

Citizenship Instruction and Naturalization Application Services (DHS)

Grant Program Title	Citizenship Instruction and Naturalization Application Services
Funding Source	Department of Homeland Security
Who is Eligible	Municipalities, independent school districts, Native American tribes and organizations, 501cs, IHEs, public school districts. The principal applicant must directly provide either citizenship instruction or naturalization application services, or both. Partnerships with other public or non-profit organizations are encouraged. Current awardees and subawardees under the FY 2015 program are not eligible. Applicants to the FY 2016 Citizenship Instruction program are not eligible to apply.
LOI Due Date	n/a
Application Due Date	4/22/16
Submission Method	Grants.gov
Budget Information	Will fund personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contractual, other direct costs, indirect costs.
Match Required?	Not required, but encouraged and may be given favorable consideration
Purpose of the Grant Program	The goal of this program is to expand the availability of high quality citizenship preparation services for lawful permanent residents in communities across the nation. Additional activities that support this goal include making citizenship instruction and naturalization application services available to low-income and other underserved lawful permanent resident populations; developing, identifying, and sharing promising practices in citizenship preparation; supporting innovative and creative solutions to barriers faced by those seeking naturalization; increasing the use of and access to technology in citizenship preparation programs; working with local libraries which serve as a vital resource for immigrant communities; and incorporating strategies to foster welcoming communities as part of the citizenship and civic integration process.
Project Period	24 months. 10/1/16-9/30/18
Available Funding	\$9M is available for FY 2016. There will be approximately 36 grants of up to \$250,000 each.
Program Deliverables	Activities must include: 1) Citizenship Instruction (at least 40 hours of instruction over an 8-15 week class cycle with managed enrollment to at least 200 students), and 2) Naturalization application services (for at least 200 lawful permanent residents). Specific activities described in further detail in the NOFO.
Link to RFP	http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/opportunities/instructions/oppDHS-16-CIS-010-002-cfda97.010-instructions.pdf