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Virginia Gets Grant To Teach Refugees

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RICHMOND (AP)—The State Department of Education said Tuesday the federal government has approved a \$129,570 grant to finance adult education classes for about 2,000 refugees from the Indochinese war now living in Virginia.

William M. Moore, state supervisor of adult education, said the grant will provide up to \$70 per person for instructional purposes. The money will be used mainly to pay teachers and provide materials for the refugees.

The grant by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare will finance special classes in the language, customs, traditions

and responsibilities the refugees are encountering in this country.

About two-thirds of the 2,005 Indochinese refugees living in Virginia have settled in the northern part of the state. Most are South Vietnamese, while a smaller number are Cambodians.

Moore estimated that up to 80 per cent of the refugees will take advantage of the adult classes in the next six months.

Instruction in the English language will be the basic course offered, Moore said, with other topics to include finance, law, citizenship requirements, history and geography.