

Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 USCIS Citizenship and Integration Grant Program Recipients

Individual Program Descriptions

Access California Services

Location: Anaheim, CA

Award: \$157,500

Access California Services (ACS) is a non-profit family resource center that has provided immigration and naturalization application services for the past twelve years. USCIS grant funding will enable ACS to provide four levels of citizenship classes, one-on-one tutoring, and naturalization application services to a greater number of low-income clients. The program will serve Middle Eastern, Hispanic, and other permanent residents residing in Orange, Riverside, San Diego, and Los Angeles counties in California. ACS plans to provide citizenship instruction to 200 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200.

Alaska Literacy Program, Inc.

Location: Anchorage, AK

Award: \$160,000

The Alaska Literacy Program (ALP) has provided English and citizenship instruction to the Anchorage immigrant community since 1974. USCIS grant funding will enable ALP to expand their citizenship program by partnering with Catholic Social Services, one of the largest social service agencies in Alaska, to provide naturalization application services. The program will primarily serve permanent residents from Sudan, Somalia, and Nepal. ALP projects that 230 permanent residents will receive citizenship instruction and 230 will receive naturalization application services.

Asian Counseling Referral Service

Location: Seattle, WA

Award: \$160,000

Since 1973, Asian Counseling Referral Service (ACRS) has offered a wide array of social services to immigrants in the Seattle community. ACRS will partner with the Pacific Asian Empowerment Project to provide outreach and additional citizenship instruction. The program will serve low-income and elderly permanent residents from China, Vietnam, Cambodia, South Korea, Laos, and Samoa. USCIS grant funding will enable ACRS to provide citizenship instruction to 200 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200.

Baltimore City Community College
Location: Baltimore, MD
Award: \$160,000

Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) has provided a full spectrum of English language instruction services to immigrants and refugees since 1980. Grant funding will allow BCCC to expand the citizenship program established under the USCIS fiscal year (FY) 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program by partnering with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) for naturalization application services. The program will reach Spanish-speaking, Asian, and Eastern European permanent residents in the metropolitan Baltimore and suburban Maryland areas. BCCC expects to provide 400 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 200 with naturalization application services.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Inc.
Location: Atlanta, GA
Award: \$159,428

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Atlanta (CCA) has more than 50 years of experience in refugee resettlement and immigration legal services. With USCIS grant funding, CCA will build upon their citizenship program by expanding the availability of services throughout the Atlanta metropolitan area. CCA will primarily serve permanent residents who are former refugees, who are age 55 and over, and who have limited convenient access to existing classes and legal services. CCA serves permanent residents from a variety of countries, including Bhutan, Burma, Iran, Iraq, Russia, Vietnam, Somalia, and Cuba. CCA expects to provide citizenship instruction to 400 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 130.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Inc.
Location: Hartford, CT
Award: \$160,000

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Hartford (CAAH) has been providing citizenship instruction and naturalization application services since 2009. With USCIS grant funding, CCAH will expand their program by serving the entire state of Connecticut from three sites, and by incorporating technology into the citizenship instruction program. CCAH typically serves permanent residents from Peru, Iraq, China, Dominican Republic, Colombia, El Salvador, Mexico, and Afghanistan. During the grant period, CCAH will provide citizenship instruction to 230 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc.

Location: St. Petersburg, FL

Amount: \$160,000

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Petersburg (CCSP) has more than 32 years of experience providing citizenship preparation services. USCIS grant funding will enable CCSP to enhance their *New American Civic Engagement Project* by partnering with the Hispanic Services Council, Inc. to provide additional citizenship instruction. The program will serve permanent residents who are former refugees and asylees from Cuba, Colombia, and Venezuela. CCSP plans to provide 200 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 714 with naturalization application services.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton, Inc.

Location: Stockton, CA

Amount: \$160,000

For more than 70 years, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton (CCDS) has provided a variety of social services for immigrants in California. With FY 2012 grant funding, CCDS will expand the citizenship program established under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. CCDS will offer three levels of citizenship classes and 12 citizenship workshops to low-income immigrants, primarily Hispanic and Filipino, in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties in California. CCDS plans to provide citizenship instruction to 200 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 150.

Central American Resource Center

Location: Washington, DC

Amount: \$159,380

Since 1995, the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) has provided a comprehensive citizenship assistance program to immigrants in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. With USCIS grant funding, CARECEN's *Citizenship at Your Reach* project will feature a mobile citizenship computer lab, which will be used for classes and for naturalization application services. CARECEN serves permanent residents primarily from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. Through this program, CARECEN expects to provide citizenship instruction to 320 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 252.

Central American Resource Center of California

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Amount: \$160,000

Central American Resource Center of California (CARECEN CA) has provided a variety of immigration services in the Los Angeles area for more than 25 years. A recipient of the FY 2009 Citizenship Grant Program, CARECEN CA will use FY 2012 grant funding to launch a low-literacy citizenship class for elderly permanent residents in underserved

South Los Angeles. Funding will also support a mobile citizenship team to provide naturalization workshops and application services throughout the metropolitan area at senior centers and the Los Angeles Public Library. CARECEN CA anticipates serving permanent residents primarily from Central America, and expects to provide citizenship classes to 285 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 300.

Chinese American Service League, Inc.

Location: Chicago, IL

Amount: \$160,000

The Chinese American Service League (CASL) was founded in 1978 and is dedicated to helping Chinese immigrants in the Chicago area. With USCIS grant funding, CASL will offer three levels of citizenship classes, one-on-one tutoring, naturalization application services, and interpretation services. The program will provide services primarily to Chinese permanent residents in the Chicago community areas of Armour Square, Bridgeport, and McKinley Park. CASL expects to provide 200 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 200 with naturalization application services.

Church World Service, Inc.

Location: Greensboro, NC

Amount: \$160,000

Church World Service (CWS) of Greensboro, North Carolina has been providing services to immigrants and refugees since 2009. With FY 2012 grant funding, CWS will expand the citizenship program established under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. CWS will provide citizenship preparation services to low-income, elderly, and disabled permanent residents primarily from Mexico, Vietnam, Bhutan, and El Salvador. CWS anticipates providing citizenship instruction to 260 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 280.

City of Littleton

Location: Littleton, CO

Amount: \$145,894

The City of Littleton, Colorado, through the Littleton Immigrant Resources Center (LIRC), has provided citizenship preparation services since 2010 at the Bemis Public Library. With USCIS grant funding, LIRC's program will feature small group classes, a Citizenship Mentoring Program, and naturalization application services. The program will make use of the library's resources, which include study rooms, a computer lab, and a civics resource section. LIRC operates in the South Denver area and serves permanent residents from Mexico, Honduras, Colombia, China, South Korea, Vietnam, Iran, Iraq, and Egypt. LIRC expects to provide 222 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 225 with naturalization application services.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon**Location: Portland, OR****Amount: \$160,000**

The Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and its Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees (SOAR) program has operated as a refugee resettlement agency since 1979. A recipient of funding under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, SOAR will use FY 2012 grant funding to provide naturalization application services and four levels of citizenship classes to low-income and disabled permanent residents in Portland, Hood River, Hillsboro, and Woodburn counties. The program will reach permanent residents primarily from Cuba, Ethiopia, Haiti, Somalia, Mexico, Burma, and the former Soviet Union. SOAR expects to provide citizenship instruction to 250 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 250.

Elk Grove Unified School District**Location: Elk Grove, CA****Amount: \$160,000**

The Elk Grove Unified School District, Adult and Community Education (EGACE) has offered English as a Second Language and citizenship classes as part of their adult education program for more than 50 years. With USCIS grant funding, EGACE will launch *Project Naturalize Now!* in partnership with the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, an experienced naturalization legal services provider. EGACE anticipates serving low-income permanent residents from Latin America, China, Vietnam, and Russia. EGACE expects to provide citizenship instruction to 300 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 240.

Fresno Unified School District**Location: Fresno, CA****Amount: \$160,000**

Since 1989, the Fresno Unified School District, through the Fresno Adult School, has provided citizenship preparation for hundreds of permanent residents each year. USCIS grant funding will enable the Fresno Adult School to provide citizenship instruction with a technology component, as well as comprehensive naturalization application services in partnership with the San Joaquin College of Law. The Fresno Adult School anticipates serving primarily Southeast Asian, Hispanic, and Russian permanent residents. Under this program, 240 permanent residents will receive citizenship instruction and 200 will receive naturalization application services.

HIAS and Council Migration Service of Philadelphia

Location: Philadelphia, PA

Amount: \$160,000

HIAS and Council Migration Service of Philadelphia (HIAS PA) is one of the leading providers of naturalization services in the Philadelphia region. With USCIS grant funding, HIAS PA will partner with three organizations to form the Philadelphia Citizenship Action Network (P-CAN). The partners will include Esperanza Immigration Legal Services, Indochinese American Council, and New World Association. P-CAN partners plan to serve low-income immigrant communities in South Philadelphia, Upper North Philadelphia, Olney, and the Far Northeast. The program will reach permanent residents primarily from Central America and the Caribbean, as well as former refugees from Iraq, Burma, and Bhutan. HIAS PA expects that a total of 204 permanent residents will receive citizenship instruction and 200 will receive naturalization application services.

Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc.

Location: Hollywood, FL

Amount: \$160,000

Founded in 1982, Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc. (HUF) has provided comprehensive services to immigrants in the Miami and Ft. Lauderdale area. A recipient of funding under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, HUF will use FY 2012 grant funding to support the Civic Engagement Program in partnership with the Legal Aid Service of Broward County (LAS). HUF and LAS will offer citizenship classes, naturalization workshops, and naturalization application services to permanent residents in Broward County. HUF anticipates serving permanent residents primarily from Latin America and the Caribbean. The program will provide 400 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 350 with naturalization application services.

International Institute of Akron, Inc.

Location: Akron, OH

Amount: \$160,000

Since its founding in 1916, the International Institute of Akron (IIA) has provided citizenship services to immigrants in the Akron region. A recipient of funding under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, IIA will use FY 2012 grant funding to double their citizenship classes and to hold eight naturalization workshops in the community. IIA will primarily serve former refugees with low-literacy, as well as other permanent residents, from Bhutan, Burma, Uzbekistan, and Iraq. IIA projects that 540 permanent residents will receive citizenship instruction and 400 will receive naturalization application services.

International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, Inc.

Location: Detroit, MI

Amount: \$160,000

The International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit (IIMD) has provided structured citizenship and naturalization services since 1959. USCIS grant funding will enable IIMD to leverage local resources and develop four Citizenship Centers, where citizenship classes and naturalization application services will be provided to underserved immigrant communities. IIMD plans to serve permanent residents primarily from Iraq, Yemen, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Pakistan, Romania, and Poland. IIMD projects that a total of 400 permanent residents will receive citizenship instruction and 400 will receive naturalization application services.

International Rescue Committee, Inc.

Location: New York, NY

Amount: \$160,000

The International Rescue Committee in New York City (IRC NY) has provided refugee resettlement services for more than 75 years. With USCIS grant funding, IRC NY will offer citizenship instruction, conversation classes, an open computer lab, and naturalization application services to permanent residents of all five New York City boroughs and northern New Jersey. IRC NY's clients consist primarily of permanent residents from Bhutan, Burma, Cuba, Iraq, and Liberia. IRC NY expects that 250 permanent residents will receive citizenship instruction and 300 will receive naturalization application services.

International Rescue Committee, Inc.

Location: San Jose and Sacramento, CA

Amount: \$160,000

For the past 25 years, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in San Jose and Sacramento has been providing services to immigrants and refugees in Northern California. With FY 2012 grant funding, IRC will expand the citizenship program established in Sacramento under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. The program will primarily serve permanent residents who are former refugees and asylees from Burma, Bhutan, Vietnam, Ukraine, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Russia, Iraq, and Liberia. Grant funding will enable IRC to provide citizenship instruction to 300 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 225.

Jewish Family and Children's Service, Inc.

Location: Waltham, MA

Amount: \$159,997

Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS) has 19 years of experience providing services to immigrant communities in the Greater Boston area. A recipient of funding under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, JFCS will use FY 2012

grant funding to offer three levels of citizenship classes, computer-based learning options, and naturalization application services to permanent residents primarily from Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Portugal, and Russia. JFCS expects that 200 permanent residents will receive citizenship instruction and 200 will receive naturalization application services.

Lao Family Community of Minnesota, Inc.

Location: St. Paul, MN

Amount: \$160,000

Since 1981, Lao Family Community of Minnesota (LFC) has been providing civic education in St. Paul, Minnesota. A recipient of funding under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, JFCS will use FY 2012 grant funding to expand its citizenship program by offering naturalization application services through a partnership with Civil Society (CS). LFC and CS anticipate reaching the underserved populations of Hmong, Karen, Burmese, and Somali permanent residents. LFC expects to provide 300 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 200 with naturalization application services.

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota

Location: Sioux Falls, SD

Amount: \$158,648

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota's Refugee and Immigration Center (LSS) has provided immigration services since 1994. A recipient of funding under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, LSS will use FY 2012 grant funding to provide citizenship preparation services to a greater number of low-income clients in Sioux Falls and Huron, South Dakota. The Cornerstones Career Learning Center will partner with LSS to provide additional citizenship classes. The program will primarily serve former refugees, especially Burmese Karen and Somali Bantu permanent residents. LSS plans to provide citizenship instruction to 395 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 310.

Nashville Adult Literacy Council, Inc.

Location: Nashville, TN

Amount: \$160,000

Nashville Adult Literacy Council (NALC) has more than 10 years of experience providing literacy and citizenship instruction to immigrants in Davidson County. With FY 2012 grant funding, NALC will expand the citizenship program established under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. NALC anticipates serving permanent residents primarily from Mexico, Central and South America, Sudan, Somalia, Egypt, and Iraq. NALC will provide three levels of citizenship classes and interview practice to 200 permanent residents. Through a partnership with Catholic Charities of Tennessee, the program will also offer naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation**Location: New York, NY****Amount: \$160,000**

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation (NMIC) has 10 years of experience providing immigration and citizenship preparation services in New York City. USCIS grant funding will enable NMIC to provide additional citizenship classes and naturalization application services to low-income, Spanish-speaking permanent residents in the Northern Manhattan communities of Washington Heights and Inwood. NMIC expects to provide 504 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 200 with naturalization application services.

Skyline Literacy**Location: Harrisonburg, VA****Amount: \$158,235**

Skyline Literacy (“Skyline”) has provided literacy services for immigrants for almost twenty years, and citizenship instruction since 1993. A recipient of funding under the FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, Skyline will use FY 2012 grant funding to partner with Church World Service’s Refugee Resettlement Program (CWS) to provide comprehensive naturalization application services. Skyline and CWS will offer services throughout Harrisonburg and Rockingham counties, reaching permanent residents from Mexico, Cuba, El Salvador, Ukraine, Iraq, and Eritrea. Skyline expects that 300 permanent residents will receive citizenship instruction and 200 will receive naturalization application services.

World Relief Corporation of National Association of Evangelicals**Location: Spokane, WA****Amount: \$160,000**

World Relief Spokane has provided citizenship instruction and naturalization application assistance to refugees since 2001. With USCIS grant funding, World Relief Spokane will offer comprehensive citizenship preparation services to refugee populations in outlying regions where there are few services available. World Relief Spokane anticipates serving permanent residents from Burma, Bhutan, Iraq, Eritrea, Sudan, Somalia, Iran, Afghanistan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. World Relief Spokane expects to provide citizenship instruction to 410 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 480.

World Relief Corporation of National Association of Evangelicals

Location: Wheaton, IL

Amount: \$160,000

World Relief DuPage/Aurora (WRDA) has more than 20 years of experience offering civic education and naturalization application assistance to permanent residents in the DuPage and Kane counties of Illinois. USCIS grant funding will enable WRDA to offer citizenship classes, individual tutoring, and naturalization application services tailored to meet the needs of underserved permanent resident populations. The program will target low-income and low-literacy refugees from Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. WRDA will provide citizenship instruction to 200 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 220.

Young Men's Christian Association of the Greater Houston Area, Inc.

Location: Houston, TX

Amount: \$160,000

Since 1978, the Young Men's Christian Association of the Greater Houston Area (YMCA Houston) has offered English as a Second Language (ESL) and citizenship classes to the immigrant communities of Houston, Texas. USCIS grant funding will enable YMCA Houston to enhance their current ESL and civics classes and to reach more clients with naturalization application services. YMCA Houston will target services to permanent residents in Harris County who are from Bhutan, Burma, Congo, Cuba, and Iraq. YMCA Houston expects that 300 permanent residents will receive citizenship instruction and 250 will receive naturalization application services.