## Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 USCIS Citizenship and Integration Grant Program Recipient Organizations

## **Individual Program Descriptions**

Access California Services Location: Anaheim, CA

Website: <a href="http://www.accesscal.org/">http://www.accesscal.org/</a>

Award: \$250,000

Access California Services (Access) is a nonprofit family resource center that has been providing naturalization application services for the past 14 years. Access was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012. Access will partner with Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development's to provide citizenship instruction. The program will serve primarily Middle Eastern, South Asian, and Hispanic/Latino permanent residents who reside in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, Access will provide citizenship instruction to 260 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 250 permanent residents.

Ansob Center for Refugees, Inc.

**Location: Astoria, NY** 

Website: http://www.ansob.org/

Award: \$247,990

The Ansob Center for Refugees, Inc. (Ansob Center) has been providing immigration services since 2010. It will serve permanent residents from Arabic- and French-speaking countries in Africa and the Middle East residing in Astoria, Queens, New York. The Ansob Center was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2011. It also received a USCIS grant in FY 2013. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, the Ansob Center will provide citizenship instruction to 222 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 424 permanent residents.

**Baltimore City Community College** 

**Location: Baltimore, MD** 

Website: http://www.bccc.edu/esl

Award: \$250,000

Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) has been providing immigration services since 1980. BCCC was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. It also received USCIS grants in FY 2014 and FY 2012. BCCC will continue to expand its citizenship program and strengthen its partnering with the International Rescue Committee for naturalization application services. BCCC will primarily serve Spanish-speaking permanent residents in the metropolitan Baltimore and suburban Washington, D.C., areas. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, BCCC expects to provide citizenship instruction to 250 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 500 permanent residents.

**Boat People SOS, Inc. Location: Houston, TX** 

Website: http://www.bpsos.org/

Award: \$250,000

Boat People SOS (BPSOS) has been providing naturalization application services since 2004 and citizenship instruction since 2009 throughout the greater Houston area. BPSOS was first awarded a USCIS grant under the FY 2010 National Capacity Building Grant Program. It also received a USCIS grant in FY 2014. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, BPSOS will provide citizenship instruction to 220 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 380 permanent residents.

Brooklyn Public Library Location: Brooklyn, NY

Website (BPL): <a href="http://www.bklynlibrary.org/only-bpl/literacy/english-classes">http://www.bklynlibrary.org/only-bpl/literacy/english-classes</a>

Award: \$250,000

Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) provided USCIS-funded citizenship instruction in FY 2014 as a sub-awardee to Catholic Migration Services. BPL will partner with Immigrant Justice Corps (IJC) to serve predominantly low-income permanent residents from Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Mexico, Bangladesh, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Guyana. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, BPL and IJC will provide citizenship instruction to 350 permanent residents and naturalization services to 300 permanent residents.

Catholic Charities Community Services, Archdiocese of New York

Location: New York, NY

Website: http://catholiccharitiesny.org/what-we-do/welcoming-integrating-immigrants-

refugees

Award: \$100,000

Since 2012, Catholic Charities Community Services, Archdiocese of New York (CCCSNY) has assisted over 200 permanent residents with obtaining their U.S. citizenship. CCCSNY provides these services at their main location in downtown Manhattan and in the Bronx, Staten Island, and in seven counties of the Lower Hudson Valley. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, CCCSNY will provide citizenship instruction to 192 permanent residents.

**Catholic Charities of Central Texas** 

**Location: Austin, TX** 

Website: http://www.ccctx.org/ils

Award: \$250,000

Catholic Charities of Central Texas (CCCTX) has been providing naturalization application services to low-income residents across 25 counties in Central Texas since 2001. CCCTX will partner with Manos de Cristo (Manos) which has provided citizenship instruction classes since 2006. Both organizations have served permanent residents from Mexico, Honduras, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala and Vietnam. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, CCCTX and Manos will provide citizenship instruction to 200 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc.

**Location: Dallas, TX** 

Website: <a href="https://ccdallas.org">https://ccdallas.org</a>

Award: \$250,000

Catholic Charities Dallas (CCD) has over 40 years of experience providing English language and citizenship education to immigrants in North Texas. CCD was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2009, and also received USCIS grants in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2013. CCD anticipates serving permanent residents from Mexico, Burma, Bhutan, Sudan, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, CCD will provide 300 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to 500 permanent residents.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa

Location: Santa Rosa, CA

Website: http://www.srcharities.org/get-help/immigration-services

Award: \$249,986

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa (CCDSR) has been providing citizenship instruction for over 40 years and naturalization application services for 13 years. CCDSR was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2014. CCDSR will expand services in the rural areas of Sonoma and nearby counties in Northern California. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, CCDSR will provide citizenship instruction to 200 permanent residents and naturalization application services 325 permanent residents.

**Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton** 

Location: Stockton, CA

Website: http://www.ccstockton.org/Programs/ImmigrationFamilyReunification.aspx

Award: \$250,000

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton (CCDS) has been providing a variety of social services to immigrants in Northern California for over 70 years. CCDS was first awarded a USCIS grant under the FY 2010 National Capacity Building Grant Program, and also received a USCIS grant in FY 2014. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, CCDS will provide citizenship instruction to 240 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 240 permanent residents.

Catholic Charities of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties

Location: San Bernardino, CA

Website: http://ccsbriv.org/our-services/

Award: \$250,000

Catholic Charities of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties (Catholic Charities) has been providing naturalization application assistance throughout Southern California's San Bernardino and Riverside counties for over 30 years. Catholic Charities was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY2014. The San Bernardino Adult School (SBAS), the sub-awardee, has provided English as a second language (ESL) and citizenship instruction since 2012. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, Catholic Charities will provide 240 permanent residents with citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to 300 permanent residents.

Catholic Migration Services, Inc.

Location: Brooklyn, NY

Website: http://catholicmigration.org/

Award: \$250,000

Catholic Migration Services (CMS) has been providing naturalization application services since its founding in 1971. CMS was previously awarded grant funds in FY 2014. CMS will partner with LaGuardia Community College (LaGuardia) which has over 10 years of experience providing citizenship instruction. Together, both organizations serve predominantly low-income permanent residents from the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Mexico, Colombia, Peru, and Haiti. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, CMS and BPL will provide citizenship instruction to 200 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 250 permanent residents.

**Central American Resource Center** 

Location: Washington, DC

Website: <a href="http://www.carecendc.org/">http://www.carecendc.org/</a>

Amount: \$250,000

The Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) has been providing citizenship instruction to permanent residents from the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area since 1995. CARECEN was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012 and also received a USCIS grant in FY 2014. CARECEN serves low-income permanent residents originating primarily from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, CARECEN will provide citizenship instruction to 410 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 339 permanent residents.

**The Chaldean Community Foundation** 

**Location: Sterling Heights, MI** 

Website: http://www.chaldeanfoundation.org/refugee-acculturation-sustainability-training/

Award: \$100,000

The Chaldean Community Foundation (CCF) has been providing ESL instruction for 5 years through a partnership with Macomb Community College. CCF has also provided Citizenship instruction for 2 years. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, CCF will provide citizenship instruction to 500 permanent residents.

Chinese American Service League, Inc.

Location: Chicago, IL

Website: <a href="https://www.caslservice.org/">https://www.caslservice.org/</a>

Award: \$250,000

The Chinese American Service League (CASL) was founded in 1978. Most CASL clients are from China with limited English speaking skills. CASL was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012 and also was awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2014. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, CASL will provide citizenship instruction to 280 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 300 permanent residents.

**Chinese Community Center, Inc.** 

**Location: Houston, TX** 

Website: <a href="http://ccchouston.org/">http://ccchouston.org/</a>

Award: \$100,000

Chinese Community Center, Inc. (CCC) has been providing ESL and citizenship instruction to immigrants in Houston for 24 years. CCC serves Asian immigrants from low- to moderate-income households. The majority of clients served in 2015 are from China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, Burma, and Nepal. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, CCC will provide citizenship instruction to 224 permanent residents.

Church World Service, Inc. Location: Greensboro, NC Website: <a href="http://cwsglobal.org/">http://cwsglobal.org/</a>

Award: \$250,000

Church World Service (CWS) has been providing immigration services since 2009. CWS was first awarded a USCIS grant under the FY 2010 National Capacity Building Grant Program and also received USCIS grants in FY 2012 and FY 2014. CWS will continue to expand its program to provide citizenship instruction to low-income, elderly and disabled permanent residents primarily from Mexico, Vietnam, Bhutan, and El Salvador. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, CWS will provide citizenship instruction to 300 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 280 permanent residents.

City University of New York Location: New York, NY

Website: http://www2.cuny.edu/

Award: \$250,000

The City University of New York (CUNY) has been providing immigration services to immigrants in the five boroughs of New York City over the past 19 years. CUNY was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010. CUNY also received USCIS grants in FY 2011 and FY 2013. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, CUNY will provide citizenship instruction to 320 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

**Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon** 

**Location: Portland, OR** 

Website: http://www.emoregon.org/

Award: \$250,000

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 also received USCIS grants in FY 2012 and FY 2014. EMO will serve permanent residents in Portland, Hood River, Hillsboro, and Gresham counties. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, EMO will provide citizenship instruction to 320 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 320 permanent residents.

**Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services** 

**Location: Columbus, OH Website: http://ethiotss.org/** 

Award: \$100,000

Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services (ETSS) has over 10 years of experience providing services to immigrants and refugees in Columbus, Ohio. ETSS has served immigrants from over 40 countries, including Somalia, Bhutan, Nepal, Iraq, Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Burma. ETSS' clients are predominantly low-income individuals and have limited English language skills. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, ETSS will provide citizenship instruction to 160 permanent residents.

Hartford Public Library Location: Hartford, CT

Website: http://www.hplct.org/library-services/immigration-citizenship

Award: \$249,936

Hartford Public Library's (HPL) has been providing citizenship instruction for over 15 years. HPL was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010 and also received USCIS grants in FY 2011and FY 2014. HPL serves a highly diverse immigrant community, including permanent residents from Pakistan, Somalia, and Iraq. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, HPL will provide citizenship instruction to 250 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 300 permanent residents.

Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc. (HUF)

Location: Hollywood, FL

Website: http://www.hispanicunity.org/content/legal-assistance-immigration

Award: \$249,876

Hispanic Unity of Florida (HUF) has been providing immigration services in the Miami and Fort Lauderdale areas since 1982. HUF was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010 and also received USCIS grants in FY 2012 and FY 2014. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, HUF will offer citizenship classes and naturalization application services to permanent residents originating from South America, the Caribbean, Central America, Europe, and Asia. HUF expects to provide citizenship instruction to 350 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 280 permanent residents.

Hope Community Center Location: Apopka, FL

Website: http://www.hcc-offm.org/immigration/citizenship-preparation/

Award: \$250,000

Hope Community Center (HCC) has been providing citizenship instruction for 13 years. HCC was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2014. HCC will partner with Catholic Charities of Central Florida (CCCF) to provide naturalization application services. HCC and CCCF will serve rural, low-literacy and low-income permanent residents from 32 countries who reside in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Lake, and Volusia Counties. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, HCC and CCCF will provide citizenship instruction to 400 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 450 permanent residents.

**International Rescue Committee, Inc.** 

Location: Glendale, CA

Website: https://www.rescue.org/united-states/los-angeles-ca

Award: \$250,000

International Rescue Committee in Los Angeles (IRC LA) has been providing citizenship instruction since 2008 and has been BIA certified for over 40 years. IRC LA was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2011 and also received USCIS grant funding in FY 2014. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, IRC LA will provide citizenship instruction to 360 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 480 permanent residents.

## Irish International Immigrant Center, Inc.

**Location: Boston, MA** 

Website: http://www.iiicenter.org/what-we-do/immigration-legal-services/

Award: \$100,000

Irish International Immigrant Center, Inc. (IIIC) has been providing citizenship instruction since 2007. IIIC serves immigrants and refugees from a number of countries including Haiti and countries in the Middle East and Central and South America. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, IIIC will provide citizenship instruction to 125 permanent residents.

Jewish Family and Children's Service

Location: Pittsburgh, PA

Website: http://www.jfcspgh.org/immigrants--refugees.aspx

Award: \$250,000

Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS) has been providing naturalization application services in the Pittsburgh area for more than 75 years. It was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2014. JFCS will partner with Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) and the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council (GPLC) to provide citizenship instruction. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, JFCS, AIU, and GPLC will provide citizenship instruction to 240 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 300 permanent residents.

Jewish Vocational Service of MetroWest, Inc.

Location: East Orange, NJ Website: <a href="http://www.jvsnj.org/">http://www.jvsnj.org/</a>

Award: \$250,000

Jewish Vocational Service of MetroWest, Inc. (JVS), has been providing citizenship instruction for over 40 years. It will partner with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark (CCAN), to provide naturalization application services. JVS was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY2009. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, JVS and CCAN will provide citizenship instruction to 300 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 500 permanent residents.

La Casa de Don Pedro, Inc. Location: Newark, NJ

Website: http://www.lacasanwk.org/

Award: \$250,000

La Casa de Don Pedro (La Casa) has been providing immigration services for over 40 years. The majority of La Casa's clients are from Latin American countries, including Ecuador, Peru, Honduras, El Salvador, Uruguay, Brazil, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Colombia, and Mexico. La Casa was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010, and also received USCIS grants in FY 2011 and FY 2013. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, La Casa will provide citizenship instruction to 240 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 300 permanent residents.

**Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13** 

Location: Lancaster, PA
Website: <a href="http://www.iu13.org/">http://www.iu13.org/</a>

Award: \$250,000

Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 (IU13) has been offering immigration services in central Pennsylvania for 45 years. IU13 was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010, and also received USCIS grants in FY 2011 and FY 2013. In partnership with Church World Service (CWS) of Lancaster, IU13 will provide comprehensive immigration services. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, IU13 and CWS will provide citizenship instruction to 250 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 238 permanent residents.

Literacy Chicago Location: Chicago, IL

Website: <a href="http://literacychicago.org/">http://literacychicago.org/</a>

Award: \$96,000

Literacy Chicago (LC) is a nonprofit organization established in 1992 after the merging of Literacy Volunteers of Chicago and Literacy Council of Chicago For more than 4 decades, LC has provided services in basic literacy, GED preparation, and ESL to thousands of immigrants in the Chicago metropolitan area. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, LC plans to provide citizenship instruction to 129 permanent residents.

Literacy New Jersey, Inc. Location: Edison, NJ

Website: https://literacynj.org/

Award: \$100,000

Literacy New Jersey, Inc. (LNJ) has been providing immigration services for 37 years. LNJ serves a diverse immigrant community originating from Mexico, Colombia, Honduras, Costa Rica, Chile, Argentina, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Portugal, Russia, Poland, and England. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, LNJ will provide citizenship instruction to 125 permanent residents.

**City of Littleton** 

**Location: Littleton, CO** 

Website: http://www.littletongov.org/city-services/immigrant-resources-center

Award: \$250,000

The City of Littleton, through the Littleton Immigrant Resources Center (LIRC), has been providing citizenship instruction for the past 9 years. LIRC serves permanent residents in the Denver metropolitan area, including immigrants from Mexico, Peru, Guatemala, Venezuela, Colombia, China, Sudan, Iran, and Iraq. LIRC was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012, and also received a USCIS grant in FY 2014. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, LIRC will provide citizenship instruction to 240 permanent residents and naturalization application services 300 permanent residents.

Lutheran Social Services of Metropolitan New York's Immigration Legal Program

**Location: New York, NY** 

Website: http://lssny.org/main/

Award: \$250,000

Lutheran Social Services of Metropolitan New York's Immigration Legal Program (LSSNY-ILP) has been providing naturalization application services for over 15 years. Women for Afghan Women (WAW) was founded in 2001to serve the needs of the local Afghan community. Both organizations will work as partners to serve a diverse set of clients, many low-income, from over 60 countries and who reside in all five boroughs of the city. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, LSSNY-ILP and WAW will provide citizenship instruction to 280 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 200 permanent residents.

**Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota** 

Location: Sioux Falls, SD Website: <a href="http://www.lsssd.org">http://www.lsssd.org</a>

Award: \$250,000

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota (LSS) has been providing immigration services since 1994 and citizenship education since 1999. LSS was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2010, and also received USCIS grants in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2014. LSS will serve permanent residents living in Sioux Falls, Huron, and Aberdeen who originate from Bhutan, Burma, Nepal, Thailand, Somalia, Eritrea, and Central America. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, LSS plans to provide citizenship instruction to 330 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 350 permanent residents.

Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance Location: Minneapolis, MN Website: <a href="http://mylegalaid.org/">http://mylegalaid.org/</a>

Award: \$250,000

Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance (MMLA) has been providing immigration services since 2001. MMLA was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2014. MMLA will partner with Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) to expand citizenship instruction and naturalization application services. The program will serve permanent residents originating from Somalia, Ethiopia, Mexico, Liberia, and countries from Southeast Asia. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, MMLA and MPS will provide citizenship instruction to 256 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 225 permanent residents.

Nashville Adult Literacy Council, Inc.

Location: Nashville, TN

Website: http://nashvilleliteracy.org/

Award: \$250,000

Nashville Adult Literacy Council, Inc. (NALC) has more than 10 years of experience in citizenship instruction in the Nashville metropolitan area. NALC was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012 and also received a USCIS grant in FY 2014. NALC will partner with Catholic Charities of Tennessee (CCT) to provide naturalization application services. NALC and CCT will serve permanent residents from Egypt, Vietnam, Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Somalia, Sudan, Bhutan, Burma, Burundi, Iraq, and Cuba. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, NALC and CCT will provide citizenship instruction to 300 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 220 permanent residents.

Neighborhood House Location: Seattle, WA

Website: http://www.nhwa.org/

Award: \$250,000

Neighborhood House (NH) has been providing immigration services since 1906. NH was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2011 and also received a USCIS grant in FY 2013. NH will serve permanent residents from Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Vietnam, Burma, Ukraine, and Russia. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, NH will provide citizenship instruction to 375 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 250 permanent residents.

**Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights** 

Location: New York, NY Website: <a href="http://nmcir.org/">http://nmcir.org/</a>

Award: \$250,000

Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights (NMCIR) has been providing immigration services since 1982. NMCIR was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2011, and also received a USCIS grants in FY 2014. NMCIR will serve permanent residents in Northern Manhattan and the Bronx, as well in Westchester County, northern New Jersey, and Connecticut. NMCIR will serve permanent residents from the Dominican Republic. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, NMCIR will provide citizenship instruction to 320 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 320 permanent residents.

Pacific Gateway Center Location: Honolulu, HI

Website: <a href="http://www.pacificgatewaycenter.org/">http://www.pacificgatewaycenter.org/</a>

Award: \$97,000

Pacific Gateway Center (PGC) has been providing immigration services in Honolulu since 1973. PGC provides a full range of social services and training, including ESL and citizenship instruction, to address the critical needs of immigrants. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, PCG will provide citizenship instruction to 125 permanent residents.

**Polish American Association** 

Location: Chicago, IL

Website: https://www.polish.org/en/

Award: \$250,000

Polish American Association (PAA) has been providing citizenship instruction for 21 years and naturalization application services for over 30 years to Polish and other Eastern European immigrants settling in Chicago. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, PAA will provide citizenship instruction to 240 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 270 permanent residents.

Tacoma Community House Location: Tacoma, WA

Website: http://www.tacomacommunityhouse.org/

Award: \$250,000

Tacoma Community House (TCH) has been providing immigration services since 1910. TCH was previously awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2013. TCH will serve permanent residents from Mexico, Vietnam, Moldova, Ukraine, Philippines, Cambodia, Kenya, Thailand, Colombia, and Yemen. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, TCH will provide citizenship instruction to 210 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 238 permanent residents.

U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, Inc.

Location: Colchester, VT Website: <a href="http://refugees.org/">http://refugees.org/</a>

Award: \$100,000

Since 1980, U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) has resettled 7,000 refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bhutan, Burma, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the former Soviet Union, Iraq, Liberia, Sudan, and Somalia in Vermont. Through the Pathway to Citizenship program, USCRI will integrate instruction in U.S. history and government; ESL instruction in reading, writing and speaking; as well as instruction on the naturalization process and interview. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, USCRI will provide citizenship instruction to 125 permanent residents.

United Methodist Cooperative Ministries/Suncoast, Inc.

**Location: Largo, FL** 

Website: http://www.umcmsuncoast.org/

Award: \$250,000

United Methodist Cooperative Ministries/Suncoast, Inc. (UMCM) has been providing citizenship instruction for 12 years. Gulfcoast Legal Services (GLS) has been providing naturalization application services for over 10 years. UMCM's services will target permanent residents form Mexico, China, the Philippines, India, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, El Salvador, Vietnam, and Colombia living in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee, and Sarasota counties. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, UMCM and GLS will provide citizenship instruction to 260 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 235 permanent residents.

US Together, Inc.

Location: Columbus, OH Website: <a href="http://ustogether.us/">http://ustogether.us/</a>

Award: \$250,000

US Together has been providing immigration services since 2010. US Together was first awarded a USCIS grant under the FY 2010 National Capacity Building Grant Program. It was previously awarded a USCIS grant in FY2013. US Together will continue providing immigration services to major refugee groups from Bhutan, Iraq, and Burma, and will expand to broader immigrant communities including Asian and African populations. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, US Together will provide citizenship instruction to 300 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 350 permanent residents.

**Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay** 

Location: Oakland, CA

Website: http://www.vacceb.net/

Award: \$100,000

For the past 5 years, Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay (VACC of the East Bay) has been providing ESL and citizenship classes to Southeast Asian immigrants and refugees in the heart of the Southeast Asian community in Oakland. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, VACC of the East Bay will provide citizenship instruction to 150 permanent residents.

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

**Location: Houston, TX** 

Website: https://www.ymcahouston.org/

Award: \$250,000

The Young Men's Christian Association of the Greater Houston Area (YMCA Houston) has been providing immigration services for over 30 years. YMCA Houston was first awarded a USCIS grant in FY 2012 and received another USCIS grant in FY2014. With USCIS FY 2016 funding, YMCA Houston will provide citizenship instruction to 250 permanent residents and naturalization application services to 320 permanent residents.