

Office of Citizenship

Fact Sheet

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FY 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program Recipients Individual Program Descriptions

On September 17, 2010, USCIS announced approximately \$8.1 million in federal funding for 78 organizations to support citizenship education and preparation programs for permanent residents. This funding will build capacity in communities to meet the increasing demand for citizenship services, including civics-based English classes, and support those on the path toward U.S. citizenship.

Recipient organizations represent both traditional immigrant destinations and new immigrant gateways across 27 states and the District of Columbia. Grant recipients plan to provide citizenship education and naturalization application preparation services to approximately 25,000 permanent residents from more than 70 countries.

National Capacity Building Program (Listed alphabetically)

Boat People SOS, Inc.

Headquarters Location: Falls Church, VA

Sub-Applicants: Pennsauken, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; Houston, TX

Award: \$450,000

Boat People SOS, Inc. (BPSOS) has served for 30 years as a social and legal services provider meeting the needs of the Vietnamese and other immigrant communities across the U.S. BPSOS has selected two affiliate locations, the Delaware Valley and Southeast Texas, to provide citizenship education services and naturalization application preparation services. Through the *Citizenship Initiative for Vietnamese Immigrant Communities – Capacity Building* (CIVIC – Capacity Building) program, BPSOS will promote immigrant integration through sustainable, long-term citizenship programming tailored to the specific needs of the Vietnamese immigrant communities in these two geographic areas. BPSOS plans to provide these services to a total of 400 Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs).

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. Headquarters Location: Washington, DC

Sub-Applicants: Buffalo, NY; Cleveland, OH; Clinton Township, MI; Stockton, CA

Award: \$500,000

Founded in 1988, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) is the nation's largest network of non-profit charitable immigration legal service providers, with almost 200 affiliate organizations. With the grant funding, CLINIC will implement the *Immigrant Path to Citizenship and Integration Project* to build the capacity of affiliates in New York, Ohio, Michigan, and

California to provide integrated citizenship education and legal services to LPRs, many of whom are seniors, refugees, and asylees, in traditional gateway communities. CLINIC will provide much-needed capacity building and technical assistance to these four affiliates and plans to produce webinars on best practices and develop a webpage devoted to citizenship resource materials. CLINIC's four selected affiliates will provide 590 students with English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, 660 students with civics classes, and 540 clients with naturalization application preparation services.

Church World Service, Inc.

Headquarters Location: New York, NY

Sub-Applicants: Greensboro, NC; Los Angeles, CA

Award: \$381,828

Church World Service, Inc. (CWS) was founded in 1946 and works with partners in the U.S. and around the world to build interfaith and intercultural coalitions to eradicate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice. CWS will use funding to focus on citizenship capacity building and provide technical support to two affiliate organizations in Greensboro, NC and Los Angeles, CA. CWS plans to build and expand the citizenship education and naturalization application programs at these sites to serve immigrants primarily from Haiti and Cuba. CWS plans to enroll a total of 450 students in citizenship education classes and will develop an e-learning tool that will contain supplemental and self-study materials, including practice tests for students. In addition, CWS will assist 600 individuals with naturalization application preparation.

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, Inc. Headquarters Location: New York, NY

Sub-Applicants: Clearwater, FL; Springfield, MA; Columbus, OH

Award: \$450,000

Since the mid-1990s, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, Inc. (HIAS) has provided capacity building and technical assistance for local affiliates' citizenship education and naturalization programs serving refugees primarily from the former Soviet Union. With the grant funds, HIAS plans to develop comprehensive citizenship education and legal services programs to serve both traditional and new immigrant gateway communities at affiliates in Florida, Massachusetts, and Ohio. HIAS will provide capacity building and technical assistance to the selected affiliates, conduct community outreach, post web-based educational materials, and ensure Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) recognition and accreditation of the selected affiliate organizations. HIAS' three affiliates will serve LPR populations from Eastern Europe, Africa, China, India, and Latin America and will provide citizenship instruction to a total of 1,050 LPRs and naturalization application preparation services to a total of 450 LPRs.

International Rescue Committee, Inc. Headquarters Location: New York, NY

Sub-applicants: Abilene, TX; Charlottesville, VA; Sacramento, CA

Award: \$410,186

Founded in 1933, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) is a non-sectarian, voluntary organization providing resettlement, relief and protection services to refugees and victims of

oppression or violence. With this funding, the IRC will build the capacity of three affiliate sites to provide ESL/Civics education programs to more than 250 LPRs and naturalization application preparation services to 200 LPRs from the Latino, Eastern European, African, Middle Eastern and Asian immigrant communities. The IRC aims to standardize the ESL/Civics curriculum utilized at its 22 regional offices. Additionally, the IRC plans to develop a national model for capacity building that can be implemented across the organization.

Minnesota Literacy Council, Inc. Headquarters Location: St. Paul, MN

Sub-applicants: Minneapolis, MN; Rochester, MN; Marshall, MN

Award: \$430,000

The Minnesota Literacy Council, Inc. (MLC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving literacy for adults and helping immigrants integrate and participate fully in American civic culture. Operating statewide, MLC offers adult basic education and ESL services to individuals and families as well as capacity-building and technical support services to more than 400 affiliate programs. With this funding, MLC will develop a targeted plan for three affiliates to strengthen existing citizenship and EL/civics classes and to create internal structures needed to run successful and self-sustaining citizenship education programs. These citizenship education programs will serve an estimated 1,275 LPRs, primarily from the Hmong, Vietnamese, Ethiopian, Somali, Karen and Tibetan immigrant communities.

ProLiteracy Worldwide

Headquarters Location: Syracuse, NY Sub-Applicants: Decatur, GA; Nashville, TN

Award: \$380,165

In 2002, ProLiteracy Worldwide formed from the merging of Laubach Literacy International and Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. With 80 years of combined experience, ProLiteracy works locally, nationally, and internationally to improve lives and communities through adult literacy and basic education. With this funding, ProLiteracy will develop and strengthen sustainable citizenship education programs at two member organizations in Atlanta, GA and Nashville, TN. ProLiteracy intends to serve more than 1,000 LPRs from over 30 countries of origin. ProLiteracy will establish two citizenship education programs tailored for low income and low literacy LPRs and develop the organizational capacity of their two member organizations to effectively sustain these programs.

U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

Headquarters Location: Arlington, VA Sub-Applicants: Erie, PA; Raleigh, NC

Award: \$335,959

For nearly a century, the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) has helped refugees and immigrants from around the world to resettle and integrate into American society. With this funding, USCRI's affiliate locations in Erie, PA and Raleigh, NC, aim to provide citizenship education and naturalization application preparation services to approximately 650 Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) from countries such as Bhutan, Somalia, Iraq, and Burma.

Additionally, USCRI will conduct organizational development, monitoring, and formal evaluations, in an effort to increase its affiliates' capacity to provide citizenship services in an effective and sustainable way.

<u>Direct Services Grant Program</u> (Listed alphabetically)

Association House of Chicago

Location: Chicago, IL Award: \$100,000

Founded in 1899, and one of the oldest settlement houses in the city, the Association House of Chicago serves the economically disadvantaged community residents of Chicago's greater Humbolt Park area. As a FY 2009 Citizenship Grant Program funding recipient, Association House expanded citizenship preparation programs to Hispanic elderly and low-income LPRs. With FY 2010 funding, the organization plans to provide an *ESL for Citizenship* class, a Spanish speakers' citizenship course for Latino LPRs who are exempt from the English test requirements, and general citizenship classes for other LPRs in the Chicago area.

Baltimore City Community College

Location: Baltimore, MD

Award: \$91,798

Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) has provided citizenship preparation to Maryland's vulnerable elderly refugee population since the mid-1990s. With the grant funding, BCCC plans to offer three levels of citizenship education courses at 9 sites throughout Baltimore and in Montgomery, Howard, Anne Arundel, and Frederick counties. BCCC's program will serve approximately 200 LPRs, many of whom are seniors, from El Salvador, China, India, and Korea.

Board of Education Wayne County City of Dearborn

Location: Dearborn, MI

Award: \$99,865

Adult and Community Education has been an integral part of the Dearborn School District for over 80 years. The school district has provided ESL classes since the 1920s, when Henry Ford Sr. recruited men from the Middle East to work in his Dearborn automobile factory. With this funding, the Dearborn School District will expand and improve its civics-focused ESL classes and will address the cultural challenges faced by the Middle Eastern immigrant population of the Dearborn area in achieving citizenship.

BronxWorks, Inc. Location: Bronx, NY Award: \$100,000

As a settlement house and multi-service organization with a range of social service programs for immigrants, BronxWorks has successfully provided immigration services to Bronx residents since 1988. With this grant funding, BronxWorks will provide intensive ESL and civics education

as well as naturalization application preparation services to the underserved, low-income Latin American and African LPR communities in the Bronx.

California Human Development Corporation

Location: Santa Rosa, CA

Award: \$99,621

California Human Development Corporation (CHDC) is a multi-service non-profit organization committed to providing essential services to vulnerable immigrant populations in Northern California for the past 45 years. With this funding, CHDC will conduct outreach to raise awareness of opportunities for naturalization and civic engagement among Spanish-speaking farm worker LPRs in Chico, Lakeport, Sacramento, Lodi, Dixon, Santa Rosa, Yuba City, Woodland, and Crescent City. CHDC will offer ESL/civics instruction, provide naturalization application preparation services, and will prepare LPRs for the citizenship interview process.

Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc.

Location: Dallas, TX Award: \$100,000

Catholic Charities Dallas (CCD) has more than 34 years experience providing English language and citizenship instruction to refugees and immigrants in North Texas. As a FY 2009 Citizenship Grant Program funding recipient, CCD provided citizenship education and naturalization application preparation services to elderly immigrants, as well as refugees and asylees. With FY 2010 funding, CCD will expand and strengthen existing citizenship services to LPRs in North Texas by offering citizenship education classes to 200 additional students and by providing naturalization application preparation services to 300 LPRs in 12 counties. CCD will serve the local LPR populations from Mexico, Burma, Bhutan, Sudan and El Salvador.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, Inc.

Location: Arlington, VA

Award: \$100,000

Hogar Immigrant Services, a division within the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, has provided citizenship preparation services since 1995 and citizenship education services since 2004. With this grant funding, Hogar Immigrant Services plans to provide citizenship instruction to LPRs in a new site, Prince William County, and hold traveling naturalization workshops in locations throughout Northern Virginia. Hogar Immigrant Services serves LPRs who are primarily seniors, alsyees, and refugees from Afghanistan, Morocco, Sudan, Somalia, and Latin America.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth, Inc.

Location: Fort Worth, TX

Award: \$100,000

Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth, Inc. has served the Fort Worth immigrant community with ESL classes since 1992 and immigration legal services since 1983. Catholic Charities of Fort Worth, Inc. plans to provide citizenship education to 240 underserved LPRs and

naturalization application preparation services to an additional 180 underserved LPRs in the Fort Worth, Tarrant County area. The target population is primarily from Mexico, El Salvador, Sierra Leone and Nepal.

Catholic Charities of Orange County, Inc.

Location: Santa Ana, CA

Award: \$100,000

Since 1976, Catholic Charities of Orange County, Inc. (CCOC) has provided free citizenship education and naturalization application preparation services to immigrants. With this grant, CCOC will expand delivery of direct services by enrolling 200 new students in citizenship education classes and by providing naturalization application preparation services to 400 LPRs, primarily from Mexico.

City University of New York (CUNY) Citizenship Now!

Location: New York, NY

Award: \$99,000

Since 1997, the City University of New York (CUNY) Citizenship Now! legal services program has assisted more than 66,000 immigrants with comprehensive immigration and citizenship services. With this grant funding, CUNY plans to offer multi-level citizenship test preparation courses to LPR populations from Latin America, the Caribbean, the Philippines, China and India at five CUNY campuses in all boroughs of New York City.

Colorado African Organization

Location: Denver, CO

Award: \$99,812

The Colorado African Organization (CAO) is a non-profit organization built by African immigrants for African immigrants. The CAO serves as an umbrella organization for African communities throughout Colorado, such as the Ivorian Association of Colorado and the Colorado Mauritanian Organization. With this funding, CAO plans to craft individual citizenship education plans for an estimated 300 LPRs. The organization will also offer civics-focused ESL instruction and citizenship education classes.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

Location: Portland, OR

Award: \$99,998

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is a statewide association of ecumenical and interfaith partners who work together on community ministry programs, interreligious dialogue, and public policy advocacy. With this funding, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon will provide citizenship classes and naturalization application preparation services to low-income and disabled LPRs from Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Burma, Mexico, El Salvador, and former Soviet Union countries living in the Portland, Hood River, and Salem communities.

El Concilio del Condado de Ventura

Location: Oxnard, CA Award: \$100,000

Established in 1975, El Concilio del Condado de Ventura is a nonprofit Latino advocacy and multiservice community organization that provides a variety of social and immigration services to the Latino community. The grant funds will be used to provide citizenship education services and naturalization application preparation services to primarily Hispanic LPRs in Ventura County. El Concilio del Condado de Ventura will offer six new citizenship education classes, four of which will be held at public housing sites through a partnership with the Oxnard Public Housing Authority.

Federation Employment and Guidance Services, Inc.

Location: New York, NY

Award: \$100,000

Since its inception in 2003, Federation Employment and Guidance Services, Inc. (FEGS) Brooklyn Resource Center has provided a range of social and legal services to 6,000 immigrants and refugees, primarily from the former Soviet Union. As a FY 2009 Citizenship Grant Program funding recipient, FEGS served 140 elderly refugees and asylees, of whom 113 submitted naturalization applications and 59 became citizens. With FY 2010 funding, FEGS plans to provide comprehensive citizenship instruction, naturalization application preparation services, and interview preparation for LPRs who are primarily Eastern European seniors and refugees in the Brooklyn area.

HANAC, Inc.

Location: New York, NY

Award: \$100,000

Founded in 1972 to serve the needs of the Greek immigrant community, HANAC is a multi-service organization that serves immigrant constituencies with social services, adult literacy education, and citizenship programs. With this funding, HANAC plans to provide ESL/civics instruction using the "Language Experience Approach," a teaching methodology that is student-centered, participatory, and holistic. HANAC will also provide naturalization application preparation services, including monthly mock interview sessions. HANAC plans to serve 150 clients from the mostly Hispanic and Greek immigrant communities of Queens, NY.

Harris County Department of Education

Location: Houston, TX

Award: \$100,000

Founded in 1889, Harris County Department of Education has a long tradition of providing education services to the immigrant community. The grant funds will be used for the *Citizens Now* project, which will provide a comprehensive citizenship education program to LPRs from Mexico, El Salvador, Colombia and Vietnam. Students will receive 40 weeks of instruction in intermediate and advanced citizenship courses that include ESL, U.S. history, government and civics. Project partner Literacy Advance of Houston will recruit and manage volunteer tutors for citizenship students.

Hartford Public Library Location: Hartford, CT

Award: \$99,985

Founded in 1774, the Hartford Public Library has been serving the public for over 235 years. Over the past ten years, Hartford Public Library's program *The American Place* (TAP) has provided formal English language and citizenship instruction. With this funding, TAP will expand its citizenship education services by partnering with multiple ethnic-based organizations, such as the Pakistani American Association of Connecticut and the Bosnian American Islamic Cultural Center. TAP will serve approximately 600 Latino, Asian, Middle Eastern and African

LPRs by offering both traditional classroom-based EL/Civics classes and volunteer-led, self-paced EL/Civics classes.

Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama

Location: Birmingham, AL

Award: \$99,996

The Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama (HICA) is the only community-based organization in Alabama that offers both citizenship education services and naturalization application preparation services. Founded in 1999 and located in central Alabama, HICA will provide citizenship education classes and naturalization application preparation services to 100 LPRs across the State of Alabama through their new project entitled, *Opening the Door to Citizenship*. HICA serves the local LPR populations which include immigrants from Mexico, China and Korea.

Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc. Location: Hollywood, FL

Award: \$90,861

Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc. (HUF) was founded in 1982 by community leaders to ease the transition of Hispanics and other newcomers to the United States. HUF's *Pathway to Citizenship* program will help low-income immigrants integrate into American society by providing citizenship education classes to 1,200 LPRs. HUF will partner with Legal Aid Services of Broward County, Inc. to provide naturalization application preparation services to 960 LPRs from Haiti, Cuba, Russia and India.

Institute for Latino Progress (Instituto del Progreso Latino)

Location: Chicago, IL Award: \$100,000

Since 1977, the Institute for Latino Progress (ILP) has supported Latino immigrants and their families on the southwest side of Chicago. With this funding, the ILP will focus efforts on LPRs with the greatest need for literacy education. Through the *Pathways to Citizenship* project, the ILP aims to bring 260 low and pre-literate Latino immigrants from less than a first grade reading level up to a seventh grade reading equivalent in preparation for the citizenship test and interview.

International Institute of Akron, Inc.

Location: Akron, OH

Award: \$78,173

For over 90 years, the International Institute of Akron (IIA) has offered educational services to Limited English Proficient (LEP) learners in northeastern Ohio, specifically the greater Akron area and the surrounding five counties. With the grant funds, IIA intends to implement a comprehensive EL/Civics program that leads to integration by encouraging LPRs to view citizenship as a component of identity in addition to a benefit. IIA will enroll over 500 LPRs from countries including Burma, Bhutan, Liberia, Vietnam, and Jordan in citizenship education classes and provide 123 LPRs with naturalization application preparation services.

International Institute of the Bay Area

Location: San Francisco, CA

Award: \$100,000

The International Institute of the Bay Area (IIBA) has served immigrant populations for the last 92 years. With this funding, IIBA will expand its existing citizenship education classes in both their San Francisco and Redwood, CA sites and also offer naturalization preparation services. With the expansion of classes, IIBA plans to serve 400 LPRs, mostly from Latin America and the former Soviet Union. IIBA estimates that at least 90% of the LPRs served will successfully pass the naturalization test.

International Rescue Committee

Location: Phoenix, AZ

Award: \$100,000

Since 1996, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) Phoenix has offered services to immigrants in the Phoenix metropolitan area. With this grant and with their partnerships with community-based organizations, the IRC will implement a comprehensive program aimed at significantly increasing the number of LPRs who prepare for and apply to become naturalized citizens. The IRC will use the funds to provide civics and English instruction to 300 LPRs and naturalization application preparation services to 260 LPRs from Somalia, Burundi, Cuba, Iraq and Mexico.

Jewish Family and Career Services, Inc.

Location: Atlanta, GA

Award: \$100,000

Jewish Family and Career Services, Inc. of Atlanta (JFCS) provides health, career and human services, including citizenship services, to Atlanta's immigrant communities. JFCS of Atlanta's Citizenship Education Program will offer three class levels to incrementally increase LPR students' English and civics knowledge. JFCS serves LPRs residing in the metro Atlanta area from a wide range of countries, including Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Congo, Somalia, and Ethiopia.

Jewish Family & Children's Services

Location: Waltham, MA

Award: \$99,594

Since 1864, Jewish Family & Children's Services (JF&CS) has provided comprehensive human services in the Greater Boston area, assisting an average of 30,000 individuals per year. With this funding, JF&CS will implement new citizenship education and civics-focused ESL classes supplemented by one-on-one tutoring, computer-based learning options, and naturalization application preparation services. JF&CS plans to assist underserved LPRs that are predominantly from Uganda, Somalia, Zimbabwe, and the Ivory Coast.

Jewish Family & Vocational Services of Middlesex County, Inc.

Location: Milltown, NJ

Award: \$100,000

Since 1988, Jewish Family & Vocational Services of Middlesex County, Inc. (JFVS) has resettled refugees from the former Soviet Union and has provided citizenship services and ESL instruction. With this grant funding, JFVS plans to offer civics-focused ESL and citizenship instruction, provide naturalization application preparation services, host naturalization workshops, and create a citizenship preparation interactive video. JFVS will provide services at two new locations in South River, NJ and Brunswick, NJ to primarily Eastern European and Asian LPR populations.

La Casa de Don Pedro Location: Newark, NJ Award: \$100,000

Since 2002, La Casa de Don Pedro has provided ESL/Civics courses through Workforce Investment Act Title II programs to immigrants in the Newark area. With this grant, La Casa de Don Pedro plans to expand and integrate their ESL/Civics instruction and legal services program to serve the primarily Latin American and Caribbean population in Essex, Hudson, Passaic, and Union Counties.

Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13

Location: Lancaster, PA

Award: \$100,000

Founded in 1971, Lancaster Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 serves the 22 school districts in Lancaster and Lebanon counties and also provides adult education. The project includes a partnership with Church World Service of Lancaster, a local refugee service provider, to provide naturalization application preparation services to LPRs from countries such as Russia, Ukraine, Iraq, Burma, Bhutan, Somalia, Ethiopia, and Colombia. Together, the two agencies intend to enroll 100 LPRs in citizenship education classes and assist 60 LPRs with naturalization application preparation services.

Lao Family Community of Minnesota, Inc.

Location: St. Paul, MN

Award: \$96,640

Lao Family Community of Minnesota, Inc. was founded by Hmong refugee leaders in 1977 in order to facilitate and support the success of Hmong Americans in Minnesota. With this funding, the organization will expand its *Citizenship in the ESL Classroom* program to serve 630 LPR students. Additionally, the organization will provide naturalization application preparation services to 400 Hmong LPRs in the city of St. Paul, MN.

Lutheran Community Services Northwest

Location: Portland, OR

Award: \$99,701

Lutheran Community Services Northwest is a nationally-accredited social service agency with 75 years of experience serving needy populations. Since 1975, the organization has resettled 33,000 refugees. With this funding, Lutheran Community Services Northwest will expand enrollment in its *ESL for Citizenship* classes and its in-home tutoring program, which targets LPR stay-at-home mothers with young children. Services will be provided to LPRs in the Portland metro area, including Vancouver, WA.

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota

Location: Sioux Falls, SD

Award: \$100,000

A statewide, faith-based organization, Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota is the state's sole provider of refugee resettlement services. With grant funding, Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota will expand its current bi-level citizenship education program in the Sioux Falls and Huron communities and will assist 150 LPRs from Sudan, Burundi, Liberia, Congo, Somalia, Ethiopia, and other countries with naturalization applications.

Make the Road New York Location: Brooklyn, NY

Award: \$100,000

As a city-wide agency with a network of neighborhood-based centers that integrate adult education and legal and social services, Make the Road New York has 15 years of experience providing naturalization services. With this grant, Make the Road New York plans to implement a *Pathways to Citizenship Initiative* that will provide intensive, individualized citizenship education and comprehensive naturalization application preparation services to low-income, primarily Latino immigrants in Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island, NY.

The Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees, Inc.

Location: Utica, NY Award: \$97,784

For 25 years, the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees (MVRCR) has been the main service provider for refugees in Central New York State. Their Immigration and Citizenship Program has provided citizenship services to more than 1,400 individuals since 2005. With this grant, MVRCR plans to provide an enhanced citizenship course and naturalization application preparation services, as well as one-on-one tutoring and home visits for elderly and disabled clients. MVRCR plans to serve a total of 500 LPRs, many of whom are refugees from Burma, Iraq, Sudan and Nepal.

Montgomery College Location: Rockville, MD

Award: \$100,000

Since 2001, Montgomery College has provided citizenship education classes to foreign born residents of Montgomery County. With this grant funding, Montgomery College plans to offer a program entitled *Citizenship is for You!* targeting the English language, literacy, and citizenship needs of beginner level LPRs in the Washington, DC metro area.

Mountain States Group, Inc.

Location: Boise, ID Award: \$100,000

Incorporated in 1974, Mountain States Group is a diverse nonprofit organization that provides services in a variety of program areas, including refugee resettlement, mental health, childhood development, public health and healthy aging. Through its English Language Center, Mountain States Group will offer citizenship and English classes to 95 Afghan, Bhutan, Burmese, Burundi, and other LPRs resettled in Ada County, Idaho. Additionally, Mountain States Group will provide naturalization application preparation services to 150 LPRs through its Agency for New Americans.

New Haven Unified School District

Location: Union City, CA

Award: \$100,000

For 29 years, New Haven Unified School District has served low-income Alameda County residents by providing free and/or low cost citizenship education services. With this funding, New Haven Unified School District intends to implement ten additional citizenship education classes and increase enrollment by 300 students. In addition, in partnership with the community-based organization Centro de Servicios, New Haven will hold four quarterly naturalization workshops and will provide naturalization application preparation services to approximately 1,000 LPRs, primarily from Mexico, China, Afghanistan, India, and Vietnam.

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College

Location: Green Bay, WI

Award: \$99,919

As a two-year technical college, Northeast Technical College serves over 40,000 students every year. With this funding, the college will expand its *Pathways to Citizenship* program. *Pathways to Citizenship* will deliver EL/Civics classes and naturalization application preparation services to 130 Southeast Asian, Latino and Iraqi LPRs in the Green Bay, Wisconsin community.

Pima Community College - Community Campus

Location: Tucson, AZ Award: \$100,000

Pima Community College (PCC) opened its doors in 1969 and has a nationally recognized adult education program. The PCC operates six campuses in Tucson, AZ and serves students from a variety of countries, including Mexico, Guatemala, Sudan and Somalia. PCC will use these funds to enroll 200 LPRs in citizenship education classes through their new *Integrated Citizenship Project*.

San Dieguito Union High School District, Adult School

Location: Encinitas, CA

Award: \$99,661

The San Dieguito Union High School District (SDUHSD) has provided ESL classes for adults for more than 50 years and citizenship preparation courses for more than 25 years. With this grant, SDUHSD will expand their *Citizenship Preparation Program* to increase the number of ESL and citizenship preparation classes offered. This planned expansion will nearly double current program capacity to 1,400 students. San Dieguito will provide classes to underserved LPRs, primarily from Mexico, in San Diego County.

School Board of Miami-Dade County

Location: Miami, FL Award: \$100,000

The Fast Track to Citizenship program of the School Board of Miami-Dade County will increase access to citizenship education and naturalization application preparation services for LPRs residing in Miami-Dade County. With this funding, citizenship education classes will be offered to 150 LPRs in three locations. In addition, through a partnership with Catholic Legal Services of the Archdiocese of Miami, naturalization preparation assistance will be provided to 100 LPRs.

Skyline Literacy

Location: Harrisonburg, VA

Award: \$99,843

With more than 20 years of experience providing ESL instruction and 17 years experience as the sole provider of citizenship instruction in the Harrisonburg, VA area, Skyline Literacy has a strong track record in meeting the individual needs of underserved adult learners. With this grant funding, Skyline Literacy plans to offer an integrated, multiple-option approach to citizenship instruction, including classroom learning, one-on-one tutoring, online learning, and mock interview practice, to primarily Hispanic and Eastern European LPRs in the central Shenandoah Valley.

Southeast Regional Resource Center

Location: Juneau, AK

Award: \$98,181

The Southeast Regional Resource Center (SERRC) is Alaska's only education service agency. For the past 30 years, SERRC has provided adult education services to the people of Juneau and twelve outreach communities. With this grant, SERRC intends to provide two levels of EL/Civics and citizenship instruction to 100 LPRs residing in southeastern Alaska. SERRC anticipates that many of its clients will originate from the Philippines, Mexico, South Korea, Colombia, and Russia.

Stanislaus Literacy Center Location: Modesto, CA

Award: \$78,626

The Stanislaus Literacy Center is a non-profit community based adult education and literacy organization that has provided EL Civics and ESL classes since 1999. With this grant, the Stanislaus Literacy Center will partner with Catholic Charities of Stanislaus County to provide citizenship education services to LPRs from underserved immigrant communities in Stanislaus County, CA.

Tri-City Community Action Program, Inc.

Location: Malden, MA

Award: \$99,545

Tri-City Community Action Program (Tri-CAP) is a multi-service social service agency which has served the metro north area of Boston for the last 32 years. With this funding, Tri-CAP intends to provide both ESL citizenship education classes and naturalization preparation services in partnership with the Everett Literacy Program and the North Shore Assembly of God Church. Tri-CAP anticipates enrolling 100 LPRs, largely from El Salvador, Honduras, Haiti, Bolivia, Brazil, and Bosnia, in its ESL Citizenship classes. Tri-CAP also plans to provide naturalization application preparation services to 275 clients.

Ukrainian Community Center of Washington

Location: Renton, WA

Award: \$100,000

The Ukrainian Community Center of Washington helps refugees and immigrants from the former Soviet Union overcome language, cultural, educational and social barriers. In partnership with the East African Community Services Organization, the Ukrainian Community Center will use these funds to provide citizenship education services and naturalization application preparation services to Russian-speaking and East African LPRs in King County, WA.

West Georgia Technical College

Location: Waco, GA Award: \$96,013

West Georgia Technical College provides post secondary education and training to the citizens of West Georgia and is now the second largest technical college in Georgia. West Georgia Technical College serves seven counties and will use these funds to provide additional citizenship classes through their *Citizenship Readiness Initiative*.

Worcester Public Schools Location: Worcester, MA

Award: \$92,430

Worcester Public Schools has provided classes to prepare students for citizenship for over 100 years. With this grant, Worcester Public Schools plans to implement a *Pathways to Citizenship* program that will provide a contextualized curriculum in citizenship education through weekly classes to 200 LPRs whose children are enrolled in Worcester public schools. The organization anticipates that many of its students will originate from Albania, Brazil, China, the Dominican Republic, and India.

Young Women's Christian Association of Tulsa, Oklahoma

Location: Tulsa, OK Award: \$98,663

For more than 90 years, the Young Women's Christian Association of Tulsa, Oklahoma (YWCA Tulsa) has provided programs and services to women and working families in Tulsa, OK. As a FY 2009 Citizenship Grant Program funding recipient, YWCA Tulsa implemented Project Citizenship – a comprehensive program designed to not only equip LPRs to obtain U.S. Citizenship, but also to become active and engaged members of the Tulsa community. With FY 2010 funding, YWCA Tulsa plans to expand citizenship preparation programs for LPRs, many of whom are refugees, in the Hispanic community and develop civic engagement and cultural education opportunities through exchanges between eligible LPRs and native Tulsans.

Notes: Funding under the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program may only be used to provide direct services to immigrants with legal status in the United States. The program descriptions listed above have been taken in full, or in part, from recipient grant applications, websites, or a combination thereof. USCIS is not responsible for the accuracy of such content.

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