



# Fact Sheet

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## **FY 2011 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program Recipients Individual Program Descriptions**

### **Introduction**

On Sept. 21, 2011, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced the award of \$9 million in grants to 42 organizations to expand citizenship preparation programs for permanent residents. This funding will support those on the path toward U.S. citizenship by building capacity in communities to meet the demand for citizenship preparation services.

The fiscal year (FY) 2011 grant program includes three competitive funding opportunities and \$9 million to support citizenship preparation services for permanent residents.

The first opportunity provides funding for local citizenship instruction programs to prepare permanent residents for the civics and English (reading, writing and speaking) components of the naturalization test. The second opportunity supports citizenship instruction as well as naturalization application services within the scope of the authorized practice of immigration law. The third opportunity increases the capacity of members or affiliates of national organizations to provide citizenship preparation services in communities across the country. The period of performance for awards under each of the three categories is two years.

### **Recipient Organizations**

#### *National Capacity Building Program (Listed alphabetically)*

##### **Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc. (CLINIC)**

**Headquarters Location: Washington, D.C.**

##### **Subapplicants:**

- 1. Catholic Charities of Indianapolis (Indianapolis, Ind.)**
- 2. Catholic Charities of Los Angeles Inc. (Los Angeles, Calif.)**
- 3. Catholic Charities of Onondaga County (Syracuse, N.Y.)**
- 4. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Worcester (Worcester, Mass.)**

**Award: \$600,000**

Founded in 1988, Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc. (CLINIC) is the nation's largest network of charitable immigration legal-service providers, with 202 affiliate organizations. CLINIC's Immigrant Path to Citizenship and Integration Project will work to build the long-term capacity of affiliates in Indiana, California, New York and Massachusetts to provide citizenship preparation services. All subapplicants will receive capacity building, technical assistance, and training to start citizenship instruction programs and institute or strengthen naturalization application service programs. The subapplicants will offer services to vulnerable permanent resident populations, including people who are elderly, low-income, have limited literacy skills, or have limited proficiency in English. In total, the subapplicants will provide about 1,870

permanent residents with citizenship education and 1,230 permanent residents with naturalization application services. In addition, three subapplicants will receive assistance with Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) recognition and eight staff will receive BIA accreditation.

**Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society Inc. (HIAS)**

**Headquarters Location: New York, N.Y.**

**Subapplicants:**

1. **Jewish Family Service of San Diego (San Diego, Calif.)**
2. **Carolina Refugee Resettlement Agency Inc. (Charlotte, N.C.)**
3. **Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County (Ann Arbor, Mich.)**
4. **Jewish Family and Children's Services of Minneapolis (Minnetonka, Minn.)**

**Award: \$600,000**

For more than 60 years, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society Inc. (HIAS) has helped permanent residents become citizens through comprehensive programming that includes instructional training, resource development, naturalization preparation and immigration legal services. HIAS will partner with affiliates in California, North Carolina, Michigan and Minnesota to develop and implement a comprehensive citizenship outreach, education and legal services program. This program will focus on providing services to vulnerable and underserved immigrant populations, including refugees, asylees, single women and the elderly. All sites have significant immigrant populations but insufficient citizenship education and naturalization application services to meet community needs. HIAS will meet the community's need for services by providing each subapplicant with capacity-building and technical assistance to develop comprehensive citizenship education programs based on a civics-focused English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) curriculum. In addition, HIAS will work with each subapplicant to strengthen naturalization application services, including assisting one organization with obtaining BIA recognition. In total, HIAS' subapplicants will serve approximately 3,350 permanent residents.

**International Rescue Committee Inc. (IRC)**

**Headquarters Location: New York, N.Y.**

**Subapplicants:**

1. **IRC (Boise, Idaho)**
2. **IRC (Doral, Fla.)**
3. **IRC (Oakland, Calif.)**
4. **IRC (Turlock, Calif.)**

**Award: \$597,701**

Founded in 1933, the International Rescue Committee Inc. (IRC) is a non-sectarian, voluntary organization providing resettlement, relief and protection services to refugees and victims of oppression or violence. Grant funding will enable IRC to refine and expand its existing programming to meet the ongoing needs of prospective U.S. citizens. IRC will build the capacity of four affiliates in Idaho, Florida and California to promote immigrant civic integration through citizenship preparation services for permanent residents. IRC will implement citizenship education programs by disseminating curricula, refining existing resource materials, providing intensive training for staff and reaching out to underserved permanent resident communities. IRC will also develop naturalization application programs by assisting two sites with obtaining BIA recognition and five staff members with becoming BIA accredited. IRC will provide 727 permanent residents with citizenship education and 555 permanent residents with naturalization application services.

***Citizenship Instruction Only Grant Program (Listed alphabetically)***

**Adult Reading Center Inc.**

**Location: Pearland, Texas**

**Award: \$150,000**

Established in 1987, the Adult Reading Center (ARC) has provided ESL literacy classes for more than 15 years. ARC primarily serves Latino permanent residents in Brazoria, southern Harris, western Galveston and eastern Fort Bend counties in Texas. USCIS grant funding will enhance ARC's existing programs by infusing civics and citizenship education into all ESL classes. ARC will provide civics-focused ESL instruction and citizenship education to approximately 200 permanent residents.

**Austin Learning Academy Family Learning Center**

**Location: Austin, Texas**

**Award: \$150,000**

Austin Learning Academy (ALA) has provided English literacy and civics education programs since 2005. USCIS grant funding will enable ALA to create the Citizenship Academy to address the needs of permanent residents in Austin and Travis counties in Texas. ALA will provide citizenship education to permanent residents from Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and other Latin American countries. ALA will also hold a community-wide outreach and promotion event to increase community awareness of the Citizenship Academy. ALA will provide approximately 450 permanent residents with citizenship education.

**City University of New York**

**Location: New York, N.Y.**

**Award: \$150,000**

Over the past 14 years, City University of New York (CUNY) has provided comprehensive immigration services to more than 77,000 immigrants from a wide variety of countries. CUNY will use USCIS grant funds to expand and enhance the Citizenship Now! Citizenship Education Program initiated under the fiscal year (FY) 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. This program will prepare permanent residents in New York City's five boroughs for the naturalization test by offering civics-focused ESL and citizenship classes as well as individual tutoring. CUNY will provide citizenship education to 320 students, and projects that 224 permanent residents will pass the naturalization test.

**Coastline Community College**

**Location: Fountain Valley, Calif.**

**Award: \$149,986**

Since 1976, Coastline Community College (Coastline) has embraced its responsibility to assist local immigrant communities. USCIS grant funding will enable Coastline to launch "Bridge to Citizenship," an initiative to prepare permanent residents for citizenship and responsible participation in the community. The program will provide services in California's Orange County to permanent residents from Vietnam, Mexico, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Laos and the Philippines. Coastline will provide citizenship instruction to 540 permanent residents in anticipation that at least 75 percent will pass the naturalization test.

**Colorado African Organization****Location: Denver, Colo.****Award: \$150,000**

Since 2007, Colorado African Organization (CAO) has provided services in the areas of education, social integration and health to African immigrants and refugees. FY 2011 grant funding will enable CAO to expand services established under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program and maximize the impact of its citizenship education program. CAO will assist permanent residents from Ghana, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, Eritrea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Togo, Guinea, Uganda, Mauritania, Senegal, Kenya and Ivory Coast. CAO will provide ESL and citizenship education to 385 permanent residents.

**Florida State College at Jacksonville****Location: Jacksonville, Fla.****Award: \$149,958**

Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) has provided citizenship education for more than 10 years and is currently the only instructional provider of citizenship education in the greater Jacksonville area. USCIS grant funding will enable FSCJ to lead the Northeast Florida Citizenship Education Initiative to meet the high demand for citizenship education in northeast Florida. FSCJ will focus its efforts among underserved immigrants from the Philippines, Cuba, Colombia, Haiti, Albania, India, China, Vietnam, Myanmar, Iraq and Iran. The project will offer participants citizenship education, mentoring, electronic resources and civics-focused activities. Leaders of the initiative anticipate serving 500 permanent residents.

**Hacienda La Puente Unified School District****Location: City of Industry, Calif.****Award: \$150,000**

Established in 1956, Hacienda La Puente Adult Education (HLP AE) is part of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, a public-education institution located in Los Angeles County. USCIS grant funding will enable HLP AE to expand its citizenship program and increase its capacity to offer quality citizenship preparation services. HLP AE will serve permanent residents from Mexico, Central America, China, Korea, and Vietnam in Los Angeles County. HLP AE anticipates providing citizenship education services to 310 permanent residents.

**Hartford Public Library****Location: Hartford, Conn.****Award: \$148,194**

Since 2000, the Hartford Public Library has offered services to immigrants and refugees through its program, The American Place. FY 2011 grant funding will enable it to expand the program developed under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program to meet the growing demand for services. The library plans to offer citizenship education using innovative mobile technologies to increase access to learning opportunities. The organization serves a highly diverse immigrant and refugee community from the Caribbean, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and South and Southeast Asia. The library anticipates providing citizenship education services to 535 permanent residents, and expects at least 160 of them to pass the naturalization test.

**Jewish Family and Career Services Inc.**

**Location: Atlanta, Ga.**

**Award: \$150,000**

Jewish Family and Career Services Inc. (JFCS) provides a variety of health, career and human services to Atlanta's immigrant communities. JFCS will use USCIS grant funds to continue its Citizenship Education Program started under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. JFCS will offer citizenship instruction to permanent residents residing in the metropolitan Atlanta area from a wide range of countries, including Iran, Iraq, Myanmar, Bhutan, Somalia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan, countries of the former Soviet Union, Mexico and El Salvador. Through the use of grant funds, JFCS anticipates serving 430 permanent residents.

**Montgomery College**

**Location: Rockville, Md.**

**Award: \$149,576**

Since 2001, Montgomery College has provided citizenship education to foreign-born residents of Maryland's Montgomery County. FY 2011 grant funding will enable it to continue and expand the Citizenship Is For You! program initiated under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. The program will provide instruction at two learning levels, and target the language and literacy needs of lower-level learners. Montgomery College foresees providing citizenship education to about 500 permanent residents from countries such as El Salvador, Honduras, China, Iran and Ethiopia.

**United Methodist Cooperative Ministries/Suncoast Inc.**

**Location: Clearwater, Fla.**

**Award: \$150,000**

Since 1975, United Methodist Cooperative Ministries/Suncoast Inc. (UMCM) has served 15,000 people each year through numerous social service programs in five Florida counties. USCIS grant funding will enable UMCM to expand its program to an additional county and to target its citizenship education services to low-income immigrants with low literacy levels. UMCM expects to serve 300 permanent residents from China, Vietnam, Colombia and El Salvador.

***Citizenship Instruction and Naturalization Application Services Grant Program (Listed alphabetically)***

**Ansob Center for Refugees Inc.**

**Location: Astoria, N.Y.**

**Award: \$199,200**

Since 2000, the Ansob Center for Refugees has responded to the service and community needs of foreign-born individuals in New York City's borough of Queens. Ansob offers a comprehensive set of services, including case management, English language instruction, job placement and immigration assistance. USCIS grant funding will enable Ansob to serve permanent residents in New York City—particularly those from Arabic- and French-speaking countries in Africa and the Middle East—with citizenship education and naturalization application services. Ansob estimates that 168 permanent residents will receive citizenship education, and that 280 will submit naturalization applications.

**Asian Services in Action Inc.**

**Location: Akron, Ohio**

**Award: \$199,852**

Since 1995, Asian Services in Action (ASIA) has provided educational, health, legal and social services to immigrant populations that are of low-income and limited proficiency in English. USCIS grant funding will enable the ASIA Northeast Ohio Citizenship and Integration Program to provide citizenship education to 448 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 390 permanent residents. The program will serve permanent residents living in Summit, Cuyahoga and three other adjacent counties in Ohio. ASIA serves permanent residents who are primarily from Bhutan, Burma, China, India, Korea, Laos, Russia and Vietnam.

**Association House of Chicago**

**Location: Chicago, Ill.**

**Award: \$200,000**

The Association House of Chicago (AHC) serves the economically disadvantaged community residents of that city's greater Humboldt Park area. Founded in 1899, it is one of the oldest settlement houses in Chicago. Also a FY 2009 and FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program recipient, AHC will use the FY 2011 grant funding to expand its services to include additional citizenship classes, mock interviews and tutoring. In partnership with the Chicago Legal Clinic, it will offer naturalization application services through workshops and individualized consultations. AHC will provide citizenship education to 300 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 315 permanent residents.

**Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington Inc.**

**Location: Arlington, Va.**

**Award: \$200,000**

Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington Inc., through Hogar Immigrant Services (Hogar), has provided citizenship preparation services since 1995. FY 2011 grant funding will enable Hogar to expand its FY 2010 grant-funded program to offer citizenship education classes in Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William—three counties with large immigrant populations. These classes will serve a total of 330 permanent residents. In addition, Hogar staff will hold 24 naturalization workshops throughout Northern Virginia and intends to provide naturalization application services to 1,800 permanent residents. The majority of permanent residents to be served are from El Salvador, Bolivia, Honduras, Peru, Ethiopia, Somalia, Ghana and Afghanistan.

**Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth Inc.**

**Location: Fort Worth, Texas**

**Award: \$200,000**

Catholic Charities of Fort Worth (CCFW) has served the Fort Worth, Texas immigrant community with ESL classes since 1992 and with immigration legal services since 1983. FY 2011 grant funding will enable CCFW to continue the citizenship program implemented under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. CCFW will offer a comprehensive citizenship preparation program to permanent residents in Tarrant County from Mexico, El Salvador, Somalia and Sudan. CCFW intends to provide 420 permanent residents with citizenship education, and 320 with naturalization application services.

**Catholic Charities of Dallas Inc.**

**Location: Dallas, Texas**

**Award: \$200,000**

Catholic Charities of Dallas Inc. (CCD) has more than 35 years of experience providing English language and citizenship education to refugees and immigrants in north Texas. As a FY 2009 and FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program recipient, CCD provided permanent residents with high-quality citizenship education and naturalization application services. FY 2011 grant funding will enable CCD to enhance its citizenship preparation program to serve the large and diverse permanent resident population in 12 counties in north Texas. CCD will serve permanent residents from Mexico, Burma, Bhutan, Sudan, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. CCD anticipates providing citizenship education to 375 permanent residents and submitting naturalization applications for 450 permanent residents.

**Catholic Charities of Orange County Inc.**

**Location: Santa Ana, Calif.**

**Award: \$200,000**

Catholic Charities of Orange County Inc. (CCOC) has provided free citizenship education and naturalization application services to immigrants since 1976. FY 2011 grant funding will enable CCOC to expand work funded through the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. CCOC will implement a new class format for high-need individuals, and offer additional group naturalization workshops to meet community needs. CCOC intends to serve at least 400 permanent residents with citizenship education and 800 permanent residents with naturalization application services. CCOC primarily serves permanent residents from Mexico, Vietnam, El Salvador, Guatemala and Peru.

**Catholic Social Services of Fall River Inc.**

**Location: Fall River, Mass.**

**Award: \$169,869**

Catholic Social Services of Fall River Inc. (CSS) has served the immigrant community in southeastern Massachusetts for more than 100 years, and is the region's largest provider of social and human services to immigrants. USCIS grant funding will enable CSS to conduct citizenship classes in three locations and hold one naturalization workshop per month. CSS anticipates that 255 permanent residents will receive citizenship education and 600 permanent residents will receive naturalization application services. CSS serves permanent residents from the Dominican Republic, Brazil, Guatemala, Colombia, Cape Verde and China.

**Colombian American Service Association**

**Location: Miami, Fla.**

**Award: \$200,000**

Colombian American Service Association (CASA) has 16 years of experience providing services to the Latino immigrant population in South Florida. USCIS grant funding will enable CASA to launch the Stars and Stripes Citizenship Education Program, which will offer ESL and citizenship education, as well as workshops that provide permanent residents with eligibility counseling and naturalization application services. CASA anticipates providing citizenship education to 300 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents. CASA serves permanent residents from Cuba, Colombia, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Mexico, Peru and Argentina.

**Emerald Isle Immigration Center****Location: Woodside, N.Y.****Award: \$196,248**

Since 1988, Emerald Isle Immigration Center (EIIC) has provided immigrants in the New York City area with a variety of social services. EIIC currently provides naturalization application services to permanent residents through its Legal Assistance Services program. USCIS grant funding will enable EIIC to further develop its ESL/Citizenship program and to provide naturalization application services to more clients. EIIC projects that 560 permanent residents will receive citizenship education and that at least 200 permanent residents will receive naturalization application services. EIIC's clients reside throughout the city's five boroughs and originate from India, Bangladesh, Colombia, Dominica, Ecuador, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Nepal, Peru, El Salvador and Trinidad.

**English Skills Learning Center****Location: Salt Lake City, Utah****Award: \$200,000**

Since 1988, the English Skills Learning Center (ESLC) has helped refugees and immigrants become engaged U.S. citizens. USCIS grant funding will enable ESLC to offer citizenship education through individual tutoring and small-group classes to a total of 300 permanent residents. ESLC will partner with Catholic Community Services of Utah, an immigration-service provider for more than 20 years, to provide naturalization application services to 400 permanent residents. Grant funding will extend programming to Davis and Cache counties and seek to assist underserved populations from Burundi, Rwanda, Bosnia, Congo, Somalia, Sudan, Iraq, Mexico, Colombia, Vietnam, Thailand, Nepal, Bhutan, Burma, Cuba, Eritrea and Afghanistan.

**Instituto del Progreso Latino****Location: Chicago, Ill.****Award: \$200,000**

Since 1977, Instituto del Progreso Latino (Instituto) has supported Latino immigrants and their families on the southwest side of Chicago. Currently, Instituto has the largest citizenship preparation program in Illinois. With FY 2011 grant funding, it will expand work initiated under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program to provide citizenship preparation services to low-literacy permanent residents through the Pathways to Citizenship project. Instituto will provide classes along a continuum of reading levels and expects that 440 permanent residents will complete a citizenship education class at one of four levels. Instituto projects naturalization application services will be provided to 480 permanent residents.

**International Institute of the Bay Area****Location: San Francisco, Calif.****Award: \$200,000**

The International Institute of the Bay Area (IIBA) has provided services to immigrants for the last 92 years. IIBA serves low-income and elderly individuals from the former Soviet Union and low-literacy permanent residents from Latin America. FY 2011 grant funding will enable it to expand citizenship preparation work initiated under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program to meet the need for services in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. IIBA projects that 800 permanent residents will receive citizenship education and naturalization application services, and that at least 90 percent of permanent residents served will pass the naturalization test.

**International Institute of St. Louis**

**Location: St. Louis, Mo.**

**Award: \$200,000**

The International Institute of St. Louis (IISL) has provided social services to foreign-born populations for more than 90 years. Under the FY 2009 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, it initiated the St. Louis Citizenship Project. FY 2011 grant funding will enable IISL to increase citizenship education, outreach and naturalization application services to populations with limited English proficiency and literacy. IISL anticipates that 305 permanent residents will receive citizenship education and that 445 will receive naturalization application services. IISL serves permanent residents from more than 40 countries, including Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bosnia, Burma, Burundi, Eritrea, Liberia, Mexico, Somalia and Uzbekistan.

**International Rescue Committee Inc.**

**Location: Los Angeles, Calif.**

**Award: \$198,229**

The International Rescue Committee in Los Angeles (IRC) has provided services to immigrants for 36 years. USCIS grant funding will enable it to expand current citizenship preparation services to reach refugees, asylees and low-income immigrants in Los Angeles County. IRC will serve permanent residents primarily from Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Belarus, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Vietnam, Cameroon and Burma. During the grant period, IRC expects to provide citizenship education and naturalization application services to 720 permanent residents.

**International Rescue Committee Inc.**

**Location: Phoenix, Ariz.**

**Award: \$200,000**

The International Rescue Committee in Phoenix (IRC) has provided direct services to refugees and immigrants since 1994. FY 2011 grant funding will allow it to enhance its citizenship preparation program, initiated under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, to raise awareness among permanent residents in Phoenix of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. IRC will seek to assist the Somali, Burundian, Liberian, Mexican, Burmese, Sudanese, Iraqi and Bhutanese communities. It foresees providing citizenship classes to 600 individuals and naturalization application services to 515 permanent residents. IRC expects that 90 percent of applicants will pass the naturalization test.

**International Rescue Committee Inc.**

**Location: San Diego, Calif.**

**Award: \$200,000**

Established in 1975, the International Rescue Committee in San Diego (IRC) is the area's leading non-sectarian refugee resettlement agency. USCIS grant funding will enable it to address the gap in services in San Diego by providing citizenship preparation services to low-income permanent residents in two underserved areas of San Diego County: El Cajon and City Heights. IRC foresees providing citizenship education and naturalization application services to 1,675 permanent residents from Iraq, Mexico, Vietnam and Somalia.

**Jewish Family and Vocational Service of Middlesex County Inc.**

**Location: Milltown, N.J.**

**Award: \$200,000**

Jewish Family and Vocational Service of Middlesex County Inc. (JFVS) has provided citizenship preparation services to immigrants and refugees to that part of New Jersey since 1988. FY 2011 grant funding will enable it to expand work started under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. Through Project Citizenship 2011, JFVS will provide two new classes in Edison and Freehold and naturalization application services assistance to underserved communities in three additional counties. JFVS anticipates that 310 permanent residents will receive citizenship education and 635 permanent residents will receive naturalization application services. JFVS will serve individuals from China, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, India, Korea, Liberia, Russia, Sierra Leone and Ukraine.

**La Casa de Don Pedro Inc.**

**Location: Newark, N.J.**

**Award: \$200,000**

La Casa de Don Pedro is a multiservice, community-based organization with a 39-year history of offering direct services to immigrants. FY 2011 grant funding will enable it to expand the citizenship education and naturalization application services currently offered under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. The majority of La Casa's clients are low-income permanent residents from countries such as Ecuador, Peru, Honduras, El Salvador, Uruguay, Brazil, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Trinidad, Mexico, Haiti and Dominica. It anticipates providing citizenship education to 240 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

**Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13**

**Location: Lancaster, Pa.**

**Award: \$200,000**

Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 (IU 13) has offered adult education for 40 years and currently serves 22 school districts in Lancaster and Lebanon counties. With FY 2011 funding, it will partner with Harrisburg Area Community College and Church World Service of Lancaster to expand programs created under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. Together, these organizations will ensure that a minimum of 306 permanent residents attend citizenship education classes and at least 513 permanent residents receive naturalization application services. IU 13 will serve permanent residents primarily from the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Mexico, Honduras, Cuba, Russia, Ukraine, Vietnam, Laos, Bhutan, Burma, Ethiopia, Somalia and Iraq.

**Lutheran Community Services Northwest**

**Location: Portland, Ore.**

**Award: \$200,000**

Since 1975, Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW) has delivered culturally specific services to refugees and immigrants in the Portland metropolitan area. It plans to continue work initiated under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. FY 2011 grant funding will enable LCSNW to expand its Refugee and Immigrant Support and Education (RISE) program to provide citizenship preparation services to low-income and elderly permanent residents. LCSNW, which serves individuals from Somalia, Ethiopia, Burma, Burundi, Iraq,

Ukraine, Moldavia and Russia, expects 240 permanent residents to receive citizenship education and 240 to receive naturalization application services.

**Neighborhood House**

**Location: Seattle, Wash.**

**Award: \$200,000**

Neighborhood House has provided social and educational services to low-income families since its establishment in 1906. USCIS grant funding will enable Neighborhood House to provide, through its Road to Citizenship Project, citizenship education and naturalization application services to King County's most underserved immigrant and refugee communities. These communities include people from Southeast Asia, East Africa and Eastern Europe. Neighborhood House will provide citizenship education in facilities located in the public housing communities of Rainier Vista, High Point and Greenbridge. Neighborhood House foresees 340 permanent residents receiving citizenship education and 340 individuals receiving naturalization application services.

**Northeast Wisconsin Technical College**

**Location: Green Bay, Wis.**

**Award: \$195,379**

Under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, Northeast Technical College (NWTC) partnered with Literacy Green Bay and Catholic Charities of Green Bay Inc. to launch Pathways to Citizenship. With FY 2011 grant funding, the two-year college serving more than 40,000 students will keep collaborating with these partners to expand the Road to Citizenship project, which will provide tutoring as well as citizenship education and naturalization application services to low-income and low-literacy individuals primarily from Mexico, Laos and Thailand. In total, NWTC anticipates that 204 permanent residents will receive citizenship education and 220 individuals will receive naturalization application services.

**Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights**

**Location: New York, N.Y.**

**Award: \$200,000**

Established in 1982, the Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights (NMCIR) educates, organizes, and protects the rights of immigrants. It serves a large immigrant community primarily from the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Peru, El Salvador and Mexico. FY 2011 grant funding will enable NMCIR to expand its current naturalization application services and citizenship education program to serve low-income permanent residents, including elderly immigrants, refugees, asylees and special immigrant juveniles. NMCIR will ensure that 300 individuals receive citizenship education and 200 permanent residents receive naturalization application services.

**Progreso Latino Inc.**

**Location: Central Falls, R.I.**

**Award: \$200,000**

Progreso Latino Inc. is a community-based organization with more than 30 years of experience in the areas of health, early childhood education and immigration. Progreso Latino Inc. will lead the Rhode Island Citizenship Consortium (the Consortium) as it uses FY 2011 grant funding to continue work funded under the FY 2009 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. The Consortium, which is comprised of five nonprofit agencies, will provide citizenship preparation

services to low-income permanent residents in Providence, Central Falls, Pawtucket, Cranston and East Providence. Overall, the Consortium expects to provide 560 permanent residents with citizenship education and 340 permanent residents with naturalization application services. The Consortium's target population consists of permanent residents from the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Portugal, Cape Verde, Liberia and Cambodia.

**School Board of Miami-Dade County**

**Location: Miami, Fla.**

**Award: \$200,000**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County is Florida's largest provider of English-literacy and citizenship education. FY 2011 grant funding will help the organization expand its Fast Track to Citizenship Program II, which is also supported under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. In partnership with Catholic Legal Services of the Archdiocese of Miami Inc., the School Board plans to provide intensive citizenship education and naturalization application services to 600 permanent residents in the underserved Florida communities of Hialeah, Westchester, South Miami and North Miami. The School Board primarily serves permanent residents from Cuba, Haiti, Colombia, Venezuela, Jamaica and El Salvador.

**Shorefront YM-YWHA of Brighton-Manhattan Beach Inc.**

**Location: Brooklyn, N.Y.**

**Award: \$200,000**

Since 1970, the Shorefront YM-YWHA of Brighton-Manhattan Beach Inc. (Shorefront Y) has provided direct services to immigrants from the former Soviet Union, China and Latin America. FY 2011 funds will enable it to provide citizenship education to permanent residents whose English proficiency is limited, and to provide individual instruction to homebound persons. Shorefront Y will partner with the New York Legal Assistance Group, New York City's largest provider of immigration services, to offer naturalization application services to permanent residents. Shorefront Y estimates that 300 permanent residents will receive citizenship education, and that 240 will submit naturalization applications.

**Young Women's Christian Association of Tulsa**

**Location: Tulsa, Okla.**

**Award: \$195,808**

Young Women's Christian Association of Tulsa (YWCA Tulsa) has been eastern Oklahoma's leading citizenship, immigration and refugee services provider since 1983. FY 2009 and FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program funding enabled it to implement Project Citizenship. FY 2011 funding will ensure the continuation of Project Citizenship's previous efforts to reach low-income individuals, refugees, seniors and persons with limited English proficiency. YWCA Tulsa—which serves permanent residents primarily from Central and South America, Vietnam, Russia, Burma and Lebanon—foresees providing 300 permanent residents with citizenship education, 225 with naturalization consultations, and 135 with naturalization application services.

**Notes:** Funding under the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program may only be used to provide services to immigrants who have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States. The program descriptions listed above have been taken in full, or in part, from recipient grant applications, websites, or a combination thereof. USCIS is not responsible for the accuracy of such content.