

**Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 USCIS Citizenship and Integration  
Grant Program Recipient Organizations**

**Individual Program Descriptions**

**Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services**

**Location: Dearborn, MI**

**Award: \$250,000**

Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) is a nonprofit family resource center that has provided citizenship instruction for the past 13 years and naturalization application services for the past 39 years. ACCESS was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2013. With FY 2015 grant funding, ACCESS will continue to offer citizenship classes and naturalization application services to a greater number of low-income clients. The program will serve primarily Arab and Hispanic permanent residents residing in the Detroit metro area. ACCESS will provide citizenship instruction to serve a total of 200 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 300 permanent residents.

**Asian Americans Advancing Justice**

**Location: Los Angeles, CA**

**Award: \$250,000**

For more than 20 years, Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAAJ), formerly known as the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, has provided immigration legal services to low-income immigrants in the Los Angeles metro area. AAAJ was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2013. With FY 2015 grant funding, AAAJ will expand its current services to serve permanent residents residing in the Los Angeles area, targeting low income Asian and Pacific Islanders. AAAJ will offer citizenship classes in partnership with several Los Angeles Public Library locations. AAAJ will provide citizenship instruction to 735 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 320 permanent residents.

**Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Hartford, Inc.**

**Location: Hartford, CT**

**Award: \$250,000**

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Hartford (CCAH) is Connecticut's largest refugee resettlement agency and has been welcoming new arrivals and facilitating their integration into the broader community since 1975. CCAH has provided citizenship education and naturalization application services since 2009. CCAH was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2011. With FY 2015 grant funding, CCAH will expand the availability of naturalization application services to six cities across the state of Connecticut including Hartford and New Haven. CCAH will provide citizenship instruction to 350 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 250 permanent residents.

**Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, Inc.**

**Location: New Orleans, LA**

**Award: \$250,000**

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, Inc. (CCANO) has more than 27 years of experience serving the legal and educational needs of low-income immigrants in the greater New Orleans area. CCANO was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2013. With FY 2015 grant

funding, CCANO will continue to expand its *Pathway to Citizenship Program* by adding classroom locations to serve more permanent residents. The program will serve low-income permanent residents residing in underserved regions of the Greater New Orleans area who are primarily Hispanic, as well as those from Vietnam and China. CCANO will provide citizenship instruction to 400 permanent residents and provide naturalization application services to 400 permanent residents.

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

**Location: Fort Worth, TX**

**Award: \$250,000**

Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth, Inc. (CCFW) has provided the Fort Worth, Texas immigrant community with English as a Second Language (ESL) classes since 1992 and with immigration legal services since 1983. CCFW was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. With FY 2015 grant funding, CCFW will add additional classes, increase tutoring opportunities, and expand childcare availability in order to serve more permanent residents. The program serves permanent residents from Mexico, Iraq, Bhutan, Burma, El Salvador, and Cuba, among others. CCFW will provide 480 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 288 permanent residents with naturalization application services.

**Catholic Charities Diocese of Los Angeles, Inc.**

**Location: Los Angeles, CA**

**Award: \$250,000**

Catholic Charities Diocese of Los Angeles, Inc. (CCLA) has provided quality naturalization application services since 1955 and citizenship instruction since 2012. CCLA was first awarded USCIS funding in FY 2011 as a sub-awardee under a grant to the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. With FY 2015 grant funding, CCLA will continue to serve low-income permanent residents in Los Angeles County, the majority of whom are Latino. Through their partnership with the Los Angeles Public Libraries, they will offer citizenship education classes at four county libraries. CCLA will provide citizenship education instruction to 300 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

**Catholic Charities Diocese of Rochester, Inc.**

**Location: Rochester, NY**

**Award: \$250,000**

Catholic Charities Diocese of Rochester's Catholic Family Center (CFC) has served the Greater Rochester community since 1917 and has provided naturalization assistance services since 2012. It will partner with Rochester City School District's Office of Adult and Career Education Services to provide citizenship education. CFC will provide assistance to permanent residents from Burma, Bhutan, Somalia, and Iraq, among others. CFC will provide citizenship education instruction to 200 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

**Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton, Inc.**

**Location: Trenton, NJ**

**Award: \$249,986**

Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton's *El Centro de Recursos Para Familias* (Family Resource Center, known as El Centro) has been providing family support and health services to immigrant

families in the Trenton area since 1999. El Centro will provide services to permanent residents primarily from Latin America and the Caribbean residing in Trenton and Mercer County, New Jersey. El Centro will provide citizenship education instruction to 200 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

**Catholic Charities of Orange County, Inc.**

**Location: Santa Ana, CA**

**Award: \$250,000**

Catholic Charities of Orange County, Inc. (CCOC) has provided free citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to immigrants since 1976. CCOC was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. CCOC primarily serves permanent residents from Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Philippines and Vietnam. With FY 2015 grant funding, CCOC will provide 300 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 700 permanent residents with naturalization application services.

**Central American Resource Center of California**

**Location: Los Angeles, CA**

**Award: \$250,000**

Central American Resource Center of California (CARECEN) has provided naturalization application services for over 20 years and citizenship education services since 2009. CARECEN first received a USCIS grant in FY 2009. While open to permanent residents of all countries, the majority of CARECEN's clients come from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico. With FY 2015 grant funding, CARECEN will expand services in the Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley including offering a class at a Los Angeles Public Library branch location. CARECEN plans to provide classes to 360 permanent residents and 440 permanent residents with naturalization application services.

**Church World Service, Inc.**

**Location: Durham, NC**

**Award: \$249,991**

Church World Service (CWS) has provided services to refugees and immigrants of central North Carolina area since 2009. Their partner, Orange County Literacy Council, has provided citizenship instruction since 2010. The primary focus will be on the low income, rural, low-educated, elderly, and/or disabled populations, with the majority of clients served expected to be from Mexico, Burma, Colombia, El Salvador, Honduras, Iraq and Vietnam. They will partner with local public libraries. CWS plans to enroll at least 200 students in citizenship classes, and provide naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

**Church World Service, Inc.**

**Location: Harrisonburg, VA**

**Award: \$250,000**

Since 1988, Church World Service, Inc. in Harrisonburg (CWS) has provided services to immigrants and refugees. CWS serves immigrants from Central America, Cuba, El Salvador, Eritrea, Iraq, Mexico, and the former USSR. In partnership with Skyline Literacy, CWS plans to increase the number of classes offered and expand services to neighboring counties in both Virginia and West Virginia. CWS first received USCIS funding in FY 2012 as a sub-awardee to Skyline Literacy. Skyline Literacy first received USCIS funding in FY 2010. CWS will provide

citizenship instruction to 250 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

### **Colorado African Organization**

**Location: Denver, CO**

**Award: \$248,364**

Since 2007, the Colorado African Organization (CAO) has provided education and social services to immigrants and refugees in the Denver metro area. CAO was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. CAO primarily serves permanent residents from a number of African countries and Bhutan, Burma, and Iraq. With FY 2015 grant funding, CAO will continue its partnerships with Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains and the Community College of Aurora. CAO intends to provide citizenship instruction to 340 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 210 permanent residents.

### **Emerald Isle Immigration Center**

**Location: New York, NY**

**Award: \$250,000**

Since 1988, Emerald Isle Immigration Center (EIIC) has provided legal assistance and social services to immigrants in the New York City boroughs of Queens, Brooklyn, and the Bronx. EIIC was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2011. With FY 2015 funding, EIIC will continue providing citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to clients from India, Bangladesh, Colombia, Dominica, Ecuador, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Nepal, Peru, El Salvador, and Trinidad and Tobago. EIIC will provide citizenship instruction to 560 permanent residents and provide naturalization application services to at least 320 permanent residents.

### **English Skills Learning Center**

**Location: Salt Lake City, UT**

**Award: \$250,000**

Since 1988, the English Skills Learning Center (ESLC) has provided English language instruction through small group classes and tutoring to underserved immigrants. ESLC partners with Catholic Community Services of Utah to provide naturalization application services. ESLC was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2011. With FY 2015 grant funding, ESLC will continue to serve refugees and immigrants from Mexico, Somalia, Sudan, Burma, Iraq, Burundi, Bosnia, Bhutan, and Peru, among other countries. ESLC will provide citizenship instruction to 450 permanent residents and provide naturalization application services to 900 permanent residents.

### **HANAC, Inc.**

**Location: New York, NY**

**Award: \$250,000**

The Hellenic American Neighborhood Action Committee (HANAC) has provided immigrant services since 1972, first addressing the needs of Greek and other immigrants in Astoria, New York. HANAC was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. HANAC currently serves immigrants from South and Central America, Eastern Europe, Middle East, and North Africa. With FY 2015 grant funding, HANAC will expand the number of classes at its three different sites to provide citizenship instruction to 216 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 250 permanent residents.

**HIAS and Council Migration Service of Philadelphia****Location: Philadelphia, PA****Award: \$250,000**

Through the Philadelphia Citizenship Action Network (P-CAN), HIAS and Council Migration Service (HIAS) of Philadelphia proposes to partner with seven agencies: Esperanza Immigration Legal Services (EILS), Indochinese American Council, New World Association, District 1199C Training Fund, Center for Literacy, Community Learning Center and the Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians. P-CAN plans on serving permanent residents in the Philadelphia area, including low income individuals and low wage health care workers. HIAS was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012. FY 2015 funding will allow this partnership to provide citizenship instruction to 220 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

**Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota****Location: St. Paul, MN****Award: \$248,905**

Since 1996, the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ILCM) has provided naturalization application services to immigrants in the Minneapolis and St. Paul metro area. ILCM was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2013. With FY 2015 funding, ILCM will continue providing services for low-income immigrants from Latin America and Somalia, as well as the Hmong and Karen communities. ILCM plans to enroll 270 permanent residents in citizenship instruction classes and to provide 256 permanent residents with naturalization application services.

**Instituto del Progreso Latino****Location: Chicago, IL****Award: \$250,000**

Since 1977, Instituto del Progreso Latino (Instituto) has supported Hispanic immigrants and their families on the Southwest Side of Chicago. Through its *Pathways to Citizenship* program, a multi-level literacy and educational initiative, Instituto specializes in helping elderly and low-literate immigrants from Mexico overcome barriers to education. Instituto was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2011. With FY 2015 grant funding, Instituto plans to enroll 540 permanent residents in citizenship education classes and provide 520 permanent residents with naturalization application services.

**International Institute of Akron****Location: Akron, OH****Award: \$250,000**

The International Institute of Akron (IIA) has provided citizenship instruction since its founding in 1916 and has offered naturalization application services since the 1920s. IIA serves immigrants from Bhutan, Burma, Uzbekistan, Iraq, Liberia, Laos, Jordan, Vietnam, Serbia, Bosnia, India, Russia, and Mexico. IIA was first awarded USCIS grants in FY 2010. With FY 2015 funding IIA, in partnership with International Services Center of Cleveland, will expand services in Cuyahoga, Lake, and Geauga Counties. IIA will provide citizenship instruction to 700 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 800 permanent residents.

**International Institute of the Bay Area****Location: San Francisco, CA****Award: \$250,000**

The International Institute of the Bay Area (IIBA) has provided legal and educational services to immigrants in the San Francisco Bay Area for 95 years. IIBA was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. IIBA serves primarily low-income permanent residents from Latin America, many of whom are elderly and low-literate. With FY 2015 funding, IIBA will continue its current offering of citizenship classes and will add a Spanish-language class for seniors who are exempt from the English language portion of the naturalization test. IIBA will provide 275 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 350 permanent residents with naturalization application services.

**International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis****Location: St. Louis, MO****Award: \$250,000**

Founded in 1919, the International Institute of St. Louis (IISTL) is a social service agency that currently has the largest adult ESL program in the St. Louis area. IISTL was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2009. With FY 2015 funding, IISTL will add classes to its existing program and continue its partnership with Legal Services of Eastern Missouri to provide legal assistance for complex cases. IISTL serves permanent residents from Afghanistan, Bhutan, Burma, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, and Somalia, among others. IISTL will provide citizenship instruction to 245 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 220 permanent residents.

**International Rescue Committee, Inc.****Location: Phoenix, AZ****Award: \$250,000**

The International Rescue Committee in Phoenix (IRC) is a refugee resettlement agency that provides comprehensive social services to immigrants in the Phoenix metro area. IRC has provided naturalization application services since 1999 and citizenship instruction since 2010. IRC serves immigrants and refugees from a variety of countries, including Iraq, Mexico, Afghanistan, Burma, Congo, Ethiopia, Sudan, and Liberia. IRC was first awarded USCIS funding in FY 2011. With FY 2015 funding, IRC will provide citizenship instruction to 750 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 1150 permanent residents.

**International Rescue Committee, Inc.****Location: San Diego, CA****Award: \$250,000**

Established in 1975, the International Rescue Committee in San Diego (IRC) is a refugee resettlement agency that provides comprehensive social services to immigrants in the San Diego metro area. IRC was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2009. IRC plans to serve permanent residents who are primarily from Iraq, Mexico, Vietnam, and Somalia. IRC will provide citizenship instruction to 550 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 1,250 permanent residents.

**Jewish Family and Vocational Service of Middlesex County, Inc.****Location: Milltown, NJ****Award: \$250,000**

Jewish Family and Vocational Service of Middlesex County, Inc. (JFVS) has provided citizenship preparation services to immigrants and refugees since 1988. JFVS was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. JFVS serves individuals from a variety of countries, including Belarus, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, India, Korea, Mexico, Peru, Russia, Sierra Leone, and Ukraine. JFVS will provide citizenship instruction to 355 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 500 permanent residents.

**Jewish Family Service of San Diego****Location: San Diego, CA****Award: \$250,000**

Jewish Family Service of San Diego (JFS) has provided services to refugees and immigrants since 1918. The agency serves low-income, underserved individuals from Afghanistan, Burma, Colombia, Cuba, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Iraq, Mexico, Philippines, Russia, Ukraine, Somalia, and Vietnam, among others. JFS was first awarded a USCIS grant in 2011 as a sub-awardee. With USCIS funding, JFS will expand its services to provide 300 legal permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 400 legal permanent residents with naturalization application services.

**Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Inc.****Location: Louisville, KY****Award: \$250,000**

Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Inc. (KRM) has provided citizenship preparation services since 2002 to immigrants in the Louisville metro area. KRM was first received a USCIS grant in FY 2013. KRM serves permanent residents from Bhutan, Burma, Cuba, and Iraq, among other countries. Many are preliterate, elderly, or single parents. KRM will provide 320 permanent residents with citizenship instruction classes and 400 permanent residents with naturalization application services.

**Lutheran Community Services Northwest****Location: Portland, OR****Award: \$250,000**

Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW) has provided services since 1921, naturalization application services for 36 years and citizenship instruction for 19 years. LCSNW will target low-income permanent residents residing in the Portland metropolitan area, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties. LCSNW first received funding from USCIS in 2010. Through this grant, CSNW will provide citizenship instruction to 250 permanent residents and provide naturalization application services for 200 permanent residents.

**Make the Road New York****Location: New York, NY****Award: \$250,000**

Founded in 1992, Make the Road New York (MRNY) is a community-based organization that provides a variety of social services to immigrants in the New York City metro area. With centers in Brooklyn; Queens; Staten Island; and Brentwood, Long Island, MRNY provides

citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to New York City's underserved Hispanic immigrant neighborhoods. MRNY was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. FY 2015 funding will enable MRNY to continue its Pathways to Citizenship Initiative, which includes four year-round citizenship classes that would not be possible without USCIS funding. The program anticipates providing citizenship instruction to 204 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 240 permanent residents.

**Montgomery College**

**Location: Rockville, MD**

**Award: \$249,944**

Since 2001, Montgomery College (MC) has offered citizenship preparation classes to permanent residents in Montgomery County, Maryland. MC was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. MC will continue its partnership with Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Washington, Inc. to provide naturalization application services. With FY 2015 grant funding, MC will further develop the "Enhanced Integration Task" (EIT) model to include a technology component, allowing students to learn or expand digital literacy skills. MC primarily serves permanent residents from El Salvador, Honduras, China, Iran, Peru and Ethiopia. MC will provide citizenship instruction to 480 permanent residents and 356 permanent residents will receive naturalization application services.

**Neighborhood Centers, Inc.**

**Location: Bellaire, TX**

**Award: \$250,000**

Founded in 1907, Neighborhood Centers, Inc. is a community-based organization in the Greater Houston Area. Since 2006, Neighborhood Centers, Inc. has assisted immigrants from over fifteen countries with naturalization applications, primarily focusing on low-income neighborhoods. Neighborhood Centers plans to expand its *Immigration and Citizenship Program* and provide citizenship instruction to 300 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 215 permanent residents.

**Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic**

**Location: Indianapolis, IN**

**Award: \$238,508**

The Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic (the Clinic) has been providing legal aid since 1994 and naturalization application services since 2000. They will partner with the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township's Community and Continuing Education program, which has ten years of experience in providing citizenship instruction to immigrants. The program will primarily serve immigrants and refugees from Burma, Egypt, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, and Nigeria. The Clinic will provide citizenship instruction to 252 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 300 permanent residents.

**New American Pathways, Inc.**

**Location: Atlanta, GA**

**Award: \$250,000**

For over 30 years, New American Pathways (NAP, previously as Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta/RRISA) has served immigrants and refugees. Literacy Action, founded in 1968, is the oldest and largest adult basic education nonprofit in the southeastern

United States. Through its *Pathway to Citizenship* program, NAP will partner with Literacy Action to provide services to immigrants and refugees from primarily Somalia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Burma, Burundi, Cuba, Bhutan, Nepal, Congo, Liberia and Iraq. NAP will provide citizenship instruction to 200 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

**Northside Independent School District**

**Location: San Antonio, TX**

**Award: \$250,000**

The Northside Independent School District's (NISD) Adult Education (AE) Department has 21 total years of experience providing citizenship instruction. They will partner with Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio (CCAOSA) which has over ten years of experience providing naturalization application services to immigrants. The primary population served will be refugees from Burma, Iraq, and Bhutan, as well as immigrants from Mexico, Central America, and South America. NISD and CCAOSA will provide citizenship instruction to 240 permanent residents and naturalization application services for 200 permanent residents.

**Progreso Latino, Inc.**

**Location: Central Falls, RI**

**Award: \$250,000**

Progreso Latino, Inc., a social service provider for 36 years, is the fiscal agent of the *Rhode Island Citizenship Consortium* (the Consortium), a group of five nonprofit agencies each with 20 years of experience serving the immigrant community. Progreso Latino was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2009. With FY 2015 grant funding, Progreso Latino will offer additional courses and citizenship clinics. Clients include permanent residents from the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Portugal, Cape Verde, Liberia, and Cambodia. The Consortium will provide 410 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 400 permanent residents with naturalization application services.

**Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA)**

**Location: Seattle, WA**

**Award: \$249,074**

The Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA) has provided citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to permanent residents for 15 years. Through this grant, ReWA plans to expand their services to low-income immigrants from Burma, Bhutan, Iraq, Somalia, and Vietnam who reside in Seattle and South King County. ReWA will provide citizenship instruction to 200 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

**School Board of Miami-Dade County**

**Location: Miami, FL**

**Award: \$250,000**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County (Miami-Dade) is Florida's largest provider of English literacy and citizenship education. Miami-Dade was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. With FY 2015 grant funding, Miami-Dade will continue its partnership with Catholic Legal Services of the Archdiocese of Miami, to manage its *Fast Track to Citizenship Program*. The program serves permanent residents from Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Colombia,

among other countries. Miami-Dade will provide citizenship instruction to 600 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 300 permanent residents.

### **SEIU 1199 League Training and Upgrading Fund**

**Location: New York, NY**

**Award: \$250,000**

Since its inception in 2000, the SEIU 1199 League Training and Upgrading Fund (SEIU) has assisted thousands of healthcare workers in obtaining citizenship. With FY 2015 grant funding, SEIU will continue its partnership with the SEIU 1199 National Benefits Fund to provide education and legal services to permanent residents in the New York City metro area.

Participants come from more than 70 countries, including the Dominican Republic, Guyana, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, Ghana, and Nigeria. SEIU will provide citizenship instruction to 200 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

### **Shorefront YM-YWHA of Brighton-Manhattan Beach**

**Location: New York, NY**

**Award: \$250,000**

Since 1970, Shorefront YM-YWHA of Brighton-Manhattan Beach (Shorefront Y) has provided direct services to immigrants from the former Soviet Union, China, and Latin America.

Shorefront Y was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2011. With FY 2015 grant funding, Shorefront Y will continue to provide citizenship preparation services to underserved permanent residents in Brooklyn, including victims of domestic violence and disabled and homebound persons. Shorefront Y will provide citizenship instruction to 420 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 670 permanent residents.

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

**Location: Tulsa, OK**

**Award: \$250,000**

The Young Women's Christian Association of Tulsa (YWCA Tulsa) has provided services to immigrants and refugees in Eastern Oklahoma for the past 25 years. YWCA Tulsa was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2009. With FY 2015 grant funding, YWCA Tulsa will continue *Project Citizenship*, offering specialty classes serving low-income seniors and incorporating civic engagement activities. YWCA Tulsa serves permanent residents primarily from Central and South America, Vietnam, Russia, Burma, and Lebanon. The program will provide citizenship instruction to serve a total of 450 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 220 permanent residents.