



# How to Apply for a USCIS Citizenship and Integration Grant

---

## USCIS

---

April 11, 2023

- Thank you for joining us for our national engagement on **How to Apply for a USCIS Citizenship and Integration Grant.**

**NEXT SLIDE**

**\*\*USCIS owns the images**

# Agenda



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

- Welcome
- Overview of the USCIS Citizenship and Integration Grant Program
- How to apply for federal grants
- Questions and Answers

2

- Welcome to today's webinar on the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program.
- Our agenda is listed on the slide and includes:
  - Welcome
  - Overview of the USCIS Citizenship and Integration Grant Program
  - How to Apply for Federal grants
  - Questions and Answers

**NEXT SLIDE**

# Welcome



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

The mission of the USCIS Office of Citizenship is to:

- Provide federal leadership, tools, and resources to foster immigrant integration
- Promote instruction and training on citizenship rights and responsibilities
- Engage and support organizations in their integration efforts



3

- The mission of the USCIS Office of Citizenship is to:
  - Provide federal leadership, tools, and resources to foster immigrant integration
  - Promote instruction and training on citizenship rights and responsibilities
  - Engage and support organizations in their integration efforts
- The USCIS Citizenship and Integration Grant Program is an important component of our mission here in the Office of Citizenship and at USCIS.

**NEXT SLIDE**

# Overview of the USCIS Citizenship and Integration Grant Program



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services



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.

4

- 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 to provide opportunities for immigrants to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to integrate into the fabric of American society.

## NEXT SLIDE

\* *Photo from Baltimore City Community College and IRC Baltimore*

## Overview of the USCIS Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, cont'd.



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

- Since 2009, the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program has awarded more than \$132 million through 579 competitive grants to immigrant-serving organizations in 39 states and the District of Columbia.
- The program has assisted more than 300,000 immigrants with preparing for citizenship.



5

- Since 2009, the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program has awarded more than \$132 million through 579 competitive grants to immigrant-serving organizations in 39 states and the District of Columbia.
- The program has assisted more than 300,000 immigrants with preparing for citizenship.

### **NEXT SLIDE**

*\* Photo from Hartford Public Library*

# FY 2022 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

Congress appropriated \$20 million for the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. USCIS offered four competitive funding opportunities:

- Citizenship Instruction and Naturalization Application Services Grant
- Community and Regional Integration Network Grant
- Regional Hub Program
- Innovations in Citizenship Education Grant

6

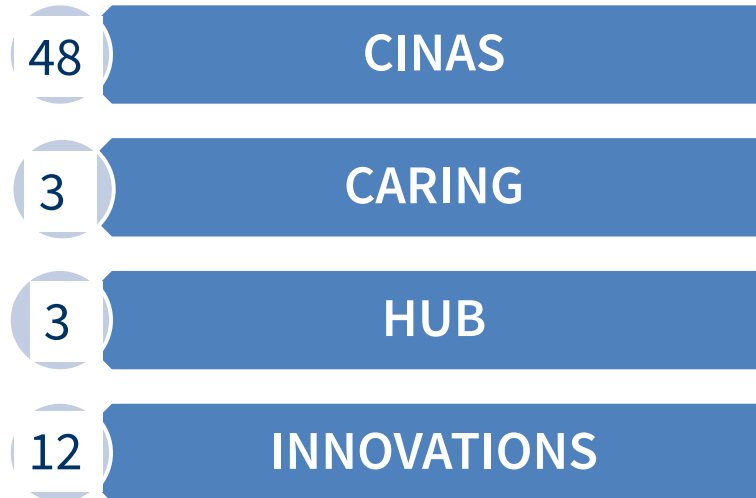
- Last year, of FY 2022, Congress appropriated \$20 million in funding for the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. This is twice the amount appropriated in prior years.
- This increase in funding enabled us to offer two new funding opportunities, in addition to the two funding opportunities that we have traditionally offered.
- The two new programs were the Regional Hub program and Innovations in Citizenship Education.

**NEXT SLIDE**

## FY 2022 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program Grantees



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services



7

- As you can see on this slide, the majority, 48 of the 66 grants in FY 2022 went to the Citizenship Instruction and Naturalization Services (CINAS) grant program.
- This was followed by 12 Innovations grants and 3 of each CARING and HUB.
- Last year, we had 20 organizations that were brand-new grantees under our program.

**NEXT SLIDE**

# Review and Selection Process



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

- Applications are due by the deadline on the Notice of Funding Opportunity
- USCIS conducts a technical review of all eligible applications:
  - USCIS convenes panels of grant reviewers
  - Applications are scored and ranked based on the criteria in the Notices of Funding Opportunity

8

USCIS will conduct a technical review of all eligible applications:

- USCIS will convene panels of grant reviewers
- Applications will be scored and ranked based on the criteria in the Notices of Funding Opportunity

Decisions are announced by the end of September 2023.

**NEXT SLIDE**



# FY 2023 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

- **\$25 million Congressional Appropriation**
- **Grants.gov**

9

- For FY 2023, Congress appropriated \$25 million dollars to the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program.
- We are grateful for this continued and increased funding as we know there is a great need for citizenship and integration services, and hundreds of non-profits, state and local governments, and so many others who are working to provide these services.
- Stay tuned for USCIS funding announcements through Grants.Gov. NOFOs are typically published in May or by early June.
- USCIS will hold an engagement after Notices of Funding Opportunity are published.

**NEXT SLIDE**

# Grants Application Process



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

**To review the Grants.gov application process training  
visit:**

**<https://www.grants.gov/documents/19/18243/GrantsgovApplicantOverviewTraining.pptx>**

**For more information on Grants.gov visit:**

**[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)**

10

***To review the Grants.gov application process training visit:***

**<https://www.grants.gov/documents/19/18243/GrantsgovApplicantOverviewTraining.pptx>**

*The Grants.gov training topics include:*

- Navigating Grants.gov
- Registration
- Search Grants
- What's In a Funding Opportunity?
- Applying with Workspace
- Track Application Submission
- Tips and Support Resources Training Topics
- Navigating Grant

***For more information on Grants.gov visit:***

**[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)**

**NEXT SLIDE**

## Resources



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

- USCIS Grant Program Office: [citizenshipgrantprogram@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:citizenshipgrantprogram@uscis.dhs.gov)
- Grants.gov: [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov) or 1-800-518-4726
- Subscribe or view a list of upcoming local and national engagements: [uscis.gov/outreach](https://uscis.gov/outreach)
- Share feedback on today's engagement or contact us: [Public.Engagement@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:Public.Engagement@uscis.dhs.gov)



11

**END OF PRESENTATION**

## Disclaimer



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

**This webinar material is intended solely as informational. It is not intended to, does not, and may not be relied upon to create or confer any right(s) or benefits(s), substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any individual or other party in benefit applications before DHS, in removal proceedings, in litigation with the United States, or in any other form or manner. This webinar material does not have the force of law, or of a DHS directive.**

## About this Presentation



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

Author: USCIS

Date of last revision: April 11, 2023. This presentation is current only as of the date of last revision.

This presentation contains no sensitive Personally Identifiable Information (PII).

Any references in documents or text, with the exception of case law, relate to fictitious individuals.

## Dissemination



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

This presentation may not be reproduced or further disseminated without the express written consent of USCIS.

Please email [public.engagement@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:public.engagement@uscis.dhs.gov) for additional information.