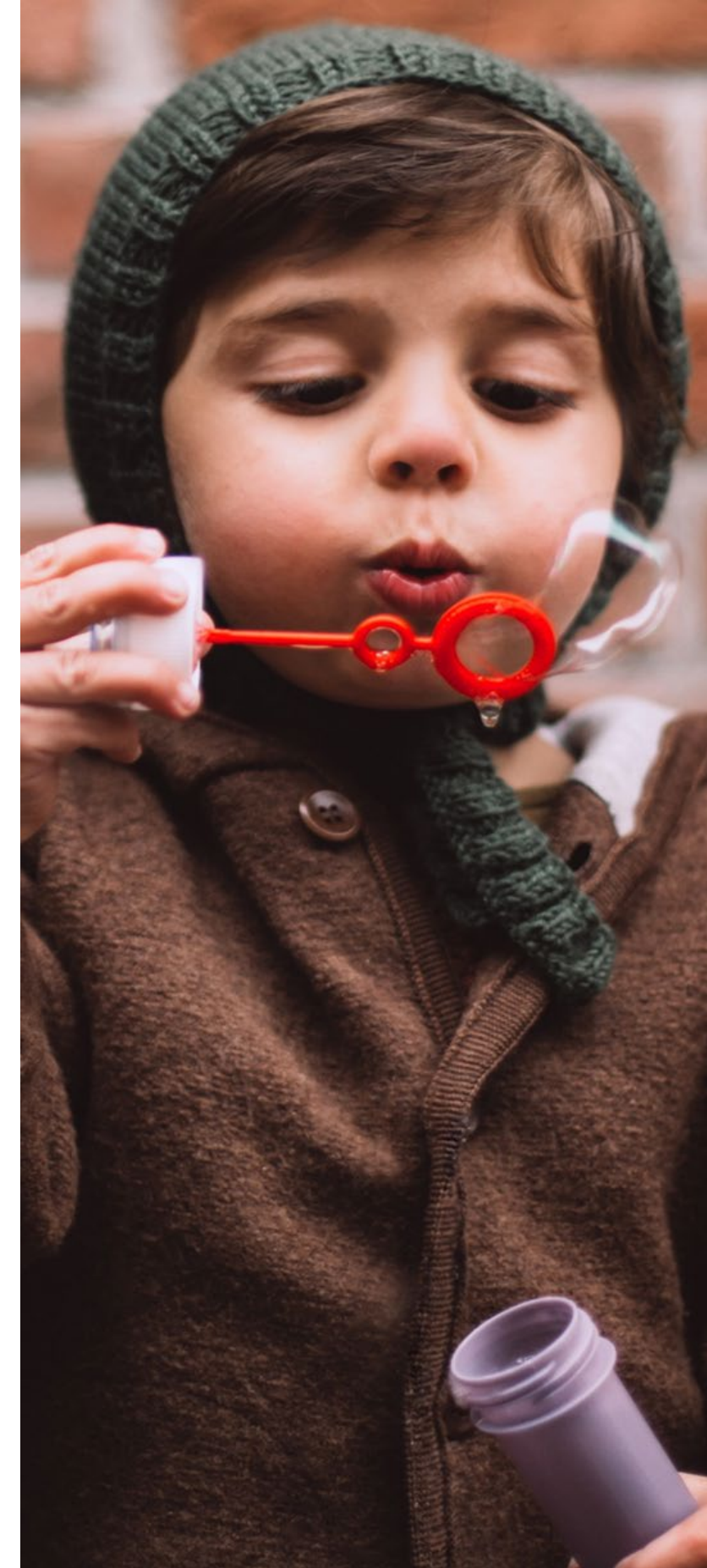
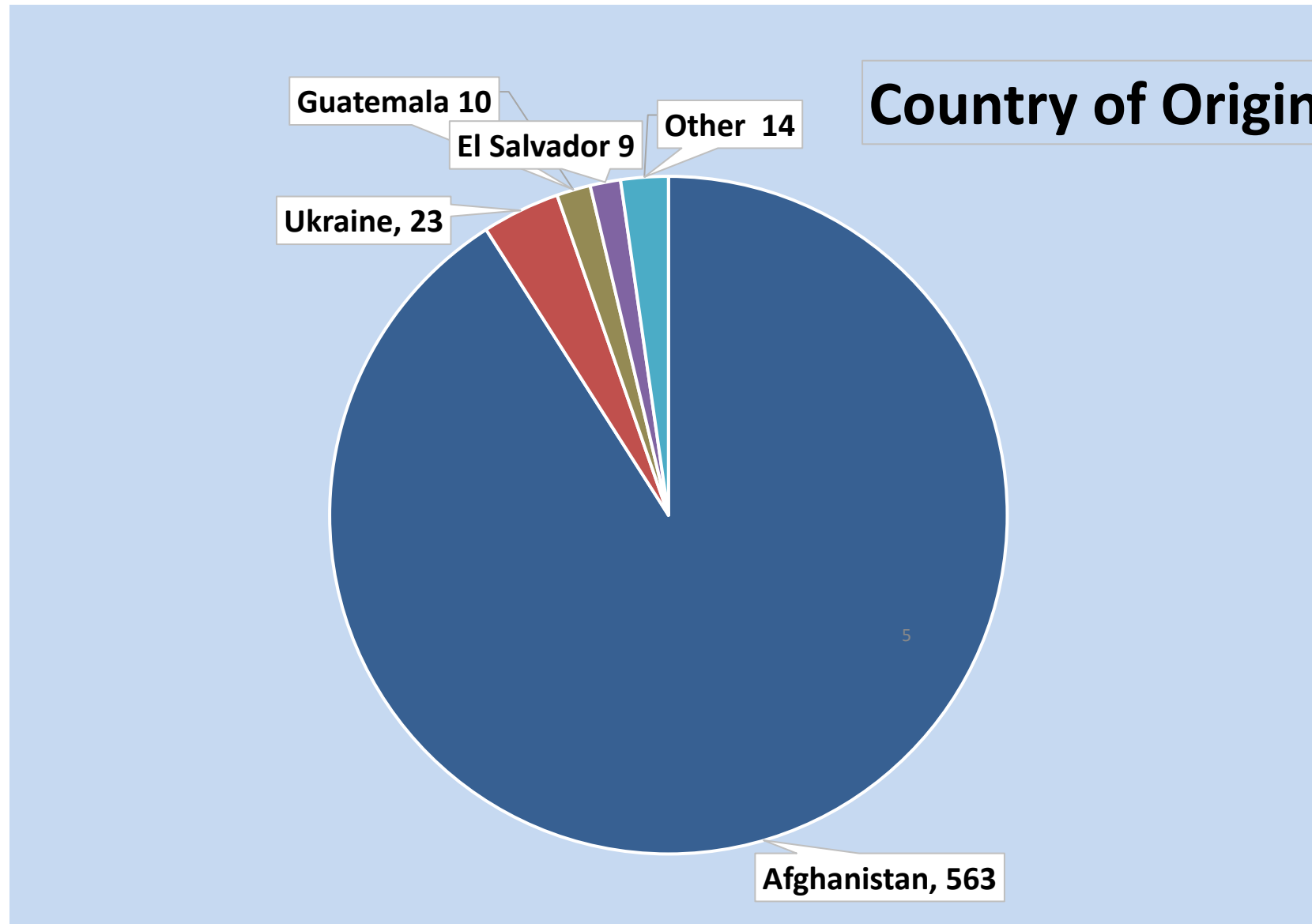
- **1956** individuals
  - **619** Children
  - **40** pregnant women





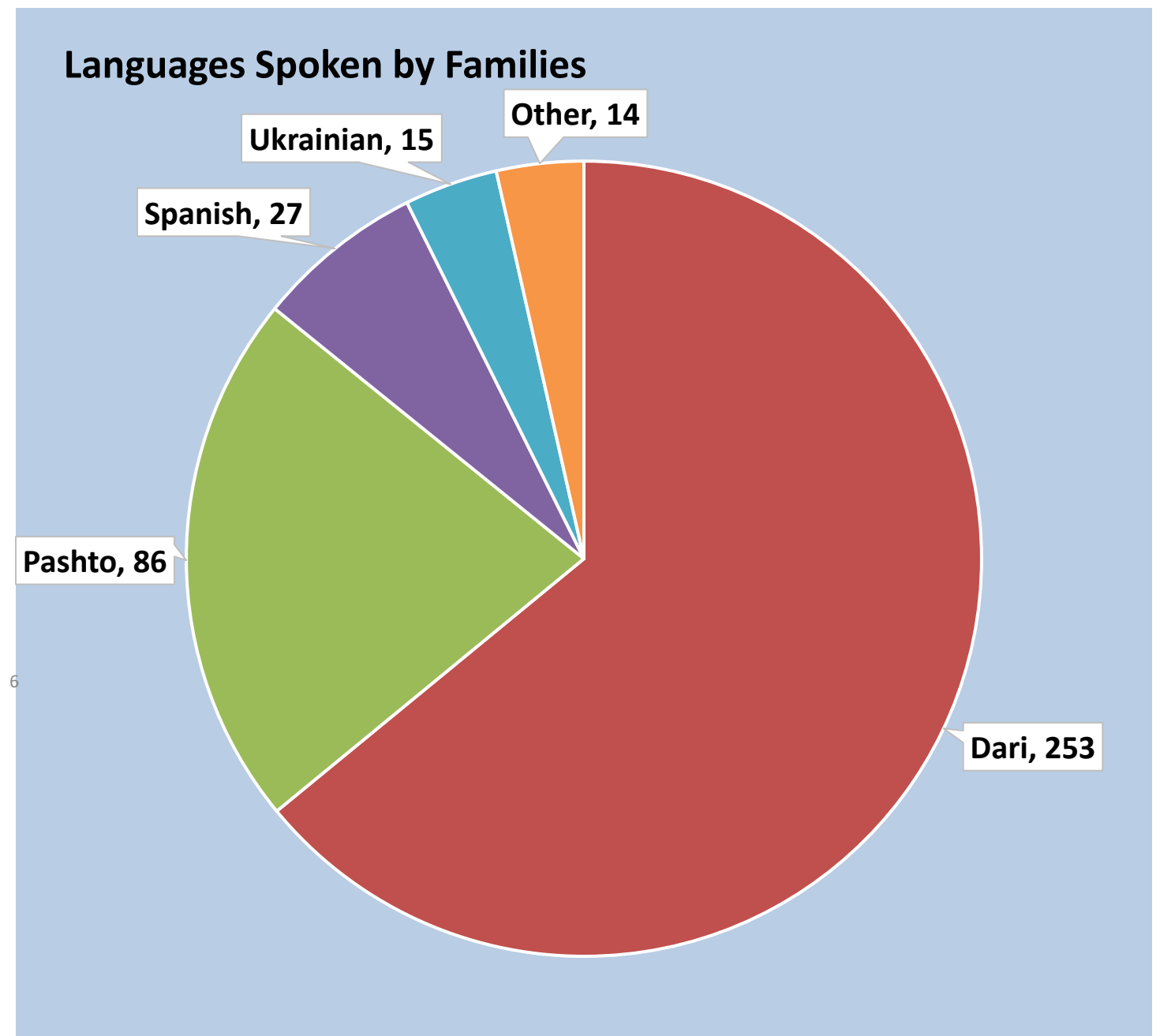
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## Demographics – by country of origin



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## Demographics – by home language





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## RFS focus areas

### Systems Navigation



- 276 families
- 1261 individuals
- 19 pregnant women
- 427 children

### Emergency Housing



- 8 families
- 46 individuals
- 3 pregnant women
- 12 children

### Emergency Childcare



- 2 families
- 5 individuals
- 2 children

### Other Services

- Provision of basic needs: 257 families
- Provision of healthcare/wellbeing: 243 families
- Language support services: 102 families

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# Grantees and Partners

- Required by the RFA
- Over 50 partners
- Local health and human services agencies
- Local IRCs
- 9 additional counties





# The need to support



## The benefits of RFS funding include:

- Culturally and linguistically responsive services to families
- Safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments
- Children are better prepared for school
- Families are more resilient and self-sufficient



# Questions?





# Request

Request to approve a no-cost extension to the Refugee family Support funding for one-year, from September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024



# Thank you!

