

**Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 USCIS Citizenship and Integration
Grant Program Recipient Organizations**

Individual Program Descriptions

Asian Counseling and Referral Service

Location: Seattle, Washington

Award: \$250,000

Since 1973, Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS) has offered a wide array of social services to immigrants in the Seattle community. ACRS was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012. With FY 2014 grant funding, ACRS will expand its current services to serve low-income and elderly permanent residents from China, Vietnam, Cambodia, South Korea, Laos, and Samoa. ACRS expects to provide citizenship instruction to 300 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 375 permanent residents.

Asian Services in Action, Inc.

Location: Akron, Ohio

Award: \$250,000

Asian Services in Action (ASIA) provides citizenship instruction and naturalization application services through its Northeast Ohio Citizen Integration Program (NOCIP). This program primarily serves Asian and Pacific Islander permanent residents in the greater Cleveland area. ASIA was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2011. With FY 2014 grant funding, ASIA will partner with Cleveland Catholic Charities, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, and Community Legal Aid. With these partners, ASIA plans to enroll 300 permanent residents in its citizenship instruction classes and provide naturalization application services to 350 permanent residents.

Baltimore City Community College

Location: Baltimore, Maryland

Award: \$204,000

Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) has provided a full spectrum of English language instruction services to immigrants and refugees since 1980. BCCC was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. With FY 2014 grant funding, BCCC will expand its citizenship program and continue partnering with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) for naturalization application services. The program will reach primarily Spanish-speaking permanent residents in the metropolitan Baltimore and suburban Washington, DC areas. BCCC expects to provide 400 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 200 with naturalization application services.

Boat People SOS, Inc.

Location: Houston, Texas

Award: \$250,000

Boat People SOS (BPSOS) has provided naturalization application services since 2004 and citizenship instruction since 2009 throughout the greater Houston area to permanent residents primarily from Vietnam. BPSOS was first awarded a USCIS grant under the FY 2010 National Capacity Building Grant Program. FY 2014 funding will allow BPSOS to provide citizenship instruction to 360 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa

Location: Santa Rosa, California

Award: \$249,229.00

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa (CCDSR) has been providing citizenship preparation services to permanent residents in Northern California for more than 40 years. With USCIS funding, CCDSR will provide individual and group naturalization application assistance and semester-long citizenship education classes. CCDSR plans to expand their current services to reach two additional rural counties in Northern California. CCDSR serves diverse populations from Latin America, Asia, and Africa. CCDSR plans to provide 560 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 560 with naturalization application services.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton

Location: Stockton, California

Award: \$250,000

For more than 70 years, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton (CCDS) has provided a variety of social services to immigrants in Northern California. CCDS was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010 under the National Capacity Building Grant Program. CCDS will use FY 2014 grant funding to expand its citizenship program by offering three levels of citizenship classes and 12 citizenship workshops to primarily Hispanic and Filipino low-income immigrants in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties in California. CCDS plans to provide citizenship instruction to 250 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas

Location: Overland Park, Kansas

Award: \$197,602

Since 2010, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas (CCNEK) has provided naturalization application services to permanent residents in the Kansas City region through La Luz Immigration Clinic. CCNEK has also offered citizenship classes since 2012. With USCIS funding, CCNEK will expand its current citizenship preparation program in Kansas City and Emporia to reach permanent residents from Mexico, Nepal and Burma. CCNEK expects to provide 220 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 220 with naturalization application services.

Catholic Charities of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties

Location: San Bernardino, California

Award: \$250,000

Catholic Charities of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties (“Catholic Charities”) has provided naturalization application assistance throughout Southern California’s San Bernardino and Riverside counties for more than 30 years. With USCIS funding, Catholic Charities will partner with the San Bernardino Adult School, which has provided English as a Second Language and citizenship instruction in San Bernardino County since 1992. These organizations primarily serve permanent residents from Mexico, Guatemala and El Salvador. Catholic Charities will provide at least 210 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and another 210 with naturalization application services.

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

Location: San Jose, California

Award: \$250,000

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County (CCSCC) has been providing citizenship services to low-income immigrants through its Immigration and Legal Services Program since the organization received Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) recognition in 1976. In partnership with Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey (CCDOM), CCSCC will provide 225 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 200 permanent residents with naturalization application services. CCSCC and CCDOM serve immigrant communities in five counties throughout Northern California, primarily permanent residents from Vietnam, China and the Philippines.

Catholic Migration Services, Inc.

Location: Brooklyn, New York

Award: \$250,000

Catholic Migration Services (CMS) has been providing naturalization application services since its founding in 1971. CMS will partner with the Brooklyn Public Library (BPL), which has provided citizenship instruction to permanent residents since 2002. In addition to traditional formal classroom instruction, BPL conducts citizenship conversation groups to teach the naturalization process and U.S. government and history to immigrant students. Together, these organizations serve predominantly low-income permanent residents from countries such as Haiti, Mexico, Jamaica, China, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, and Poland. With USCIS funding, CMS and BPL plan to provide citizenship instruction to 250 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 250 permanent residents.

Center for People in Need

Location: Lincoln, Nebraska

Award: \$250,000

Center for People in Need (CPIN) has taught citizenship classes for more than five years and its partner organization, Center for Legal Immigration Assistance (CLIA), has provided naturalization application services since 2001. CPIN and CLIA serve a diverse community of former refugees from countries such as Iraq, Iran and Sudan. With USCIS funding, CPIN and CLIA expect to provide 295 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 400 permanent residents with naturalization application services.

Central American Resource Center

Location: Washington, D.C.

Award: \$250,000

Since 1995, the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) has provided a comprehensive citizenship assistance program to permanent residents in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. CARECEN was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012. With FY 2014 grant funding, CARECEN will expand its *Citizenship at Your Reach* project, which will feature a mobile citizenship computer lab to be used for classes and for naturalization application services. CARECEN serves permanent residents primarily from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. CARECEN expects to provide citizenship instruction to 390 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 300 permanent residents.

Chinese American Service League, Inc.

Location: Chicago, Illinois

Award: \$250,000

The Chinese American Service League (CASL) was founded in 1978 and is dedicated to helping Chinese immigrants in the Chicago area. CASL was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012. With FY 2014 grant funding, CASL will expand its current services to provide three levels of citizenship classes and one-on-one tutoring. The program will serve primarily Chinese permanent residents in the Chicago areas of Armour Square, Bridgeport, and McKinley Park. CASL expects to provide 280 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 300 with naturalization application services.

Church World Service, Inc.

Location: Greensboro, North Carolina

Award: \$250,000

Church World Service (CWS) of Greensboro, North Carolina, has provided services to permanent residents since 2009. CWS was first awarded a USCIS grant under the FY 2010 National Capacity Building Grant Program. With FY 2014 grant funding, CWS will continue to expand its program to 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 330 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 320 permanent residents.

City of Littleton

Location: Littleton, Colorado

Award: \$249,431

For the past seven years, the City of Littleton, through the Littleton Immigrant Resources Center (LIRC), has managed a Citizenship Mentoring Program that has been internationally recognized for its innovative program design. LIRC was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012. With FY 2014 grant funding, LIRC will offer small group citizenship classes, individual tutoring, and naturalization application services. LIRC serves permanent residents in the Denver metropolitan area, including immigrants from Peru, Guatemala, Venezuela, China, Sudan and Iran. LIRC anticipates enrolling 300 permanent residents in its citizenship instruction classes and providing 320 permanent residents with naturalization application services.

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles**Location: Los Angeles, California****Award: \$250,000**

For more than 20 years, the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) has assisted permanent residents with citizenship services through large-scale naturalization workshops. Since 2007, CHIRLA has collaborated with Building Skills Partnership (BSP) to develop a unique program to serve immigrant workers through English and civics instruction. Together, CHIRLA and BSP serve permanent residents primarily from Mexico and El Salvador. Through this grant, CHIRLA and BSP will provide citizenship instruction to 225 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 225 permanent residents.

Colombian American Service Association**Location: Miami, Florida****Award: \$250,000**

Colombian American Service Association (CASA) has more than 20 years of experience providing the Hispanic immigrant population in South Florida with legal, social and educational services. CASA serves permanent residents primarily from Colombia, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Mexico, Peru and Argentina. CASA was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2011. With FY 2014 funding, CASA will expand its current services to provide citizenship instruction to 352 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 248 permanent residents.

Council for the Spanish Speaking, Inc.**Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin****Award: \$248,681**

Council for the Spanish Speaking, Inc., also known as Centro Hispano Milwaukee (CHM), has dedicated more than 40 years to providing citizenship instruction to permanent residents who seek U.S. citizenship. With USCIS funding, CHM will work with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (CCAM) to provide free naturalization legal assistance. CHM plans to enroll 250 permanent residents in its citizenship instruction program and CCAM anticipates providing 216 permanent residents with naturalization application services. The partners serve permanent residents primarily from Mexico and Central and South America.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon**Location: Portland, Oregon****Award: \$250,000**

The Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) and its Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees (SOAR) program has operated as a refugee resettlement agency since 1979. EMO was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. EMO will use FY 2014 grant funding to provide naturalization application services and three levels of citizenship classes to low-income and disabled permanent residents in Portland, Hood River and Hillsboro counties. The program will serve permanent residents primarily from Cuba, Somalia, Mexico, Burma and Iraq. EMO expects to provide citizenship instruction to 300 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 300 permanent residents.

Federation Employment and Guidance Services, Inc.**Location: New York, New York****Award: \$250,000**

Federation Employment and Guidance Services, Inc. (FEGS) has provided citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to permanent residents for more than 14 years. FEGS serves permanent residents primarily from the former Soviet Union, Yemen, Poland, China, Liberia, Israel and Syria. FEGS was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. With FY 2014 funding, FEGS will partner with CAMBA, Inc., to provide naturalization application services to clients with complex cases. FEGS anticipates serving 200 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 200 with naturalization application services.

Fresno Unified School District**Location: Fresno, California****Award: \$250,000**

Since 1989, the Fresno Unified School District, through the Fresno Adult School, has provided citizenship instruction to permanent residents. The Fresno Adult School was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012. The Fresno Adult School will use FY 2014 grant funding to provide citizenship instruction with a technology component, and will partner with the San Joaquin College of Law to provide comprehensive naturalization application services. The Fresno Adult School anticipates serving primarily Hispanic and Russian permanent residents. Under this program, 280 permanent residents will receive citizenship instruction and 280 will receive naturalization application services.

Hartford Public Library**Location: Hartford, Connecticut****Award: \$248,842**

Hartford Public Library (HPL) has offered citizenship instruction to permanent residents since 2000. In 2013, HPL became one of the first public libraries in the nation to receive BIA recognition and staff accreditation. HPL was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010, and will use FY 2014 grant funding to expand current services to a second HPL branch location in Albany. HPL serves a highly diverse immigrant community, including permanent residents from Pakistan, Somalia and Iraq. HPL plans to provide 410 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 225 permanent residents with naturalization application services.

Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc.**Location: Hollywood, Florida****Award: \$247,865**

Founded in 1982, Hispanic Unity of Florida (HUF) provides comprehensive services to immigrants in the Miami and Ft. Lauderdale area. HUF was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. With FY 2014 grant funding, HUF will offer citizenship classes 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 300 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 250 with naturalization application services.

Hope Community Center, Inc.**Location: Apopka, Florida****Award: \$250,000**

Hope Community Center (HCC) has more than 10 years of experience providing direct citizenship instruction. HCC will partner with Catholic Charities of Central Florida (CCCF), which has provided naturalization services since 1996. With USCIS grant funding, HCC will offer formal classroom instruction, individual tutoring sessions and mock naturalization interview practice. HCC and CCCF will serve rural, low-literacy and low-income permanent residents primarily from Mexico and Central and South America in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Lake and Volusia Counties. HCC and CCCF will provide citizenship instruction to 280 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 400.

Horizon Cross Cultural Center**Location: Orange, California****Award: \$235,068**

Horizon Cross Cultural Center (Horizon) has provided citizenship instruction and naturalization application assistance to refugees and other immigrants for more than 20 years. With USCIS funding, Horizon will be able to offer four additional citizenship classes and free naturalization application services. Horizon serves permanent residents primarily from Asia. Over the two-year performance period, Horizon expects to enroll 400 permanent residents in citizenship education classes and provide 300 permanent residents with naturalization application services.

International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit**Location: Detroit, Michigan****Award: \$250,000**

The International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit (IIMD) has provided citizenship instruction and naturalization application services since 1959. IIMD was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012. With FY 2014 grant funding, IIMD will increase the number of locations where it offers services. IIMD plans to serve permanent residents primarily from Iraq, Yemen, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Romania. IIMD plans to provide citizenship instruction to 440 and naturalization application services to 440 permanent residents.

International Rescue Committee, Inc.**Location: Atlanta, Georgia****Award: \$250,000**

Established in 1979, the International Rescue Committee in Atlanta (IRC Atlanta) is an experienced refugee resettlement agency. IRC Atlanta offers citizenship preparation services through its *Pathways to Citizenship* program, founded in 2012. IRC Atlanta serves diverse immigrant communities, including permanent residents from the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia and Afghanistan. With USCIS funding, IRC Atlanta will expand its current programs in the Atlanta area and in Athens-Clarke County to provide citizenship instruction to 200 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

International Rescue Committee, Inc.

Location: Glendale, California

Award: \$250,000

Since 2008, the International Rescue Committee in Los Angeles (IRC LA) has provided citizenship instruction and immigration services to low-income immigrants. IRC LA has been BIA recognized for 40 years and primarily serves permanent residents from Iran, El Salvador, Bangladesh and Mexico. IRC LA was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2011. With FY 2014 funding, IRC LA will expand its citizenship and naturalization services throughout Los Angeles County. In particular, IRC LA will provide citizenship instruction to 360 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 440 permanent residents.

International Rescue Committee Inc.

Location: Miami, Florida

Award: \$250,000

The International Rescue Committee in Miami (IRC Miami) has provided immigration services and citizenship education for 15 years. IRC Miami serves a diverse community of immigrants, including permanent residents from Cuba, Peru, Jamaica and Brazil. With USCIS funding, IRC Miami plans to expand its current legal services and citizenship education programs to reach underserved populations in the Miami area. IRC Miami anticipates enrolling 450 permanent residents in citizenship instruction classes and providing 600 permanent residents with naturalization application services.

Jewish Family and Children's Service

Location: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Award: \$250,000

Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS) has provided services to permanent residents in the Pittsburgh area for more than 75 years. The agency's immigration and refugee resettlement programs serve thousands of individuals from more than 75 different countries each year. With USCIS funding, JFCS will partner with Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council to provide citizenship preparation services to communities in western Pennsylvania. JFCS expects to serve 240 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 300 with naturalization application services.

Jewish Family and Children's Service**Location: Waltham, Massachusetts****Award: \$249,994**

Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS) has 21 years of experience providing services to immigrant communities in the Greater Boston area. JFCS was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. With FY 2014 grant funding, JFCS will 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 210 permanent residents will receive citizenship instruction and 220 will receive naturalization application services.

Literacy Volunteers of Charlottesville/Albemarle**Location: Charlottesville, Virginia****Award: \$250,000**

Literacy Volunteers of Charlottesville/Albemarle (LVCA) has provided citizenship instruction for 10 years. In partnership with the Adult Learning Center of Charlottesville and the Albemarle County Adult ESOL Program, LVCA will offer four class levels and individual tutoring. LVCA will partner with the International Rescue Committee to provide naturalization services to permanent residents in Charlottesville, Albemarle and Lynchburg. The organizations serve permanent residents from more than 40 different countries. With USCIS funding, LVCA plans to serve 225 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and 250 with naturalization application services.

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota**Location: Sioux Falls, South Dakota****Award: \$250,000**

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota (LSS) has provided immigration services since 1994 and citizenship education since 1999 through its Center for New Americans. LSS was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. With FY 2014 grant funding, LSS will provide citizenship preparation services to a greater number of low-income clients in Sioux Falls and Huron, South Dakota. The program will primarily serve former refugees, especially Karen and Somali Bantu permanent residents. LSS plans to provide citizenship instruction to 450 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 350 permanent residents.

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest**Location: Tucson, Arizona****Award: \$250,000**

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSSSW) has more than 20 years of experience providing comprehensive immigration services. LSSSW will partner with Pima County Community College Adult Education (PCCA), an organization that has provided citizenship instruction for more than 16 years. PCCA was awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. The two organizations serve permanent residents from Cuba, Mexico, Iraq, Bhutan, China, Somalia, Eritrea and other countries. With USCIS funding, LSSSW plans to provide citizenship instruction to 300 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance**Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota****Award: \$250,000**

Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance has provided legal services to immigrants in Minnesota since 2001. With USCIS grant funding, Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance will partner with Minneapolis Public Schools to offer citizenship instruction, workshops, tutoring, naturalization preparation and legal representation. Together these organizations will provide citizenship instruction to 231 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 216 permanent residents. The program will serve low-income permanent residents primarily from Somalia, Ethiopia, Mexico and Liberia.

Nashville Adult Literacy Council, Inc.**Location: Nashville, Tennessee****Award: \$250,000**

Nashville Adult Literacy Council, Inc. (NALC) has more than 12 years of experience providing literacy and citizenship instruction to immigrants in Davidson County. NALC was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012. With FY 2014 grant funding, NALC will expand current citizenship classes in the South Nashville area and will partner with Catholic Charities of Tennessee to provide naturalization application services. NALC anticipates serving permanent residents primarily from Egypt, Sudan and Somalia. NALC will provide citizenship instruction to 300 permanent residents and will offer naturalization application services to 220 permanent residents.

Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights**Location: New York, New York****Award: \$250,000**

The Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights (NMCIR) has provided services to immigrants since its establishment in 1982. NMCIR was previously awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2011. With FY 2014 grant funding, NMCIR will serve permanent residents in Northern Manhattan, the Bronx, Northern New Jersey and Westchester County. NMCIR will primarily serve immigrants from the Dominican Republic. NMCIR expects to provide citizenship instruction to 300 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 300 permanent residents.

Refugee Aid Project**Location: San Antonio, Texas****Award: \$250,000**

Refugee Aid Project has provided legal services to immigrants since 1986 and their partner organization, Academia America, has provided citizenship education to permanent residents since 2009. The program offers classroom instruction supplemented with individual and group tutoring sessions. Refugee Aid Project will provide citizenship instruction to 200 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents. Refugee Aid Project and Academia America serve low-income permanent residents and former refugees primarily from Mexico, Burma, Iraq and Cuba.

World Relief Corporation of National Association of Evangelicals**Location: Wheaton, Illinois****Award: \$250,000**

World Relief DuPage/Aurora (WRDA) has more than 20 years of experience offering citizenship instruction and naturalization application assistance to permanent residents in the DuPage and Kane counties of Illinois. WRDA was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012. WRDA will use FY 2014 grant funding to offer additional citizenship classes and individual tutoring, as well as 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 250 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 300 permanent residents.

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

Location: Houston, Texas

Award: \$250,000

Since 1978, the Young Men's Christian Association of the Greater Houston Area (YMCA Houston) has offered English as a Second Language and citizenship classes to immigrant communities in Houston, Texas. YMCA Houston was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012. With FY 2014 funding, YMCA Houston will enhance their current citizenship classes and serve additional clients with naturalization application services. YMCA Houston expects that 250 permanent residents will receive citizenship instruction and 300 will receive naturalization application services.