

Grant Program Title	Citizenship and Integration Grant Program: Citizenship Instruction
Funding Source	Department of Homeland Security
Who is Eligible	501c3s other than IHEs, that are local in scope and service delivery area. Applicants must currently offer and have at least 1 year of experience providing ESL instruction in a classroom setting that follows a curriculum. Former awardees and sub-awardees under the Citizenship and Integration Grant program and the Citizen Grant Program are not eligible. Organizations that are applying to the Citizenship Instruction and Naturalization Application Services program are not eligible to apply to this program.
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?	No, but encouraged and may receive favorable consideration
Purpose of the Grant Program	The goal of this program is to provide support to community-based organizations in their efforts to establish new citizenship instruction programs or expand the quality and reach of existing citizenship instruction programs. Through this funding, USCIS will fund CBOs striving to professionalize and increase services to immigrants in the area of citizenship instruction. Verifiable experience in the provision of ESL programming is required to qualify for this funding opportunity. Applicants are required to use existing expertise in ESL instruction to provide citizenship instruction.
Project Period	24 months. 10/1/16-9/30/18
Available Funding	\$1M in funds available for FY 2016. Estimated 10 awards. So, \$100k each.
Program Deliverables	Citizenship instruction program that prepares lawful permanent residents for the naturalization test and includes a variety of components, such as instruction in U.S. History and Government, provision of at least 40 hours of instruction to at least 125 students over an 5-15 week class cycle, and ESL instruction. Grantees will be required to enroll at least 125 citizenship instruction students and provide a minimum of 40 hours of instruction to each during the period of performance. DHS will consider applications that include the cost of BIA training for staff to obtain BIA accreditation.
Link to RFP	http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/opportunities/instructions/oppDHS-16-CIS-010-001-cfda97.010-instructions.pdf