



MCAEL FY10 Adult English Literacy Grant Awards

African Immigrant & Refugee Foundation (AIRF) - English Language Learning for the African Community

To provide ESOL classes to the African community as part of a learner-focused program
\$10,000

Career Transition Center, Inc. - Workplace English for Hospitality

To provide an intermediate-level ESL program for jobseekers in the hotel industry
\$20,280

CASA de Maryland - ESOL Program for Low-Income Immigrants

To strengthen the evening ESOL program and develop it as a model for other county programs
\$100,000

CASA de Maryland - Workers Center ESOL

To operate the ESOL program at CASA's Workers' Centers, combining English proficiency with other job-related skills
\$22,000

Catholic Charities - Spanish Catholic Center

To increase literacy skills in order to break down educational and linguistic barriers to self-sufficiency
\$60,000

Chinese Cultural and Community Service Center - Adult English Literacy Program

To provide adult ESOL classes to seniors and immigrants
\$10,000

Community Ministries of Rockville - Latino Outreach Program

For on-going adult ESOL activities using a unique family centered approach, for county residents whose native language is Spanish
\$65,000

PURPOSE

In partnership with Montgomery County Government, MCAEL offers grant resources to support adult English literacy programs, with the objective of increasing the availability of services through program grants that support identified community needs and improve the quality of services offered to diverse populations. For FY2010, funding was made available to maintain, increase, and improve delivery of adult English literacy services to Montgomery County residents and workers. Funding was also available to strengthen provider infrastructure by supporting the improvement of management and organizational capacity. Eligible organizations must be or partner with a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization.

TIMELINE – 2009

January 30 - MCAEL issues RFP

February 18 – MCAEL offers grant preparation workshop; optional staff review

March 13 – Final submissions due

April through June – Review panel convenes to review grants and make award recommendations for MCAEL Board final approval

June 18 – Final decisions announced to grantees; staff available for debriefings

OUTREACH

MCAEL conducted targeted outreach to ensure a wide circulation to all Montgomery County adult literacy and ESOL providers, through MCAEL's provider list and local non-profit and government networks.

Korean-American Senior Citizens Association - Korean Adults English Program

To provide ESOL classes to low income Korean seniors
\$10,000

Literacy Council - ESL Classes for Adult Learners

To support ESL classes offered at four sites around Montgomery County
\$50,000

**Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association –
Vietnamese Parenting Enrichment Program - Literacy Component**

To provide ESOL as part of the Parenting Enrichment Program for Vietnamese-American parents
\$10,386

Mental Health Association - Families Foremost

To include adult ESOL in the Center's comprehensive program for low-income families with young children
\$26,000

MCPS Educational Foundation/Linkages to Learning: Adult English Literacy Program

To support an adult ESL program for parents of students from selected MCPS schools
\$25,000

Rockville Seniors Inc - Rockville English Program for Seniors

To continue the re-structuring of the adult ESOL program at the Rockville Senior Center
\$16,334

SED Center / Thomas Shortman Training Fund (SEIU) – Adult ESOL Program

To provide intensive ESOL classes to low income residents.
\$95,000

In addition, MCAEL assumed three contracts that will receive continued support in FY10, so as to hold harmless the funded organizations. These include grants to support adult English language instruction and rental costs for the Silver Spring Team for Children and Families (\$33,000); CASA de Maryland (\$44,420) and Spanish Catholic Center (\$20,000).

TOTAL REQUESTS RECEIVED

21 applicants and over \$1 million in requests

TOTAL AWARDS

\$617,420 in grants awarded to support 15 programs

GRANT REVIEW PROCESS

All funding decisions were made by a diverse panel of knowledgeable community members with experience and expertise in local community needs; nonprofit management; adult ESOL and literacy; and government/non-profit grant making.

Each panelist is required to attend an in-depth orientation, and to read and evaluate all proposals based on a set of explicit criteria published as part of the RFP. During the review and scoring process, a significant emphasis is placed on demonstrating measurable outcomes.

The Review Panel meets in small groups with applicants to conduct interviews and later convenes as a whole to discuss each proposal and determine funding. Final recommendations are approved by non-provider members of MCAEL’s Board of Directors.

MCAEL has a strict conflict of interest and recusal policy for review panel members and Board members. MCAEL staff do not participate in the evaluation of proposals nor in determining funding. For more information, please visit www.mcael.org