USCIS-IMLS WEBINAR
Citizenship and Integration Grant Program

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Agenda

• Institute of Museum and Library Services Welcoming Remarks
  Teri DeVoe, Associate Deputy Director for Grants to States

• USCIS Office of Citizenship Overview
  Claudia Conlon, Management and Program Analyst, Publications & Outreach Branch

• Overview of the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program
  Catherine Lopez, Program Officer, Grants Branch

• Spotlight on a Current Grant Recipient
  Homa Naficy and Cristina Burgos, Hartford Public Library
Welcoming Remarks

Teri DeVoe

Associate Deputy Director for Grants to States

Institute of Museum and Library Services

https://www.imls.gov/
Office of Citizenship Overview

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https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship
Office of Citizenship Overview, Cont.

- Provides federal leadership, tools, and resources to foster immigrant integration
- Promotes instruction and training on citizenship rights and responsibilities
- Engages and supports organizations in their integration efforts
Citizenship and Integration Grant Program Overview

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USCIS Office of Citizenship

Citizenship and Integration Grant Program Impact

- $155 million allocated
- 644 competitive grants awarded
- 41 states + District of Columbia
- 300,000 + immigrants served
The goal of the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program is to:

- Expand the availability of high-quality citizenship preparation services for immigrants across the nation; and
- Provide opportunities for immigrants to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to integrate into the fabric of American society.
Who Can Apply?

Historically, a diverse range of organizations have been eligible to apply, including **libraries and museums**!

- City, township and county governments
- Independent school districts
- Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization and Governments
- Public/Indian Housing Authority

- Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) IRS status, other than institutions of higher education
- Private, public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Special district governments
- State governments
Libraries, Museums, and Partnerships

Public and non-profit libraries and museums are among the many types of organizations that are eligible to apply for USCIS grants.

Consider a partnership!
You can partner with other community-based organizations that offer legal services.
Upcoming Events

Stop by the USCIS booth at the Public Library Association Conference!

PLA 2024
Conference
April 3–5, 2024
Greater Columbus Convention Center
Columbus, Ohio
Guest Presenter

Joining us today to speak about their library’s experience as a USCIS grant recipient is the Hartford Public Library in Hartford, CT!

* Photo from Hartford Public Library
Spotlight on a Current Grant Recipient

Homa Naficy
*Executive Director of The American Place*
*Hartford Public Library*

Cristina Burgos
*Citizenship Administrative Coordinator*
*Hartford Public Library*

https://tap.hplct.org/
The Power of U.S. Citizenship

8.8 MILLION
Taking It Local

- Promoting the benefits of Citizenship
- Demystifying the process
- Designing and delivering services
Making It Real: Citizenship Education

- Citizenship classes
- Volunteer citizenship coaching
- Mock interviews
- Independent study
- Citizenship corner
Making it Real: Application Completion Support

- Recognition & accreditation
- Co-location of legal services
- Workshops
- Referrals
Why Not Your Library?

COMMUNITY-NEEDS ASSESSMENT

• USCIS Naturalization-Related Data and Statistics
  https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship

• Deloitte, Datawheel  https://datausa.io/profile/geo/hartford-town-puma-ct

• Migration Policy Institute, State Immigration Data Profiles

• Interactive Map: Eligible to Naturalize Adults by Probability of Naturalization – by State (2023)  https://dornsife.usc.edu/eri/research/map-eligible-to-naturalize-state-2023/
Yes, My Library!

- Leadership Buy-In
- Capacity Considerations
  - Space
  - Staffing
  - Partnerships
- Funding
Value Added

• Individuals
• Communities
• The Nation
• Libraries
Years in the Making
2000 – 2024

The American Place

Citizenship Program
- USCIS 1 FT Coordinating Officer

Outreach
- USCIS 1 PT

Legal Help
- USCIS 1 FT & 1 PT

Citizenship Classes
- USCIS PT Teachers

Innovation Grant
- USCIS 1 FT
- Contractual work

IT Specialist

Instructional Design Specialist

Education

Workforce & Business Development

The American Job Center

Adult ESL

After School ESL

GED Prep

Pearson Vue Testing Ctr.

Financial Inclusivity

Opportunities Youth IT Training

ServSafe Personal Care Assistant Training
The American Place
Your Path to U.S. Citizenship Begins Here

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Questions?
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To learn more about the USCIS grant program, please visit our website at: https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/civic-integration/learn-about-the-citizenship-and-integration-grant-program
Concluding Remarks

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