

**Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 USCIS Citizenship and Integration
Grant Program Recipient Organizations**

Individual Program Descriptions

Citizenship Instruction and Naturalization Application Services (CINAS)

1199 SEIU League Training and Upgrading Fund

Location: New York, NY

Award: \$450,000

Founded in 1969, the 1199 SEIU League Training and Upgrading Fund (TUF) is an organization that provides a full array of education benefits to healthcare workers. Since its 2001 creation, the 1199 SEIU Citizenship Program has helped nearly 14,000 healthcare workers obtain U.S. citizenship. To date, TUF has provided citizenship education for nearly 9,000 lawful permanent residents (LPRs). Through this grant, TUF will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs and naturalization application services to 200 LPRs.

Access California Services

Location: Anaheim, CA

Award: \$450,000

Access California Services has been providing immigration services since 2007. It will serve lawful permanent residents from across the globe, but with a focus on clients from Arabic, Urdu, Farsi, and Pashtu speaking countries who reside in Southern California. Access California Services was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012. With USCIS FY 2023 grant funding, Access California Services will provide citizenship instruction to 250 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 300 LPRs, and file 250 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Asian Counseling and Referral Service

Location: Seattle, WA

Award: \$450,000

Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS) was established in 1973 and assists over 30,000 primarily Asian and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander immigrants and refugees annually through multiple culturally competent social and health programs with 315 staff who speak over 40 languages and dialects. ACRS has over 26 years of experience providing citizenship instruction and naturalization application services and has been accredited through the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) since 2005. Under the FY 2023 grant cycle, ACRS will provide citizenship instruction to 220 LPRs and naturalization application services to 300 LPRs.

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans

Location: New Orleans, LA

Award: \$450,000

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans (CCANO), a 501c3 faith-based non-profit organization, has been a USCIS grant recipient since 2017. CCANO anticipates enrolling 200 students in citizenship instruction courses, providing naturalization eligibility screenings for over 200 LPRs, and filing an estimated 200 Forms N-400 and G-28 for eligible LPRs. They will also

provide naturalization case management and application assistance by DOJ-accredited representatives.

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of San Antonio, Inc.

Location: San Antonio, TX

Award: \$300,000

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of San Antonio (CCAOSA), in partnership with the San Antonio Independent School District's (SAISD) Adult & Community Education Program will provide English as a Second Language (ESL) and citizenship instruction classes, as well as free legal representation for clients in pursuit of naturalization. SAISD will provide multi-level classes during varying time slots. To provide a multitude of options to those in San Antonio and Del Rio, Texas, classes will be held in-person and online. Caritas Legal Services will help clients navigate the naturalization process. Attorneys can provide their services in multiple languages including Spanish, Arabic, Amharic, Hindi, Oromo, Pashto, Dari, and Somali. During their naturalization process, clients will be kept informed of their progress and provided extra resources through "Ask-A-Lawyer" events and mock interviews. In the FY 2023 grant cycle, CCAOSA will provide citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to 200 individuals.

Catholic Charities Corporation

Location: Cleveland, OH

Award: \$300,000

Catholic Charities' Migration and Refugee Service (MRS) has partnered with community-based organization Building Hope in the City (BHITC) to provide citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to individuals residing in Northeast Ohio. Together, the organizations will serve 240 participants in each of the grant components.

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, Inc.

Location: Overland Park, KS

Award: \$450,000

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas (CCNEK), a community faith-based organization, has provided English as a second language instruction for more than 38 years, teaching over 9,000 immigrants how to read, write, and speak English. In 2010, CCNEK established La Luz Center for Immigration Legal Assistance which provides low-cost professional immigration legal services. In 2015, the CCNEK Citizenship Preparation Program (CPP) began offering citizenship classes. During the past eight years, CPP has had nearly 1,000 enrollees receive citizenship instruction. It is anticipated that with FY 2023 grant funding, CCNEK will provide citizenship instruction to 240 LPRs and provide naturalization application services to 270 LPRs.

Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada

Location: Reno, NV

Award: \$300,000

For more than 15 years, Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada (CCNN) has been providing a full range of immigration legal services. CCNN is the largest, most diverse program of its kind in Northern Nevada. In response to the ever-growing unmet needs for legal representation in immigration matters within their region, CCNN has expanded its Immigration Legal Services

(ILS) to provide an even greater focus on naturalization applications. CCNN is partnering with Northern Nevada Literacy Council (NNLC) to provide language and citizenship education under this program. The course instruction, training materials, textbooks, and handouts will be provided to students at no cost. Naturalization application services and citizenship instruction will be provided at no cost to low income LPRs throughout Northern Nevada. For the FY 2023 grant cycle, they will enroll at least 200 students, provide at least 200 Form N-400 screenings, and file at least 200 Forms N-400.

Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas, Inc.

Location: Dodge City, KS

Award: \$282,119

Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas (CCSWKS) serves LPRs in southwest Kansas and northwest Oklahoma. Under the FY 2023 grant cycle, CCSWKS will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs and provide naturalization application services to 200 LPRs. Citizenship instruction will be provided at three sites: Dodge City Community College, Garden City Community College, and Seward County Community College. Naturalization application services will be provided by CCSWKS in Great Bend, Dodge City, and Garden City, KS.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa

Location: Santa Rosa, CA

Award: \$450,000

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa has provided immigration services since 1975. It will serve permanent residents from Spanish, Khmer, Tagalog, and Tigrinya-speaking countries residing in Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte, and Lake. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2014. With USCIS FY 2023 grant funding, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa will provide citizenship instruction to 210 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 240 LPRs, and file 210 Forms N-400 and G-28s.

Catholic Charities San Bernardino and Riverside Counties

Location: San Bernardino, CA

Award: \$450,000

Catholic Charities of San Bernardino and Riverside counties has provided immigration services since 1992. Catholic Charities of San Bernardino and Riverside will serve permanent residents from primarily Spanish-speaking countries residing in San Bernardino and Riverside counties. The organization was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2016. With USCIS FY 2023 funding, Catholic Charities of San Bernardino and Riverside counties will provide citizenship instruction to 225 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 340 LPRs, and file 225 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Central American Resource Center - DC

Location: Washington, DC

Award: \$450,000

Central American Resource Center (CARECEN-DC) has provided immigration services since 1981. It will serve lawful permanent residents from primarily Spanish-speaking and other

countries residing in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. CARECEN-DC was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2016. With USCIS FY 2023 funding, CARECEN-DC will provide citizenship instruction to 300 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 300 LPRs, and file 300 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Central American Resource Center of California

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Award: \$450,000

Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) of California has provided immigration services since 1983. It will serve lawful permanent residents from Spanish-speaking countries, primarily those residing in Los Angeles County. CARECEN of California was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2017. With USCIS FY 2023 grant funding, CARECEN of California will provide citizenship instruction to 240 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 600 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Chinese American Service League

Location: Chicago, IL

Award: \$269,999

Since 1995, the DOJ-recognized organization Chinese American Service League –(CASL), has created a pathway through U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to help LPRs prepare for citizenship and become engaged U.S. citizens, ready to exercise their rights and responsibilities. For over 28 years, CASL has provided ESL and citizenship classes to more than 5,850 LPRs, and has provided naturalization application, legal consultation, case management, and interpretation services to over 1,235 LPRs annually. Under the FY 2023 grant, the organization will provide citizenship instruction, naturalization eligibility screenings, and file Forms N-400 and G-28 for 180 LPRs.

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Award: \$450,000

The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) has been providing immigration services since 2007. It will serve permanent residents from Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, Mountain View, San Jose, Alameda, and Sacramento counties of California. CHIRLA was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2021. With USCIS FY 2023 funding, CHIRLA will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc.

Location: Watsonville, CA

Award: \$300,000

Since 1986, Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County has provided immigration services to permanent residents residing in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties. Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2021. With USCIS FY 2023 grant funding, Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County will provide citizenship

instruction to 240 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 240 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Community Center for Immigrants Incorporated

Location: Milwaukee, WI

Award: \$300,000

The Community Center for Immigrants Incorporated (CCI) will offer citizenship preparation services to LPRs in the Milwaukee, WI metropolitan area, including the growing refugee community. Milwaukee has the largest Burmese Rohingya population in the United States; in the past year, 60% of CCI's students were Burmese Rohingya refugees. Thus, CCI has tailored its citizenship instruction program to meet the unique needs of refugee learners. CCI will also provide naturalization application services through its DOJ-accredited representative. Additionally, CCI will use the USCIS grant funding to expand the number of employees with accredited representative status. In the FY 2023 grant cycle, CCI will provide citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to 200 individuals.

Edith and Carl Marks Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst

Location: Brooklyn, NY

Award: \$179,999

Edith and Carl Marks Jewish Community House (JCH) of Bensonhurst was founded in 1927 to serve as a community center for Eastern European Jewish immigrants. Most recently, JCH has supported 5,100 Ukrainian refugees with resettlement services. Additionally, JCH offers a variety of other social services, including citizenship instruction, and naturalization legal services for all immigrants in its area. JCH proposes to serve 120 LPRs under the FY 2023 CINAS grant.

Emerald Isle Immigration Center

Location: Woodside, NY

Award: \$450,000

Emerald Isle Immigration Center (EIIC) has provided naturalization services since 1988. EIIC's citizenship instruction program began in 2006 as a casual grassroots initiative. EIIC first received USCIS grant funding in FY 2011. The immigrant community they serve comes from all five boroughs of New York City and the counties just north and east, with the majority residing in Queens, Brooklyn, and the Bronx. For the FY 2023 grant cycle, EIIC will enroll 560 students, provide 400 Form N-400 screenings and file 320 N-400 applications with G-28s.

Fresno Unified School District

Location: Fresno, CA

Award: \$450,000

Since the 1980's, the Fresno Unified School District has provided immigration services. Fresno Unified School District serves permanent residents from all countries; however, the majority of their constituents are primarily Spanish, Hmong, and Punjabi-speaking residents residing in Fresno County. Fresno Unified School District was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012. With USCIS FY 2023 grant funding, the Fresno Unified School District will provide citizenship

instruction to over 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to over 350 LPRs, and file a minimum of 240 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Friendly House, Inc.

Location: Phoenix, AZ

Award: \$300,000

Friendly House provides citizenship preparation services for lawful permanent residents and opportunities for immigrants to integrate into American society. In the past five years, Friendly House has provided more than 2,000 LPRs with ESL and citizenship instruction. The program provides support to immigrants from diverse backgrounds so that they can make successful transitions into their new home. Friendly House proposes to expand and enhance its citizenship services by providing 200 unduplicated LPRs with citizenship instruction and 200 LPRs with naturalization application services in Maricopa County.

Hartford Public Library

Location: Hartford, CT

Award: \$450,000

Hartford Public Library's (HPL) division for Adult Education and Immigrant Services known as The American Place (TAP) serves as a hub for ESL and citizenship instruction, Green Card renewal, legal services and other robust support programs needed to achieve U.S. citizenship. The City of Hartford is a significant immigrant gateway, with current arrivals originating from many parts of the world, particularly the West Indies, Latin America, as well as India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. HPL has been a USCIS grantee since 2010 and for the FY 2023 grant cycle, it projects it will serve a minimum of 204 individuals with citizenship instruction and file 375 N-400s.

HIAS Council and Migration Service of Philadelphia

Location: Philadelphia, PA

Award: \$450,000

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society of Pennsylvania (HIAS PA), a lead agency in the Philadelphia Citizenship Action Network (P-CAN), has been a USCIS grant recipient for 10 years. Through its P-CAN partnerships, HIAS PA will serve the diverse LPR community's unmet needs by offering high-quality, free citizenship instruction and naturalization application assistance. HIAS PA expects to enroll 220 new students, screen 350 LPRs for naturalization eligibility and file 200 N-400s during the FY 2023 grant cycle.

Instituto del Progreso Latino

Location: Chicago, IL

Award: \$300,000

Since 1977, Instituto del Progreso Latino (Instituto) has supported Hispanic immigrants and their families on the Southwest Side of Chicago. Through its Fast Track to Citizenship program, an ESL and naturalization service initiative, Instituto will offer citizenship instruction to beginning and intermediate level English speaking LPRs. Instituto was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2011. With FY 2023 grant funding, Instituto plans to enroll 420 permanent residents in citizenship classes and provide 600 permanent residents with naturalization application services.

InterFaith Works of Central New York**Location: Syracuse, NY****Award: \$299,928**

Since 1976, InterFaith Works of Central New York (IFW) has provided ESL and citizenship instruction to the immigrant community in Central New York. IFW has received USCIS funding to enhance its Path to Citizenship education program and naturalization legal services in fiscal years 2012, 2017, and 2023. IFW has proposed it will serve 200 students and 200 naturalization applicants during the FY 2023 grant period.

International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis**Location: Saint Louis, MO****Award: \$450,000**

Since its founding in 1919, International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis (IISTL) has provided a variety of services to its foreign-born community. In 1980, IISTL established a robust ESL program and in 1983 it became a DOJ recognized agency. IISTL received its first USCIS grant in FY 2009. During the FY 2023 grant cycle, IISTL projects it will serve approximately 200 students and a minimum of 250 N-400s will be filed.

Jewish Family and Vocational Service of Middlesex County, Inc.**Location: North Brunswick, NJ****Award: \$450,000**

As a USCIS grantee since 2010, Jewish Family and Vocation Service of Middlesex County (JFS) has continually offered citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to a growing audience. The LPR population JFS serves originates primarily from Latin America but also includes a growing number from India and Arabic-speaking nations. During the FY 2023 grant cycle, JFS will continue its robust citizenship education program offering nine classes that will enroll 390 LPRs, and they expect to submit 250 N-400s.

Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts, Inc.**Location: Springfield, MA****Award: \$450,000**

Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts (JFSWM) has provided citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to the Greater Springfield area for the last 13 years and has been a USCIS CINAS grantee for 10 of those years. With FY 2023 grant funding, JFSWM will provide citizenship instruction to 240 individuals and file a minimum of 240 Forms N-400.

La Casa de Don Pedro**Location: Newark, NJ****Award: \$450,000**

La Casa de Don Pedro (LCDP) was founded in 1972 and first received USCIS funding in 2010. LCDP has provided citizenship instruction for over 20 years. In addition, LCDP has an established legal department that was created more than 20 years ago to counter the unlawful practice of immigration law plaguing their community. There is a high demand for naturalization

application services in the Newark metropolitan area. LCDP proposes to serve 200 individuals with citizenship instruction and naturalization application services for the FY 2023 grant cycle.

Laredo College

Location: Laredo, Texas

Award: \$350,000

Laredo College is a higher education Hispanic-serving institution. The college received its first USCIS grant in FY 2021. It is a two-campus district serving the diverse needs of a growing community. Their two campuses serve more than 10,000 students each semester through a variety of affordable academic programs, technical and vocational programs, non-credit community interest courses, and adult education courses that help area adults obtain English skills, job skills or a General Educational Development diploma. For FY 2023, the program will enroll a minimum of 200 students who will apply for citizenship, and approximately 250 potential applicants will be recruited and screened for application services. Azteca Economic Development and Preservation Corporation will be subcontracted to provide naturalization application services.

Learning Empowered, Inc.

Location: St. Petersburg, FL

Award: \$300,000

For the FY 2023 grant cycle, Learning Empowered, Inc. will provide English language instruction, U.S. history and civics instruction, and naturalization application services to LPRs living in the Gulf Coast Region of Florida who wish to naturalize. Learning Empowered has successfully provided ESL services to approximately 465 immigrants annually over the past 22 years, and citizenship instruction services for the past 21 years to approximately 170 LPRs annually. Learning Empowered, Inc. first received a USCIS grant in FY 2013.

Literacy Network

Location: Madison, WI

Award: \$179,998

Literacy Network, in partnership with Centro Hispano, will offer comprehensive citizenship services, including citizenship instruction and naturalization application support, in Dane County, Wisconsin, to eligible LPRs. Literacy Network will provide citizenship instruction through group classes, equipping participants with the English language skills and knowledge needed for naturalization. At least 120 eligible individuals will participate in citizenship classes over the course of the FY 2023 grant cycle. Centro Hispano will provide naturalization application services. For the 2023 grant cycle, at least 120 individuals will receive naturalization eligibility screening and file Forms N-400 and G-28. The two agencies will collaborate to provide integrated services to best benefit program participants.

Lutheran Community Services Northwest

Location: SeaTac, WA

Award: \$450,000

Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW) has provided services since 1921, naturalization application services for 37 years, and citizenship instruction for 21 years. Since the 1970s, LCSNW has provided low-cost immigration and legal services to immigrants and

refugees in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill, and Marion counties. LCSNW first received grant funding from USCIS in FY 2010. Under the FY 2023 grant program, LCSNW will provide citizenship instruction to 250 LPRs and provide naturalization application services to 200 LPRs.

Lutheran Social Services of Colorado

Location: Denver, CO

Award: \$300,000

Lutheran Social Services and its sub-awardee, Community College of Aurora, will serve LPRs in the greater Denver and Aurora regions. These two organizations partner in The Denver and Aurora Citizenship Program (DACP). As experienced USCIS grant recipients, DACP will continue to provide high-quality citizenship instruction and naturalization legal services to approximately 200 diverse and underserved individuals with USCIS FY 2023 grant funding. LPRs served hail from 91 different countries with the majority originating from Mexico, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Burma/Myanmar, and Eritrea.

Make the Road New Jersey

Location: Elizabeth, NJ

Award: \$300,000

Make the Road New Jersey (MRNJ), a project of Make the Road States, supports immigrants to achieve dignity and respect through the provision of high-quality legal services and education programs. MRNJ has helped more than 1,000 immigrants become citizens through ESOL and civic instruction, naturalization test preparation, and N-400 application assistance since its founding in 2014. As a first-time USCIS CINAS grant recipient, MRNJ plans to enroll an additional 200 students and file an additional 200 Forms N-400 during the FY 2023 grant cycle.

Michigan Organizing Project, dba Michigan United

Location: Detroit, MI

Award: \$300,000

Michigan Organizing Project, doing business as Michigan United, serves LPRs across the state of Michigan, specifically in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Battle Creek. They provide low-cost immigration legal services to address immediate needs in the immigrant community. These needs include but are not limited to citizenship instruction, ESL classes, and assistance with naturalization applications. Through this grant, Michigan Organizing Project will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs and naturalization application services to 200 LPRs.

Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Award: \$269,999

Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance (MMLA) has provided naturalization application services in the metro area of Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN, primarily Hennepin and Anoka Counties, including the City of Minneapolis, since 2001. MMLA's sub-awardee, Minneapolis Public Schools Adult Education (MPS-AE), is one of the largest Adult Basic Education programs in the state of Minnesota and has provided ESL instruction since 1977. MPS-AE has provided citizenship

instruction to the community since 1989. Through this grant, MMLA will provide naturalization application services to 180 LPRs and MPS-AE will provide citizenship instruction to 180 LPRs.

Montgomery College

Location: Montgomery County, MD

Award: \$450,000

A recipient of the USCIS grants since FY 2010, Montgomery College has offered citizenship services since 2000. This proposed Citizenship Preparation Program will provide citizenship instruction and naturalization legal services to low and high beginning, and low intermediate English level LPRs. Anticipated outcomes include 320 eligible non-duplicated LPRs enrolled in grant-funded instruction, 320 LPRs who will receive naturalization eligibility screening, and 240 LPRs who will submit Forms N-400 and G-28. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., will serve as the sub-awardee. Additional programmatic goals include integration into the community, outreach, and N-400 workshop participation. The program will work with local libraries and Community Engagement Centers to enhance the community's knowledge of naturalization services available through Montgomery College and USCIS.

Pars Equality Center

Location: Sherman Oaks, CA

Award: \$450,000

Pars Equality Center has been providing immigration services since 2016. Pars Equality Center will serve lawful permanent residents residing in the Sherman Oaks and Irvine communities of Southern California. The Pars Equality Center was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2017. With USCIS FY 2023 funding, Pars Equality Center will provide citizenship instruction to 350 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 450 LPRs, and file 315 Forms N-400 and G-28.

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

Location: Brooklyn, NY

Award: \$450,000

Shorefront YM-YMHA (SY) has provided comprehensive citizenship instruction and naturalization application services as a USCIS grant recipient since 2011. SY serves one of the most ethnically diverse and densely populated areas of the country. For FY 2023, SY will serve 320 students and file a minimum of 520 Forms N-400.

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition

Location: Nashville, TN

Award: \$179,236

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC) is a statewide immigrant and refugee-led nonprofit working to build a strong, welcoming, and inclusive Tennessee. Now in its 20th year, TIRRC is nationally recognized as a leader in bringing together organizations and individuals to build communities where immigrants and refugees can thrive. The funding from this opportunity will allow the TIRRC team to dedicate significant time and resources to providing citizenship preparation instruction and naturalization assistance services to 120 participants in each component.

International Rescue Committee Inc., San Diego**Location: San Diego, CA****Award: \$450,000**

The International Rescue Committee in San Diego (IRC-SD) has provided immigration services since 1975 to residents in San Diego County. Since 2012, they have provided ESL instruction. They will serve permanent residents that speak up to 45 non-English languages. IRC-SD was first awarded USCIS grant funding in FY 2011. With USCIS FY 2023 grant funding, IRC-SD will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 300 LPRs, and file 275 Forms N-400 and G-28.

International Rescue Committee, Inc., Seattle**Location: SeaTac, WA****Award: \$300,000**

For 45 years, the International Rescue Committee in Seattle (IRC-Seattle) has served immigrants, refugees, asylees, and victims of human trafficking from over 30 countries. IRC-Seattle has been a DOJ-recognized organization for more than 25 years and has provided citizenship education and ESL instruction since 1976. Under the FY 2023 grant cycle, IRC-Seattle will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs and naturalization application services to 300 LPRs.

International Rescue Committee Inc., Baltimore**Location: Baltimore, MD****Award: \$300,000**

International Rescue Committee in Baltimore (IRC-Baltimore) and its partner, Baltimore Community College (BCCC), are the primary providers of naturalization application services and ESL instruction in the Baltimore metropolitan area. BCCC has 15 years of experience providing citizenship instruction, while IRC-Baltimore has been recognized by the DOJ since 2010. The Baltimore metropolitan area has 30% of Maryland's LPRs. During the FY 2023 grant cycle, BCC has proposed to serve 250 newly enrolled students, while IRC projects it will submit a minimum of 250 Forms N-400.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, FL**Location: Miami, FL****Award: \$450,000**

The Fast Track to Citizenship VIII project will increase access to citizenship education for eligible LPRs in Miami-Dade County, Florida, by providing intensive citizenship education through the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Adult Education Program. M-DCPS has provided adult education for 62 years and is the largest provider in ESL and citizenship instruction in the State of Florida. In the past two years, M-DCPS has served approximately 38,000 ESL students. By partnering with Catholic Charities Legal Services (CCLS) of the Archdiocese of Miami, Inc., the Fast Track to Citizenship VIII project will provide naturalization application services to eligible students. CCLS has provided legal immigration services for more than 25 years, serving over 21,000 individuals in their community in the past two years. For the FY 2023 grant cycle, they will provide intensive citizenship instruction to 220 LPRs and naturalization application services for 220 LPRs.

United Community Ministries, Inc.

Location: Alexandria, VA

Award: \$197,940

Located in Fairfax County, Virginia, the primary goal of United Community Ministries is to end generational poverty by addressing and removing barriers from families. The organization will use USCIS funding to increase their capacity to serve an additional 120 LPRs, with expanded two-tiered services in citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to assimilate successfully into their community.

Up Valley Family Centers of Napa County

Location: St. Helena, CA

Award: \$179,000

Since 2016, Up Valley Family Centers of Napa County has provided immigration services. It will serve lawful permanent residents from primarily Spanish-speaking countries residing in northern Napa County, California. Up Valley Family Centers of Napa County was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2023. With USCIS FY 2023 funding, Up Valley Family Centers of Napa County will provide citizenship instruction to 120 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 120 LPRs, and file 120 Forms N-400 and G-28.

US Together, Inc.

Location: Columbus, OH

Award: \$450,000

US Together's immigrant community is primarily composed of Somalis, Bhutanese- Nepalis and Latin Americans. It has provided ESL instruction since 2005 and citizenship instruction since 2011. During the FY 2023 grant cycle, US Together will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs and naturalization application services to 200 LPRs.

Women for Afghan Women, Inc.

Location: Fresh Meadows, NY

Award: \$450,000

Women for Afghan Women (WAW) first received USCIS funding in FY 2019. WAW and the Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement (Riis) will continue their partnership for the FY 2023 CINAS grant cycle to provide 200 clients with citizenship instruction and immigration legal services. Sixty percent of WAW's clients are Afghans, but it also serves the diverse immigrant communities primarily in Queens, NY.

YMCA of Greater Houston

Location: Harris and surrounding counties, Texas

Award: \$450,000

This organization received USCIS grant funding between FY 2012 and FY 2019 and resumed in FY 2021. The YMCA of Greater Houston will continue to serve LPR's eligible to apply for naturalization by providing citizenship instruction, naturalization eligibility screening, and N-400

application preparation to 200 individuals. They will focus primarily on underserved permanent residents, who traditionally have greater barriers to achieving naturalization.

Community and Regional Integration Network Grant (CARING)

Solutions in Hometown Connections Corp.

Location: Riverdale, MD

Award: \$276,575

Solutions in Hometown Connections (SHC) and sub-awardee, Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSSNCA), have partnered to provide citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to LPRs in Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland as well as in Arlington, Alexandria, and Prince William counties in Virginia. LSSNCA has met the changing needs of its community since 1917, while SHC has connected with vulnerable and isolated members of the immigrant community since its inception in 2017. SHC is also partnering with the Prince George's County Library to provide physical space for classes and complementary educational programs for English language learners, such as digital literacy. Together the organizations plan to serve 180 vulnerable immigrants during the FY 2023 grant cycle.

Innovations in Citizenship Preparation (Innovations)

Amistades

Location: Tucson, AZ

Award: \$250,000

Founded in 2006, Amistades proposes “Movemineto Ollin” as an innovative and replicable new approach to engaging and supporting LPRs from Mexico living along Arizona’s southern corridor toward naturalization and citizenship. The project will work to reach eligible LPRs who have not pursued naturalization. Amistades will specifically focus on those who have jobs that require mobility and/or non-traditional hours of operation and live in the most rural areas of the region.

Arkansas United Community Coalition

Location: Fayetteville, AR

Award: \$250,000

Founded in 2010, the Arkansas United Community Coalition (Arkansas United) is Arkansas’ first and only statewide immigrant rights advocacy and civic engagement organization. Arkansas United's proposed citizenship preparation initiative, the Together Towards Citizenship (TTC) Program, is aimed at understanding and addressing the needs of LPRs in Arkansas, ultimately facilitating their path towards citizenship. With USCIS FY 2023 grant funding, the TTC program will engage in pioneering data collection methods and focus groups in targeted communities with high immigrant populations, designed to gather essential information with the goal of providing personalized assistance to individuals and connecting them with established naturalization resources and professionals.

CASA

Location: Hyattsville, MD

Award: \$250,000

CASA has served immigrant communities since 1985. CASA’s innovation is a new “Citizenship Corps” outreach and wrap-around services model coupled with a new, no-code software tool to serve LPRs. Upon completion of the innovation, CASA will be able to identify LPRs in spaces frequented in their regular daily lives, screen for eligibility, link identified LPRs to service providers, and assist LPRs filing Forms N-400.

Catholic Charities Community Services Archdiocese of NY

Location: New York, NY

Award: \$250,000

Catholic Charities Community Services Archdiocese of NY (CCCS of NY) will target low-income LPRs who experience barriers to citizenship such as lacking English proficiency and/or confidence in their skills, lacking an understanding of the administrative requirements and the digital proficiency required to file their citizenship applications, or those who may have legal questions about their applications that prevent them from moving forward. CCCS of NY will address these challenges by providing flexible, responsive support to their students so this

population of LPRs can move forward in the naturalization process in a more informed, empowered, and proactive way. The areas to be served will be Bronx County, Rockland County, Orange County, and Dutchess County in New York State.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami, Inc.

Location: Broward County, FL

Award: \$250,000

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami (CCADM) “Innovations in Citizenship Project” will establish a mobile citizenship clinic to bring citizenship preparation services directly to low-income LPRs at local community sites. The mobile unit will work with Spanish and Haitian Creole speaking LPRs. This will include case management, legal services and citizenship instruction. CCADM will partner with faith-based organizations, schools, community centers, residential facilities, and other sites that frequently serve immigrants and LPRs, and utilize partnerships to provide comprehensive wrap-around services for citizenship preparation. Case management and immigration legal services will be available to LPRs to assist in overcoming financial barriers to applying for citizenship. Citizenship instruction will also be available on-site or virtually through an implementation partner.

Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center

Location: Portland, ME

Award: \$250,000

Founded in 2017, Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center proposes “Preparing Maine’s Senior Immigrants for Citizenship,” a comprehensive outreach, client evaluation and citizenship program for senior Maine immigrants who are LPRs. This represents a major step forward for the Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center, establishing it as an institutional provider of comprehensive citizenship and integration services alongside other programs including English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), food security, workforce readiness and entrepreneurship programs.

Hispanic Federation

Location: New York, NY

Award: \$250,000

The Hispanic Federation (HF) proposes a Motivational Citizenship Academy for an innovative project focused on reaching long-term LPRs in North Carolina. Between 2010 and 2020, North Carolina’s Hispanic population grew by nearly 320,000, the largest numeric increase of any racial/ethnic group in the state, with faster growth in rural areas. The short-term goal of the project is to encourage LPRs hesitant to apply for citizenship to start the naturalization process by providing education and public awareness at the grassroots level.

National Immigration Forum

Location: Washington, D.C.

Award: \$249,583

The National Immigration Forum (NIF) will offer an innovative citizenship education program complete with an original civics English curriculum aligned to the new naturalization test requirements, live instruction, online digital learning, practice for the interview and test, and

personalized support. The project will consist of blended training that combines 50% live instruction from trained educators with 50% independent online learning to build civics English skills and digital literacy. While the program will prepare eligible LPRs for the citizenship test, it specifically focuses on developing a curriculum to support applicants with low literacy and low-English proficiency. To reach populations with historically limited access to quality citizenship preparation services, NIF will leverage its existing faith and business networks, and focus on the following states: Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Texas.

Open Arms Community Center Corp

Location: Coral Gables, FL

Award: \$250,000

Open Arms Community Center Corp (Open Arms) proposes to develop high-quality English as a Second Language and Civics (ESL/Civics) citizenship preparation services program delivered by an ESL-certified instructor in a real-time instruction video accessible through computer or smart phone platforms. Open Arms' design is intended to encompass the need of LPRs who have barriers to high-quality instruction services due to residing in rural locations or other isolated areas where there is a lack of access to citizenship education services and/or whose jobs require mobility or have an inconsistent work schedule. The real-time video will engage students to be able to feel part of a class and the ESL instructor will be able to monitor student progress and provide feedback on each section covered.

Queens Borough Public Library

Location: Jamaica (Queens), NY

Award: \$205,244

Queens Borough Public Library proposes an innovative citizenship education program that addresses the specific barriers faced by mothers and working individuals who are seeking citizenship instruction. Queens Borough Public Library's planned innovation is an integration of multiple program components to increase eligible legal permanent residents' access, retention, and success in a citizenship education program. These components are childcare support, a digital literacy bootcamp, hybrid learning with flexibly scheduled in-person classes, a project-based curriculum, and case management support. Queens Borough Public Library will research, develop, and test a mix of program components as part of a pilot citizenship instruction program over the two-year grant period.

The Genesis Center

Location: Providence, RI

Award: \$249,716

The Genesis Center has served low-moderate income Rhode Islanders for over 40 years. More recently, as a member of the Rhode Island Citizenship Consortium, The Genesis Center has been successful in educating and preparing LPRs to successfully pass their citizenship exam. Since 2018, they have helped 235 students become U.S. citizens. The Genesis Center proposes to design and implement a contextualized English class focusing on holistic integration into systems of American prosperity. The Genesis Center will focus on barriers that preclude immigrants from fully engaging with government services and will focus on the role that digital literacy and digital navigation plays in this component.

Immigrant Connection**Location: Logansport, IN****Award: \$249,583**

Founded in 2014, Immigrant Connection proposes an in-person, low-cost citizenship preparation and immigration legal services program for rural immigrants where citizenship services may be non-existent, severely limited, or very far distances away. With USCIS FY 2023 funding, Immigrant Connection aims to provide a direct pathway for LPRs in the rural areas of North Carolina, Indiana, Mississippi, and Iowa who may struggle to overcome the many barriers to naturalization.

Utah Innovation Center**Location: Salt Lake City, UT****Award: \$249,716**

The Utah Citizenship Initiative, led by the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity's Center for Immigration & Integration, is a three-pronged approach to promote, educate, and connect on naturalization and citizenship preparation to reduce barriers preventing LPRs from accessing legal services and applying for citizenship. This initiative will promote greater civic participation and engagement among naturalized citizens in rural communities and strengthen social cohesion and integration between immigrants and the broader community. This innovative approach seeks to provide a road map for other states to follow to increase the rates of naturalization utilizing a hybrid model of virtual citizenship education classes, coupled with naturalization legal services.