



Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 USCIS Citizenship and Integration Grant Program Recipient Organizations

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Citizenship Instruction and Naturalization Application Services (CINAS)

Ansob Center for Refugees

Location: Astoria, NY

Award: \$299,920

The Ansob Center for Refugees (Ansob Center) has been providing immigration services since 2000. It will serve permanent residents from Arabic- and French-speaking countries in Africa and the Middle East residing in Astoria, Queens, New York. The Ansob Center was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2011. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, the Ansob Center will provide citizenship instruction to 200 lawful permanent residents (LPRs), administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 416 LPRs, and file 400 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Asian Community & Cultural Center

Location: Lincoln, NE

Award: \$300,000

The Asian Community & Cultural Center (ACCC), along with partner and sub-awardee El Centro de las Américas (ECDLA), will use their combined 38 years of citizenship education experience to provide citizenship instruction. In partnership with Lutheran Family Services and Catholic Social Services, ACCC will provide legal assistance for LPRs. ACCC was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2020. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, ACCC and its partners will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs and naturalization application services to 200 LPRs – with a focus on Karen, Karenni, Sudanese, Kurdish, Afghan, Arabi Iraqi, and Yezidi LPRs.

Asian Pacific Development Center of Colorado

Location: Aurora, CO

Award: \$299,993

The Asian Pacific Development Center (APDC) and sub-awardee, Catholic Charities of Denver (CCD) have partnered to create an integrated continuum of instruction and application services to assist community members in obtaining citizenship. APDC offers whole-health, integrated care services from pre-literacy classes to post-naturalization workshops. APDC has provided ESL services since 2003 and citizenship classes since 2010. APDC's current programs reach over 1,000 students annually, and in FY 20-21, instructional hours reached 75,205. CCD assists clients in and around the Denver metropolitan area and provides services across the archdiocese, which encompasses all of northern Colorado from Rifle to Yuma. Clients unable to travel to Denver receive services virtually. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, APDC and CCD will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

BakerRipley**Location: Houston, TX****Award: \$296,420**

BakerRipley's Immigration & Citizenship Program (the Program) was established in 2006 to serve the Houston region's LPRs and the immigrant community. The Program connects individuals to ESL-Citizenship classes, naturalization application assistance, classroom-based naturalization test prep, and prep for the USCIS interview - in a seamless, integrated sequence. Since 2008, BakerRipley has provided naturalization application services through direct legal representation and large-scale application assistance workshops under the guidance of attorneys and DOJ reps. First funded by USCIS in FY 2015, Baker-Ripley serves clients from over 15 different countries including Mexico, Honduras, and El Salvador. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, BakerRipley will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 640 LPRs, and file 210 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Boat People SOS-Houston**Location: Houston, TX****Award: \$270,000**

Boat People SOS-Houston (BPSOS) has been providing naturalization application services since 2004 and citizenship instruction since 2009 throughout the greater Houston area – with a focus on helping Vietnamese and other Asians LPRs overcome multiple barriers to achieving citizenship. BPSOS was first awarded a USCIS grant under the FY 2010 National Capacity Building Grant Program. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, BPSOS will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Burmese American Community Institute**Location: Indianapolis, IN****Award: \$300,000**

The Burmese American Community Institute Inc. (BACI) developed Civic and Cultural Education Program (CCEP) to provide English and Citizenship Instruction (ECI) and naturalization application services. The CCEP empowers immigrants by providing ECI, including rights and responsibilities education, as well as naturalization application assistance. BACI also collaborates with community partners, such as refugee resettlement agencies and USCIS field offices, to improve newcomers' ability to navigate and understand the naturalization process and the U.S. legal system. BACI was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2019. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, BACI will provide citizenship instruction to 240 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 600 LPRs, and file 560 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Forth Worth**Location: Fort Worth, TX****Award: \$300,000**

Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth (CCFW) has provided the Fort Worth immigrant community with ESL classes since 1992 and with immigration legal services since 1983. CCFW was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. CCFW's LPR citizenship classes, which feature ESL instruction, and CCFW's Immigrant Consultation Services (ICS) have supported immigrants from more than 22 countries. Many students are seniors and/or refugees; clients are often economically disadvantaged and possess low levels of literacy, education, and English proficiency. CCFW is the only naturalization services provider that addresses the needs of individuals located in rural areas surrounding Tarrant County. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, CCFW will provide citizenship instruction to 250 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 350 LPRs, and file 300 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Catholic Charities of Dallas**Location: Dallas, TX****Award: \$300,000**

Catholic Charities of Dallas (CCD) has over 40 years of experience providing English language education and naturalization services to immigrants in North Texas. CCD has delivered citizenship instruction since the mid-1990s and was one of the first organizations to be awarded a USCIS grant under this program in FY 2009. Given that approximately 25% of eligible-to-naturalize LPRs in the state are within CCD's service area, CCD anticipates serving permanent residents from a wide variety of countries, including Mexico, El Salvador, Burma, Bhutan, Ethiopia, Burundi, Dem Rep of Congo, and Iraq. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, CCD will provide citizenship instruction to 300 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 500 LPRs, and file 300 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston**Location: Houston, TX****Award: \$300,000**

The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston's St. Frances Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance (CCG-Cabrini Center) has been providing naturalization services in the Galveston area since 2011. The CCG-Cabrini Center, in partnership with the Center for Career Transformation (CCT) as sub-awardee citizenship education provider, received its first USCIS grant in 2018. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, CCG-Cabrini Center and CCT will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Catholic Charities Diocese Rochester**Location: Rochester, NY****Award: \$300,000**

Catholic Charities Diocese of Rochester's Catholic Charities Family and Community Services (CCFCS) has served the Greater Rochester community since 1917. CCFCS has been administering citizenship programming including ESL/Civics instruction and naturalization assistance consistently since 2013 and was awarded its first USCIS grant in FY 2015. The presence of many refugees and immigrants in Rochester and the Finger Lakes area drives the continued need for Citizenship and Integration Services provided by CCFCS. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, CCFCS will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 280 LPRs, and file 240 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton**Location: Stockton, CA****Award: \$300,000**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton (CCDS) has provided citizenship and naturalization application assistance for more than 10 years to low-income, lawful permanent residents (LPRs) in San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties to promote citizenship achievement and community assimilation. CCDS was awarded its first USCIS grant in FY 2011 and has been recognized as a USCIS grantee success story for innovation and commitment to clients. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, CCDS will provide citizenship instruction to 240 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 400 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona**Location: Tucson, AZ****Award: \$300,000**

Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona (CCS) and sub-awardee Adult Basic Education for College and Career Division (ABECC) of Pima Community College will provide seamless, comprehensive citizenship acquisition services throughout Southeastern Arizona. ABECC has been providing citizenship instruction in Tucson, AZ, since 1997 and will handle the citizenship education component. CCS will provide naturalization services and lead the effort. CCS has provided naturalization application assistance to low-income new Americans for close to 40 years and has decades of history working with ABECC. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, CCS will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Catholic Migration Services**Location: Brooklyn, NY****Award: \$300,000**

Catholic Migration Services (CMS) has been providing naturalization application services since its founding in 1971. CMS will partner with LaGuardia Community College's Center for Immigrant Education & Training (LGCC), which has more than 10 years of experience providing citizenship instruction. CMS, with LGCC as sub-awardee, was first awarded USCIS grant funds in FY 2014. Together, both organizations serve predominantly low-income permanent residents from the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Mexico, Colombia, Peru, and Haiti. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, CMS and LGCC will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Chaldean Community Foundation**Location: Sterling Heights, MI****Award: \$300,000**

The Chaldean Community Foundation (CCF) has been providing ESL instruction and naturalization application services since 2011. CCF began offering citizenship instruction in October 2015 and was awarded its first USCIS grant in FY 2016. Approximately 80% of the immigrant population CCF serves is Iraqi and Syrian, while the other 20% come from more than 25 different countries. The offering of citizenship instruction has greatly increased N-400 application completion, preparing students for what to expect and eliminating the fear of testing. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, CCF will provide citizenship instruction to 240 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 320 LPRs, and file 320 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

Location: Portland, OR

Award: \$300,000

Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees (SOAR) is a program of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO). SOAR's legal program has been providing culturally competent, immigration-related legal representation and education to refugees and immigrants with limited income throughout Oregon since 1992. EMO was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. The SOAR program serves all eligible LPRs, but will target low-income, disabled, and LPRs living in rural areas. EMO serves a diverse group of LPRs from more than 80 countries, with the most common countries being Mexico, Burma, Cuba, Somalia and former Soviet countries. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, EMO will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 250 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Greater Bergen Community Action

Location: Hackensack, NJ

Award: \$250,000

The Greater Bergen Community Action (GBCA), has been providing immigrations services for over 20 years to underserved residents of Bergen, Hudson, and Passaic Counties, New Jersey. GBCA was awarded its first USCIS grant in FY 2018. The LPRs who are currently served through GBCA's citizenship instruction and naturalization services programs are from Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, Albania, Poland, Turkey, Syria, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Japan, South Korea, and Pakistan. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, GBCA will provide citizenship instruction to 140 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 140 LPRs, and file 140 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Greater Lawrence Community Action Council

Location: Lawrence, MA

Award: \$300,000

Since 1997, the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council (GLCAC) has been providing immigration services and an ESOL program. In January 2021, GLCAC began comprehensive citizenship education to address the overwhelming need in the immigrant community, most of whom are living at/below the poverty level and are predominantly from the Dominican Republic and other Latin American, Caribbean, and South American countries. FY 2022 is the first year that GLCAC has been awarded a USCIS grant. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, GLCAC will provide citizenship instruction to 208 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 400 LPRs, and file 300 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Haitian Americans United for Progress

Location: Hollis, NY

Award: \$300,000

The Haitian Americans United for Progress (HAUP) has 8 years' experience providing ESL and citizenship instruction and 30 years' experience providing naturalization application services to immigrants. The agency serves low-income persons and persons with low educational attainment or literacy issues, with a focus on Caribbean immigrant populations. FY 2022 is the first year that HAUP has been awarded a USCIS grant. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, HAUP will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Hillsborough County Public Schools**Location: Tampa, FL****Award: \$300,000**

Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS), with its sub-grantee Lutheran Services Florida (LSF), has been providing citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to legal permanent residents (LPRs) of Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Manatee counties through their Tampa Bay Citizenship Program (TBCP) since 2020, when they were awarded their first USCIS grant. The TBCP primarily serves low-income LPRs from Cuba and Haiti, as well as other LPRs from countries including Colombia, Venezuela, Sudan, Eritrea, Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia, Congo, Egypt, and Ethiopia. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, HCPS and LSF will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Hispanic Unity of Florida**Location: Hollywood, FL****Award: \$300,000**

Hispanic Unity of Florida (HUF) has been providing citizenship instruction and naturalization services in the Miami and Fort Lauderdale areas since 2003. HUF offers citizenship classes and naturalization application services to permanent residents originating from South America (58%), the Caribbean (25%), Central America (14%), North America (2%), Asia (<1%), and Europe (<1%). HUF was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, HUF will provide citizenship instruction to 360 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 360 LPRs, and file 280 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Hope Community Center**Location: Apopka, FL****Award: \$300,000**

Hope Community Center (HCC) has been providing citizenship instruction since 2003 and naturalization services since 2015. HCC serves mainly rural, low-literacy and low-income permanent residents from 32 countries who reside in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Lake, and Volusia Counties. HCC was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2014. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, HCC will provide citizenship instruction to 300 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 250 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization**Location: Portland, OR****Award: \$300,000**

The Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) has been providing citizenship instruction since 2002 and naturalization application services since 2017. IRCO provides services to underserved immigrant and refugee communities in Oregon. IRCO clients include Slavic and Eastern European (Russian, Uzbek, Croatian, Estonian) communities, Bhutanese and Nepali communities, as well as Greater Middle Eastern (Iraqi, Egyptian, Iranian, Syrian), African (Liberian, Rwandan, Nigerian, Congolese), and Asian and Pacific Islander (Vietnamese, Laotian, Indonesian) populations. FY 2022 is the first year that IRCO has been awarded a USCIS grant. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, IRCO will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota**Location: Saint Paul, MN****Award: \$300,000**

The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ILCM) and sub-awardee, Literacy Minnesota (LM) have worked together to provide citizenship education and naturalization application services to immigrants since 2013. Their primary clients are LPRs living in rural Minnesota and Minneapolis and St. Paul's Latinx, Somali, Hmong, and Karen communities. ILCM/LM were first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2013. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, ILCM and LM will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Immigration Institute of the Bay Area**Location: San Francisco, CA****Award: \$300,000**

The Immigration Institute of the Bay Area (IIBA) has provided citizenship education and naturalization application services to immigrants in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1990. IIBA serves primarily low-income permanent residents from Latin America, many of whom are elderly and low literate. IIBA was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, IIBA will provide citizenship instruction to 210 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 210 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit**Location: Detroit, MI****Award: \$300,000**

The International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit Inc. (IIMD) delivered integrated ESL/Citizenship Instruction and naturalization application services since its creation in 1919. The program serves Southeastern Michigan's diverse LPR communities from countries including Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Bangladeshi, India, and Mexico. IIMD was awarded its first USCIS grant in FY 2012. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, IIMD will provide citizenship instruction to 210 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 245 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Jewish Family & Children's Services**Location: Pittsburgh, PA****Award: \$300,000**

The Jewish Family and Community Services (JFCS) and its sub-awardee, Literacy Pittsburgh (LP), have been working together to provide naturalization application services and citizenship education to LPRs in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia since receiving their first USCIS grant in 2014. JFCS, with more than 85 years of experience providing immigration-related legal services, provides all naturalization application services. LP, with more than 20 years' experience providing citizenship education, will provide ESL/citizenship classes. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, JFCS and LP will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 250 LPRs, and file 220 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County**Location: Ann Arbor, MI****Award: \$250,000**

The Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County (JFS) provides ESL instruction, citizenship instruction, and naturalization application assistance to LPRs from more than 48 countries, including Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Somalia, Iran, Ethiopia, Moldova, and Ukraine. The lawful permanent resident population that JFS serves is extremely low income, with a substantial proportion having a low educational level. FY 2022 is the first year that JFS has been awarded a USCIS grant. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, JFS will provide citizenship instruction to 210 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 265 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Jewish Vocational Service of MetroWest**Location: East Orange, NJ****Award: \$250,000**

The Jewish Vocational Service of MetroWest (JVS), has been providing citizenship instruction to immigrants in northern New Jersey since 1994. Since 2016, JVS has worked in partnership with sub-awardee Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark (CCAN) to deliver a comprehensive citizenship preparation program that also includes naturalization application services. JVS received their first USCIS grant in FY 2010. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, JVS will provide citizenship instruction to 180 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 180 LPRs, and file 180 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13**Location: Lancaster, PA****Award: \$300,000**

Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 (IU13), in partnership with sub-awardee Church World Service (CWS) of Lancaster, has been providing comprehensive immigration services to a diverse LPR population in Lancaster and Lebanon Counties since receiving their first USCIS grant in FY 2010. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, IU13 and CWS will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Latin American Legal Defense and Educational Fund**Location: Trenton, NJ****Award: \$179,886**

Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund (LALDEF) has been offering immigration services since it was established in 2004. LALDEF has provided citizenship instruction classes, ESL, and naturalization application services for low-income Hispanic/Latino immigrant community in Mercer County, NJ, since 2020. FY 2022 is the first year that LALDEF has been awarded a USCIS grant. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, LALDEF will provide citizenship instruction to 120 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 120 LPRs, and file 120 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Literacy Center of Western Michigan**Location: Grand Rapids, MI****Award: \$300,000**

The Literacy Center of West Michigan (Literacy Center) has partnered with sub-awardee Immigrant Connection of City Life Church (Immigrant Connection) to provide citizenship preparation services in western Michigan. The Literacy Center began offering citizenship preparation classes primarily to immigrants from Mexico, Honduras, and Burma in 2019. Immigrant Connection has been providing naturalization application services since their founding in 2015. FY 2022 is the first year that the Literacy Center has been awarded a USCIS grant. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, the Literacy Center and Immigrant Connection will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Literacy Council of Montgomery County**Location: Rockville, MD****Award: \$250,000**

Literacy Council of Montgomery County (LCMC) is partnering with CASA de Maryland (CASA) to provide citizenship preparation services, primarily to Latino, Chinese, and Ethiopian communities in Montgomery County and Prince George's County. LCMC offers multi-level citizenship classes to prepare learners with the English language skills and U.S. civics, history, and government knowledge needed for the naturalization test. CASA provides valuable wraparound services, such as case management, immigrant integration service referrals, and naturalization application services. FY 2022 is the first year that LCMC has been awarded a USCIS grant. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, LCMC and CASA will provide citizenship instruction to 300 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Literacy Council of Reading-Berks**Location: West Lawn, PA****Award: \$250,000**

The Literacy Council of Reading-Berks (LCRB) and Aldea –The People's Justice Center (Aldea) together provide an integrated citizenship application services and instruction program, in which LCRB offers citizenship instruction and Aldea provides citizenship application services to LPRs in Berks County, Pennsylvania, especially in the town of Reading, where approximately 19% of residents are foreign born - primarily from Central America, the Caribbean, and Asia. LCRB has been delivering citizenship instruction since 1988 and Aldea has been providing free and low-cost immigration legal services since 2016. FY 2022 is the first year that LCRB has been awarded a USCIS grant. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, LCRB and Aldea will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Lutheran Services in Iowa**Location: Des Moines, IA****Award: \$300,000**

The Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), in partnership with Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice (IMMJ), serves eligible individuals in Central Iowa and around the state. LSI began its citizenship education and naturalization support services in 2011, with a focus on elderly refugees. IMMJ has been providing immigration legal services for the past 21 years, with clients originating primarily from Mexico, Burma, El Salvador, Liberia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guatemala, South Sudan, Honduras, Eritrea, and Iraq. LSI received their first USCIS grant in FY 2018. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, LSI and IMMJ will provide citizenship instruction to 228 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 220 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota**Location: Sioux Falls, SD****Award: \$300,000**

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota (LSS) has been providing immigration services since 1994 and citizenship education since 2010. LSS serves permanent residents living in Sioux Falls, Yankton and Aberdeen, South Dakota, and surrounding areas who originate from Liberia, Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burma, Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Philippines, Ukraine, Bosnia, Iraq, Mexico, and Cuba. LSS was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, LSS will provide citizenship instruction to 230 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 500 LPRs, and file 250 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Make the Road New York**Location: Brooklyn, NY****Award: \$300,000**

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. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, MRNY will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition**Location: Boston, MA****Award: \$300,000**

The Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA) and St. Mark's Community Education Program (SMCEP) offer a joint program - Pathways to Citizenship - that provides both citizenship instruction and naturalization application service. MIRA has been providing citizenship application assistance since 2013 and SMCEP has been offering citizenship preparation classes since 2005. MIRA received their first USCIS grant in FY 2013. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, MIRA and SMCEP will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Nashville International Center for Empowerment

Location: Nashville, TN

Award: \$288,928

The Nashville International Center for Empowerment (NICE) has been providing immigration services since 2005 and has offered both English literacy and civic education classes to prepare students for naturalization since 2008. NICE serves low-income refugees and immigrants of multiple linguistic and ethnic backgrounds and has built strong relationships with the Congolese, Somali, Sudanese, Burmese, Nepali, Afghan, Iraqi, Eritrean, Venezuelan, Colombian, Salvadoran, Cuban, Mexican, and Kurdish communities in Davidson County, TN. NICE received their first USCIS grant in FY 2017. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, NICE will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Neighborhood House

Location: Seattle, WA

Award: \$300,000

Neighborhood House (NH) has been providing citizenship instruction and naturalization application services in Seattle and South King County, WA, since 1996. NH's primary focus is on the region's largest LPR populations (primarily those from Afghanistan, Iraq, Burma, and Ethiopia), LPRs living in and near public housing communities, and those with the highest needs, e.g., low income, history of trauma, disabilities, and language barriers. NH was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2011. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, NH will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

New American Association of Massachusetts

Location: Lynn, MA

Award: \$300,000

The New American Association of Massachusetts (NAAM) has been successfully preparing LPRs for citizenship for over 24 years. NAAM serves the growing population of LPRs in the North Shore area, originating from nations in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, South America, and the former Soviet Union. NAAM received their first USCIS grant in FY 2018. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, NAAM will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights

Location: New York, NY

Award: \$269,999

Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights aka the Coalition for Immigrant Freedom (NMCIR) has been providing immigration services since 1982. NMCIR serves low-income permanent residents in Northern Manhattan and the Bronx, as well in Westchester County, northern New Jersey, and Connecticut, over 90% of whom are Spanish speaking, primarily from the Dominican Republic and other countries in Latin America. NMCIR was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2011. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, NMCIR will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 600 LPRs, and file 320 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Open Arms Community Center**Location: Coral Gables, FL****Award: \$280,060**

Since 2009, Open Arms Community Center (OACC) has been assisting immigrant and refugee population of South Florida, serving low-income immigrants in Miami-Dade County with ESL and civics education as well as legal services. FY 2022 is the first year that OACC has been awarded a USCIS grant. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, OACC will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Polish American Association**Location: Chicago, IL****Award: \$300,000**

The Polish American Association (PAA) has been providing naturalization application services since 1985 and citizenship instruction since 1995 to Polish and other Eastern European immigrants in metro Chicago. According to latest census, individuals from Poland create the third largest eligible to naturalize group, after Mexico and India, in this service area. The PAA is one of the leading naturalization application service providers in the entire State of Illinois who can specifically serve Polish and Eastern European clients in Eastern European languages. PAA was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2016. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, PAA will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Refugee Women's Alliance**Location: Seattle, WA****Award: \$300,000**

The Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA) has provided citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to permanent residents since 1999. ReWA's clients reside in South Seattle and King counties, and are primarily from Southeast Asia (Burma, Vietnam, Thailand), Middle East and Central Asia (Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Syria), and East Africa (Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan). ReWA was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2015. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, ReWA will provide citizenship instruction to 250 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 275 LPRs, and file 250 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Skyline Literacy**Location: Harrisonburg, VA****Award: \$161,445**

Skyline Literacy (Skyline) is partnering with Church World Service in Harrisonburg (CWS) to provide naturalization services to LPRs in the Shenandoah Valley who originate primarily from Iraq, Republic of the Congo, Honduras, El Salvador, Cuba, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Eritrea, and Ethiopia. Skyline was awarded its first USCIS grant in FY 2010. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, Skyline and CWS will provide citizenship instruction to 120 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 120 LPRs, and file 120 Forms N-400 and G-28.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro**Center for New North Carolinians****Location: Greensboro, NC****Award: \$300,000**

The UNCG Center for New North Carolinians (UNCG) and its sub-awardee, New Arrivals Institute (NAI), have worked closely for more than a decade supporting low-income immigrants from the Triad area of North Carolina. The top five countries of origin for those receiving services are Mexico, Syria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, and Vietnam. UNCG was awarded its first USCIS grant in FY 2020. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, UNCG and NAI will provide citizenship instruction to 240 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 280 LPRs, and file 240 Forms N-400 and G-28.

World Relief Corporation of National Association of Evangelicals**Location: Baltimore, MD****Award: \$300,000**

World Relief Southern California (WR) and its sub-awardee, Rancho Santiago Community College District - Santa Ana Community College (SAC), are partnering to provide naturalization application services and citizenship instruction to LPRs in the low-income communities in Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and North San Diego counties. World Relief has been providing immigration law services since 1987 and SAC has more than 10 years' experience delivering citizenship instruction. LPRs served originate primarily from Mexico, Central America, Cuba, Vietnam, Cambodia, Burma, Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, Syria, and Egypt. FY 2022 is the first year that WR has been awarded a USCIS grant. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, WR and SAC will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Young Women's Christian Association of Tulsa Oklahoma**Location: Tulsa, OK****Award: \$300,000**

The Young Women's Christian Association of Tulsa (YWCA Tulsa) has provided citizenship preparation and naturalization application services in Eastern Oklahoma since the mid-1980s. YWCA Tulsa serves clients from more than 60 countries. For citizenship services and classes, the majority speak Spanish (from Mexico, Central America, Venezuela, and Colombia) or Zomi, as Tulsa is home to one of the largest Burmese refugee communities in the U.S. YWCA Tulsa was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2009. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, YWCA Tulsa will provide citizenship instruction to 200 LPRs, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 200 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Community and Regional Integration Network Grant

Catholic Charities Bureau

Location: Jacksonville, FL

Award: \$300,000

The Catholic Charities Bureau of Jacksonville, Florida (CCB) provides services to lawful permanent residents of the United States who mostly obtained their legal status based on refugee, asylum, family petitions, VAWA, U and T Visas. CCB offers integration activities, citizenship instruction, and naturalization application services, to include naturalization eligibility screenings, application filing, interview preparation, and appearance with clients at the interview (as necessary). The population served in the five-county northeast Florida region come from a diverse array of countries including Afghanistan, Cuba, Haiti, DRC, Syria, Myanmar, and Ukraine. Native languages include Dari, Spanish, Swahili, Arabic, Burmese, and Ukrainian. Educational backgrounds vary widely, from some clients being illiterate in their native languages to others holding higher degrees in fields such as medicine. FY 2022 is the first year that CCB has been awarded a USCIS grant. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, CCB will develop integration plans and provide citizenship instruction to 170 eligible immigrants, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 125 LPRs, and file 115 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Catholic Charities of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse

Location: Syracuse, NY

Award: \$300,000

The Catholic Charities of Onondaga County (CCOC) provides community integration and legal services to immigrant populations in Syracuse, New York, 95% of whom arrived as refugees. Since 2011, CCOC has been offering citizenship preparation services and integration activities to vulnerable immigrant populations, including a recent influx from Burma, Somalia, Iraq, Congo (DRC), Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Syria. Because of the diverse resettlement caseloads, new Americans in Syracuse speak a multitude of languages, the top five of which are Swahili, Arabic, Dari, Pashto, and Karen. CCOC was awarded its first USCIS grant in FY 2018. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, CCOC will develop integration plans for 275 eligible immigrants, provide citizenship instruction to 150 eligible immigrants, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 210 LPRs, and file 200 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Chaldean American Ladies of Charity

Location: Troy, MI

Award: \$300,000

The Chaldean American Ladies of Charity dba United Community Family Services (UCFS) has been providing immigration services to immigrant and refugee families in the metro Detroit area for the past 61 years. UCFS has offered ESL instruction, citizenship instruction and citizenship application services since 2012. UCFS serves refugees who have resettled in Macomb, Oakland, Wayne, and Washtenaw counties, primarily coming from Iraq, Syria, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). UCFS was awarded its first USCIS grant in FY 2020. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, UCFS will develop integration plans for 150 eligible immigrants, provide citizenship instruction to 150 eligible immigrants, administer naturalization eligibility screenings to 100 LPRs, and file 100 Forms N-400 and G-28.

Regional Hub Program

Catholic Legal Immigration Network

Location: Silver Spring, MD

Award: \$1,000,000

Since 1988, Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC), with headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, supports a network of more than 450 affiliates with diverse and in-depth subject-matter training, real-time updates, technical assistance, and best practices in myriad immigration topics, including citizenship instruction and naturalization application services. CLINIC's program areas of Capacity Building ("CB"), Training and Legal Support ("TLS") and Advocacy are the primary services CLINIC provides to support the network in doing their best work within their communities. CLINIC was awarded its first USCIS National Capacity Building grant in FY 2010. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, CLINIC is implementing its Building Capacity Through Citizenship and Integration Project to work with four sub-applicants in Honolulu, HI, Passaic, NJ, Plano, TX, and Pomona, CA. The goal of this project is to expand the availability of high-quality citizenship preparation services for immigrants across the nation by building capacity and providing technical assistance. CLINIC will conduct quarterly meetings with the sub-applicants to share information and foster coordination of citizenship preparation and promotion services. CLINIC will also provide an ongoing full menu of technical assistance services, including project design, ESL/civics teaching tools and resources, cross-trainings between educational and legal staff, pre- and post-testing, teacher selection, curriculum development, naturalization law training, ask the experts service, website resources, monthly newsletter, email updates, and an annual conference.

National Partnership for New Americans

Location: Chicago, IL

Award: \$880,662

The National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA) is a national multiethnic, multiracial coalition and has been providing immigration services since 2010 to 61 immigrant and refugee organizations across 40 states. NPNA collaborates with its affiliates to advance immigrant equity and inclusion policies and to build and expand capacities around immigration legal services and integration programming. FY 2022 is the first year that NPNA has been awarded a USCIS grant. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, NPNA will establish the Southern Region Citizenship Initiative aimed at building citizenship capacity, outreach, education, application assistance and collaboration across three southern states: Alabama, Louisiana, and North Carolina. NPNA will serve as a central regional hub for the organizations to increase citizenship capacities, share resources, engage localities and states, expand partnerships, and learn from best practices across the region and country. All sub-applicants will receive close, hands-on technical assistance from NPNA, beginning with a site visit to include in-depth program analysis, program planning, community-asset and partnership mapping, and detailed technical assistance support and training plan creation. NPNA will serve as a communication and information sharing hub through monthly calls and emails to Southern Region partners, as well as bi-monthly webinars and trainings to share effective strategies and best practices around naturalization capacity building and service provision.

U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants**Location: Arlington, VA****Award: \$900,000**

The U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) has provided culturally and linguistically appropriate case management and legal services to foreign-born nationals and families for over 110 years. USCRI was awarded its first USCIS National Capacity Building grant in FY 2010. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, USCRI will utilize its national network of regional hubs to provide capacity-building, training, and technical assistance, as well as facilitate inter-agency communication to increase effectiveness of citizenship and integration programs for sub-applicants in San Diego, CA, Kansas City, MO, and Boston, MA. USCRI will create a tailored Program Development Plan (PDP) in partnership with each sub-applicant. PDPs will cover the four components of capacity-building: institutional development financial resource development, human resource development, and the use of effective programming. Training and technical assistance will be provided in each of these areas, as well as in the provision of naturalization application services, community engagement, and citizenship preparation curriculum development.

Innovations in Citizenship Education

Access California Services

Location: Anaheim, CA

Award: \$250,000

Access California Services (AccessCal), a non-sectarian family resource center in Anaheim, Orange County, California, has been providing citizenship preparation instruction to underserved LPRs since 2002. AccessCal was awarded its first USCIS grant in FY 2013. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, AccessCal is developing an interactive mobile app featuring culturally and linguistically sensitive instructional videos and mock testing in English and Arabic to guide and educate persons along in their immigrant journey and prepare for the USCIS naturalization test and interview. The instructional videos will mirror the approved curriculum that AccessCal currently implements during its in-person classes, including pop-up questions to actively test and reinforce learning.

Alliance for African Assistance

Location: San Diego, CA

Award: \$250,000

The Alliance for African Assistance (Alliance) has provided immigration services for the growing African refugee population in San Diego, California, since 1989. FY 2022 is the first year that the Alliance has been awarded a USCIS grant. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, the Alliance will offer courses for sixty refugees who lack literacy in their first language and want to become naturalized citizens. The Alliance will provide integrated native language literacy in conjunction with ESL and citizenship instruction for pre-literate clients by introducing multilingual instructors, fluent in the native languages of Swahili, Haitian/Creole, Burmese, and Pashto, as aides within the classroom. This innovation includes the creation and utilization of a modified ESL curriculum and an approach that will help students prepare for the naturalization test and interview.

Asian Counseling and Referral Service

Location: Seattle, WA

Award: \$120,000

Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS) has over 26 years of experience providing high quality citizenship instruction services targeting low-income, limited English, Asian and Pacific Islanders and other populations. ACRS is the largest provider of naturalization services in Washington and has been DOJ-accredited since 2005. ACRS was awarded its first USCIS grant in FY 2012. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, ACRS is implementing the Citizenship Plus: Learning to Learn class with a threefold-approach specifically designed for the target student populations: 1) Engaging hard-to-reach working and older students by providing a small, evening online learner-centered class; 2) Increasing digital literacy through asynchronous learning opportunities and individualized digital literacy learning plans that incorporate curated videos and digital testing forms; and 3) Facilitating community integration through an ancillary monthly life skills and resources webinar.

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Award: \$250,000

The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) provides immigration services and citizenship instruction and ESL instruction through partnerships with local organizations, community colleges, and public libraries. CHIRLA was awarded its first USCIS grant in FY 2014. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, CHIRLA is developing a multilingual mobile app to support eligible LPRs in preparing for the citizenship exam and navigating the naturalization application process. This app will be targeted toward older immigrants who need step-by-step guidance and opportunities to practice and study for their exams, as well as go-to resources and support when they have questions about their case. The app features will allow clients to access: (1) educational content to prepare for citizenship exams and interviews; (2) naturalization services to receive information and assistance with naturalization applications; and (3) case support services to access updates on clients' cases.

Developmental Evaluation Adjustment Facilities

Location: Allston, MA

Award: \$250,000

Developmental Evaluation Adjustment Facilities (DEAF) has been providing immigration services and English instruction to support deaf adult immigrants since 1982. DEAF provides services in American Sign Language (ASL). However, most immigrants communicate using country of origin sign language, or none, due to language deprivation. They arrive in America without an effective bridge to learn English as a second language. Not having fluency in ASL compounds their difficulty in mastering English. This creates difficulty in communicating for both DEAF staff and the receiving community. DEAF uses visual-gestural communication, role play, and pictures to communicate without the use or knowledge of ASL. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, DEAF, in partnership with Gallaudet University's Gesture Literacy Knowledge Studio (GLKS), will prepare deaf immigrants for naturalization/citizenship. Gallaudet University instructors will train DEAF staff on the visual gesture communication program and how to best implement it for the needs of immigrants who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, or Late-Deafened. In addition to designing and developing classroom materials, DEAF will develop a series of VG/ASL vlogs on citizenship for home practice and use for assisted study.

Goodwill Industries of Kansas

Location: Wichita, KS

Award: \$122,033

Goodwill Industries of Kansas (Goodwill) has been providing immigration services and citizenship instruction to immigrants and refugees since 2013. Goodwill provides immigrants and refugees with ESL/civics/citizenship education and assists students with information to help immigrant families navigate U.S. systems, such as schools, healthcare, and government agencies. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, Goodwill is implementing mobile citizenship classes for marginalized or underserved populations in Wichita by utilizing Goodwill's recreational vehicle (RV) that is equipped with full computer technology and Internet. Goodwill's program goal is to serve 220 participants over a two-year period with 10% of retained participants successfully completing the naturalization process at the close of the two-year period.

Hartford Public Library**Location: Hartford, CT****Award: \$250,000**

The Hartford Public Library's (HPL), American Place (TAP) Division is nationally recognized as a best practices site, providing immigration services to immigrants and assisting with opportunities and providing support required to achieve U.S. citizenship and become fully engaged citizens. HPL/TAP was awarded its first USCIS grant in FY 2010. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, HPL/TAP is taking a two-prong approach to citizenship preparation. Prong 1: This prong's core component is to recruit and train youth enrolled in HPS high schools as Citizenship Guides. To effectively connect the Citizenship Guides to the information they attain from their training, the project offers concrete application in the form of contextualized experiences that motivate youth to introspect and explore the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship. Contextualized experiences include visits to civic sites and opportunities to observe democracy in action such as state legislature hearings and city council meetings; and activities that directly engage the youth in the delivery of citizenship education, such as serving as teacher aides, citizenship recruiters, patriotic programming hosts and assistance at naturalization ceremonies celebrated at HPL. Prong 2: The project partners with Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES) to create a Professional Development (PD) Citizenship course designed to inform teachers and school staff about: immigration benefits, the significance and value of citizenship, the naturalization process, referral resources, effective navigation of USCIS.gov, and the avoidance of immigration fraud.

Jones Library**Location: Amherst, MA****Award: \$121,693**

The Jones Library has successfully provided ESL, literacy, and citizenship education since 1985 and has been providing citizenship, integration, and basic skills instruction to a small group of older semi-literate legal permanent residents since 2018. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, Jones Library will develop a citizenship instruction program to bridge the gap between "zero" English proficiency and the "high beginner" level needed to enter most citizenship preparation programs. Their proposed "age-friendly" innovation is designed to 1) address the need for basic literacy/language skills instruction, and social/civic integration at a beginning level for older immigrants, and 2) showcase an instructional model and tools for effectively reaching this hard-to-serve population. This program is led by renowned citizenship instructor Lynn Weintraub, whose textbook is used by citizenship instruction programs across the country.

Life and Discovery Inc., Asian American Center of Frederick**Location: Frederick, MD****Award: \$242,150**

The Asian American Center of Frederick, Maryland (AACF), has assisted clients with completing citizenship application forms and offered classes to prepare applicants for the citizenship test since 2014. AACF has established itself as a trusted voice in the immigrant community by providing a variety of services and programs that draw in individuals according to their needs. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, AACF seeks to activate resources typically only available in a major metropolitan area and bring them to smaller cities and rural communities where distance, local anti-immigrant sentiment, frequent migrant/contractual work, lack of services, and other challenges inhibit engagement of hard-to-reach populations. The project includes five innovations: (1) Service integration: Engage hard-to-reach populations through integration of citizenship and ESL services with healthcare and cultural events with a regional draw; (2) Mobile services: Dispatch a mobile unit to increase the geographic reach of services to underserved areas in small and rural communities; (3) Multiplier Outreach Effects/Partnership: Partner with Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSSNCA) to bring key elements of citizenship and naturalization services that are difficult to access in non-metropolitan areas; (4) Multi-sectoral partnerships: Leverage local relationships with schools, hospitals, social services, the department of aging, refugee services, mental health association, the police department, and others to facilitate integration into the community; and (5) Digital resources: - Provide students with audiobooks, tablets, headphones, e-books, online lessons, and virtual connections to caseworkers, instructors, tutors, and mentors, so they can continue their learning when they do not have access to in-person learning.

Literacy New Jersey**Location: Edison, NJ****Award: \$170,000**

Literacy New Jersey (LNJ) has been providing immigration services since 2014 through its citizenship preparation program. LNJ was awarded its first USCIS grant in FY 2016. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, LNJ is expanding hybrid delivery of citizenship/ESL instruction because a combination of in-person and virtual classes help to meet the needs of hard-to-reach students, such as those with low incomes, multiple jobs and family responsibilities, and those who live in New Jersey's far-flung corners. This innovation will help students (eligible or soon-to-be eligible to naturalize) better understand and navigate the citizenship process, learn the civics and language skills needed to become engaged U.S. citizens, and become familiar with the availability of fee waivers and other programs to help defray the application costs.

Quincy Asian Resources

Location: Quincy, MA

Award: \$249,951

Quincy Asian Resources Inc. (QARI), originally founded to serve the AAPI population in Quincy, MA, now serves immigrants of all backgrounds and operates across Massachusetts, Providence, Rhode Island, and New York City. This expansion over the past five years has been largely driven by its workforce partnerships. Beginning with Brooks Brothers (clothing manufacturer) in 2019, QARI expanded to NYC and more recently, to Providence, RI, through its partnership with Amazon. QARI was awarded its first USCIS grant in FY 2020. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, QARI is leveraging its workforce and community partnerships to expand the accessibility and reach of their current citizenship program by increasing staff and bringing classes onsite to workforce partner sites in MA, RI, and NYC. Supporting objectives include (1) hiring full time Social Service Ambassadors who will promote and engage workers about citizenship education/the naturalization process, conduct targeted outreach to “hard to reach” immigrant populations, understand barriers to participation, and facilitate enrollment in the program; and (2) exploring competency based, self-paced learning models, create pre-recorded video content, and other professional, academic, and personal support services from Ambassadors to ensure students complete the program.

Sacramento County Office of Education

Location: Sacramento, CA

Award: \$246,850

In 2008, the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) built the free USA Learns (USAL) website, which helps adults learn English, gain job skills, and prepare for U.S. citizenship online. In 2019, SCOE staff launched the free USA Learns Citizenship course, which prepares immigrants for all aspects of the naturalization interview and to meet their responsibilities as U.S. citizens. To date, more than 350,000 learners have spent 165,000 hours studying USA Learns Citizenship and successfully completed more than 3.9 million activities. Nearly 12,000 of those learners have been enrolled in a course with a teacher. In 2022, USAL launched its new Access America course, which also helps learners on their immigration journey and flows seamlessly into the USAL Citizenship course. Inspired by USCIS’ Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants, Access America covers linguistic, civic, and economic integration for immigrants at an intermediate English level and promotes learners’ access to the knowledge, skills, resources, and services necessary for success in the United States. With USCIS FY 2022 funding, SCOE is making revisions to existing free online citizenship and civic education courses that are available now on the USAL website in order to align them more closely with the new USCIS curriculum and naturalization processes. Emphasis will be given to increasing mobile engagement for learners across the nation. The second part of the project aims to increase access to the courses among hard-to-reach learners by conducting outreach activities that target rural areas and include multilingual social media communications. Webinars will be presented to help teachers across the nation be aware of and learn how to implement this high-quality citizenship and civic education curriculum.