



Fact Sheet

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USCIS Announces Fiscal Year 2013 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program Recipients

Nearly \$9.9 Million Awarded to Expand Citizenship Preparation Programs for Permanent Residents in 21 States

Introduction

On Sept. 17, 2013, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced the award of nearly \$9.9 million in grants designed to prepare permanent residents for citizenship. Under this program, [40 immigrant-serving organizations](#) from 21 states will receive federal funding to support citizenship preparation services for permanent residents through September 2015.

Background

This is the fifth year USCIS has awarded competitive grant funding to immigrant-serving organizations to support citizenship preparation efforts. USCIS has awarded a total of \$33 million through 182 grants to immigrant-serving organizations. To date, these organizations have provided citizenship preparation services to more than 66,000 permanent residents in 31 states and the District of Columbia. USCIS anticipates an additional 31,000 permanent residents will receive citizenship preparation services by September 2015.¹

Under this year's program, grant recipients will offer citizenship instruction to prepare permanent residents for the civics and English components of the naturalization test, and naturalization application services within the scope of the authorized practice of immigration law. The period of performance for the grants is two years.

Recipient Organizations

Recipients are public or private nonprofit organizations with recent experience providing citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to permanent residents. They include public school systems, community and faith-based groups, adult education organizations, and literacy and training organizations.

¹ At least 20,000 permanent residents will be served under the FY 2013 program during its two-year period of performance. An additional 11,000 permanent residents will be served under the ongoing FY 2012 program, which continues through Sept. 30, 2014.

Recipient organizations are geographically diverse and represent both traditional immigrant destinations and new immigrant gateways across 21 states. Grant recipients plan to provide citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to approximately 20,000 permanent residents from more than 50 countries. Grant recipients represent:

- Fifteen of the top 20 states with the largest permanent resident populations eligible to naturalize (California, New York, Texas, Florida, New Jersey, Illinois, Massachusetts, Virginia, Washington, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio, Colorado and Minnesota);
- Eight of the top 10 metropolitan areas with the greatest numbers of new permanent residents in the past 10 years (New York City, Los Angeles, Miami, greater Washington, Chicago, San Francisco, Dallas/Fort Worth and Boston); and
- Each of the top 10 states with the largest numbers of naturalizations over the last 10 years (California, New York, Florida, Texas, New Jersey, Illinois, Massachusetts, Virginia, Washington and Maryland).

FY 2013 Grant Recipients

Grant recipients are (in alphabetical order):

ORGANIZATION

LOCATION

Ansob Center for Refugees Inc.	New York, N.Y.
Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS)	Dearborn, Mich.
Asian Americans Advancing Justice	Los Angeles, Calif.
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans Inc.	New Orleans, La.
Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington Inc.	Arlington, Va.
Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth Inc.	Fort Worth, Texas
Catholic Charities of Dallas Inc.	Dallas, Texas
Catholic Charities of Orange County Inc.	Santa Ana, Calif.
Centro Romero	Chicago, Ill.
City University of New York	New York, N.Y.
Colorado African Organization	Denver, Colo.
Commonwealth Catholic Charities Inc.	Richmond, Va.
Emerald Isle Immigration Center	Woodside, N.Y.
English Skills Learning Center	Salt Lake City, Utah
Highbridge Community Life Center	Bronx, N.Y.
Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota	St. Paul, Minn.
Instituto del Progreso Latino	Chicago, Ill.
International Institute of St. Louis	St. Louis, Mo.
International Institute of the Bay Area	San Francisco, Calif.
International Rescue Committee Inc.	San Diego, Calif.
Jewish Family & Vocational Service of Middlesex County Inc.	Milltown, N.J.
Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts Inc.	Springfield, Mass.
Kentucky Refugee Ministries Inc.	Louisville, Ky.
La Casa de Don Pedro	Newark, N.J.
Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13	Lancaster, Pa.
Make the Road New York	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition	Boston, Mass.
Montgomery College	Rockville, Md.
Neighborhood House	Seattle, Wash.

New York Legal Assistance Group Inc.
Progreso Latino Inc.
Queens Legal Services Corporation
School Board of Miami-Dade County
SEIU 1199 League Training and Upgrading Fund
Shorefront YM-YWHA of Brighton-Manhattan Beach
Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services Inc.
Tacoma Community House
United Methodist Cooperative Ministries/Suncoast Inc.
US Together Inc.
Young Women's Christian Association of Tulsa

New York, N.Y.
Central Falls, R.I.
Jamaica, N.Y.
Miami, Fla.
New York, N.Y.
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Rochester, Minn.
Tacoma, Wash.
Largo, Fla.
Columbus, Ohio
Tulsa, Okla.

Review Process

USCIS conducted a thorough review of more than 160 eligible applications. Each proposal was evaluated by a three-member team composed of internal USCIS reviewers. Applications were scored numerically using published evaluation criteria and ordered by rank. The USCIS internal review panel determined the finalists based on the rank order and published strategic program priorities found on page 10 of the [funding opportunity announcement](#).

Contact Information

For additional information on the FY 2013 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, please contact the USCIS Office of Citizenship by email at citizenshipgrantprogram@uscis.dhs.gov or visit its [website](#) at www.uscis.gov/grants. To learn more about applying for federal funding opportunities, please visit www.grants.gov or contact the Grants.gov support line at 800-518-4726.

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