



Fact Sheet

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USCIS Announces Fiscal Year 2014 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program Recipients

Nearly \$10 Million Awarded to Expand Citizenship Preparation Programs for Permanent Residents in 24 States and the District of Columbia

Introduction

On Sept. 18, 2014, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced the award of nearly \$10 million in grants to 40 organizations that will help permanent residents prepare and apply for U.S. citizenship. Located in 24 states and the District of Columbia, these organizations will receive federal funding to support citizenship preparation services for permanent residents through September 2016.

Background

Since it began in 2009, the USCIS [Citizenship and Integration Grant Program](#) has awarded a total of \$43 million through 222 competitive grants to immigrant-serving organizations in 35 states and D.C. Now in its sixth year, the program has helped more than 93,000 permanent residents prepare for citizenship. USCIS anticipates that an additional 32,000 permanent residents will receive citizenship preparation services by Sept. 30, 2016, as a result of the grant program.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

Grant 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 organizations.

¹ At least 22,000 permanent residents will be served under the FY 2014 program during its two-year period of performance. An additional 10,000 permanent residents will be served under the ongoing FY 2013 program, which continues through Sept. 30, 2015.

Recipient organizations are geographically diverse and represent both traditional immigrant destinations and new immigrant gateways across 24 states and the District of Columbia. Grant recipients plan to provide citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to approximately 22,000 permanent residents from more than 50 countries. Grant recipients represent:

- Eighteen of the top 20 states with the largest permanent resident populations (California, New York, Florida, Texas, Illinois, Massachusetts, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Washington, Michigan, North Carolina, Arizona, Ohio, Minnesota, Colorado, and Connecticut);
- Eight of the top 10 metropolitan areas with the most new permanent residents in the past 10 years (New York City, Los Angeles, Miami, greater Washington, Chicago, Houston, Boston, and Atlanta); and
- Nine of the top 10 states with the most naturalizations over the last two years (California, New York, Florida, Texas, Illinois, Virginia, Massachusetts, Georgia and Pennsylvania).

FY 2014 Grant Recipients

Grant recipients are (in alphabetical order):

ORGANIZATION

LOCATION

Asian Counseling and Referral Service	Seattle, Wash.
Asian Services in Action, Inc.	Akron, Ohio
Baltimore City Community College	Baltimore, Md.
Boat People SOS, Inc.	Houston, Texas
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa, Calif.
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton	Stockton, Calif.
Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas	Overland Park, Kan.
Catholic Charities of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties	San Bernardino, Calif.
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County	San Jose, Calif.
Catholic Migration Services, Inc.	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Center for People in Need	Lincoln, Neb.
Central American Resource Center	Washington, D.C.
Chinese American Service League, Inc.	Chicago, Ill.
Church World Service, Inc.	Greensboro, N.C.
City of Littleton	Littleton, Colo.
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles	Los Angeles, Calif.
Colombian American Service Association	Miami, Fla.
Council for the Spanish Speaking, Inc.	Milwaukee, Wis.
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Portland, Ore.
Federation Employment and Guidance Services, Inc.	New York, N.Y.
Fresno Unified School District	Fresno, Calif.
Hartford Public Library	Hartford, Conn.
Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc.	Hollywood, Fla.
Hope Community Center, Inc.	Apopka, Fla.
Horizon Cross Cultural Center	Orange, Calif.
International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit	Detroit, Mich.
International Rescue Committee, Inc.	Atlanta, Ga.
International Rescue Committee, Inc.	Glendale, Calif.
International Rescue Committee, Inc.	Miami, Fla.
Jewish Family and Children's Service	Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Literacy Volunteers of Charlottesville/Albemarle	Charlottesville, Va.
Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest	Tucson, Ariz.
Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance	Minneapolis, Minn.
Nashville Adult Literacy Council, Inc.	Nashville, Tenn.
Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights	New York, N.Y.
Refugee Aid Project	San Antonio, Texas
World Relief Corporation of National Association of Evangelicals	Wheaton, Ill.
Young Men's Christian Association of the Greater Houston Area, Inc.	Houston, Texas

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. In total, 70 internal USCIS reviewers participated in this process. The reviewers scored applications numerically using [published evaluation criteria](#) and USCIS ordered the applications 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 2014 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, please contact the USCIS Office of Citizenship at citizenshipgrantprogram@uscis.dhs.gov or visit 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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