

MCAEL FY12 Adult English Literacy & Micro Literacy Grant Awards

PURPOSE

In partnership with Montgomery County Government, MCAEL offers grant resources to support adult English literacy programs. The objective of MCAEL's grants program is to increase the availability of adult English literacy services offered to diverse populations, and to improve the quality of those services.

Additionally in FY2012, MCAEL leveraged funds provided by the Verizon Foundation. Resources for books and others supplies, provided by Verizon, were added to the funding available for distribution. MCAEL thanks the Verizon Foundation and Montgomery County for supporting literacy.

For FY2012, funding was made available to support Adult English Literacy Programs in Montgomery County in order to increase the availability of adult ESOL and literacy services that support identified community needs and diverse populations while also supporting the improvement of quality of services. In addition, MCAEL offered Micro Literacy Access Grants to support a class or conversation club in order to: (1) access and leverage new partnerships and new resources; (2) create access to English classes for underserved populations; and (3) develop access points to link individuals to the larger ESOL system that exists in the County. Eligible organizations must be or partner with a non-profit, 501(c) (3) or similar designation from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service organization.

Boat People SOS – Adult ESOL Program

To support ESOL classes for immigrant and refugee limited-English proficient adults in the Silver Spring area, so learners can become more self confident and self-sufficient.
\$6,151

Caribbean Help Center – English for All Classes (Micro Literacy Access Grant)

To support ESOL classes for new residents of Montgomery County who are primarily French and Creole-speaking in order to enhance their quality of life.
\$2,000

CASA de Maryland, Inc. - Evening ESOL Program

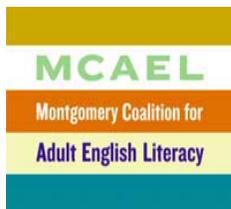
To support an evening ESOL program focused on improving participants' listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, so they may become more financially independent, increase their employability, better integrate into American society, and achieve their personal goals.
\$122,770

CASA de Maryland, Inc. - Workers' Center ESOL Program

To support the operation of the Welcome Center/Day Laborer ESOL program at three locations - Wheaton, Shady Grove and Silver Spring, so adult learners can improve their employment prospects and increase their earnings.
\$22,000

Community Ministries of Rockville - Latino Outreach Program - Literacy Component

To support an ESOL program focused on increasing adult Latino students' ability to learn English skills, so learners can integrate into U.S. society and pursue GED's and/or vocational training at a local college and improve opportunities for job advancement.
\$55,700



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TIMELINE: FY11 GRANT PROCESS

February 22 nd	MCAEL issues RFP
February 24 th	MCAEL grant preparation workshop
March	Optional staff reviews available
April 2 nd	Final submissions due
May	Panel convenes: Reviews grants and Makes recommendations
June	MCAEL Board makes final approval
End of June	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.

TOTAL REQUESTS RECEIVED

18 applicants, 17 programs and approximately \$700,000 in requests

TOTAL AWARDS

\$508,225 in grants awarded to support 16 applicants and 17 programs

Korean-American Senior Citizens Association, Inc. - Korean Senior ESOL Program

To support an ESOL program for Korean-American seniors, in, so learners can improve understanding of basic English and communicate with people in their everyday lives.
\$5,056

Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington - Conversation Club (Micro Literacy Access Grant)

To support an English conversation club for Korean American stay-at-home mothers.
\$1,000

Literacy Council of Montgomery County, Maryland, Inc. - ESL Classes for Adult Learners

To support ESL classes, throughout the county, for adults who live or work in Montgomery County, so learners have the opportunity to improve their English skills.
\$42,500

Mental Health Association (MHA) - Families Foremost – Adult English Literacy Classes

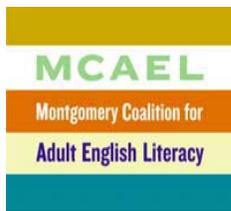
To support ESOL classes for low-income parents to enable adult learners to complete their educational goals, become more self-sufficient and strengthen parent-child bonds.
\$22,379

Montgomery County Public Schools Foundation - Linkages to Learning – Adult English Literacy Program

To support an ESOL program, offered during school hours at schools, to assist parents in achieving self-sufficiency in order to improve the well being of children and their families.
\$21,013

Muslim Community Center - MCC ESOL Program

To support an ESOL program for Muslims to learn English and gain enough U.S. cultural knowledge and confidence.
\$9,000



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Rockville Seniors, Inc. - Rockville Senior Center English Program

To support an English program developed to help older immigrants (over age 60) learn practical speaking, listening, reading, and writing English skills that will enable learners to function independently in the community.

\$15,860

Seneca Creek Community Church

(Micro Literacy Access Grant)

To support an English conversation club dedicated to improving English literacy and language proficiency as part of the Seneca Creek Community Church community outreach efforts and focused in the Gaithersburg Area.

\$2,000

Silver Spring Team for Children and Families, Inc. – Foreign Student Program Adult ESOL Program

To support an ESOL program, which blends classes with computer-assisted learning and drop-in conversation groups, for low-income adult immigrants, so learners can improve their English skills and then achieve personal goals (economic, education, family) and become more integrated in the community.

\$27,678

Spanish Catholic Center, Inc. - English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

To support an ESOL program, located in Gaithersburg and Germantown, focused on increasing the language and literacy skills for low-income, limited English proficient members of the growing immigrant and Hispanic communities in Montgomery County.

\$51,740

Thomas Shortman Training Fund - Adult ESOL

To support intensive ESOL classes designed to help low-income learners develop their English language literacy, life, and work skills in order to achieve greater self-sufficiency and increase participation in American community life.

\$82,853

Workforce Solutions Group of Montgomery County, Inc. - Workplace English for Hospitality

To support an ESL program targeting jobseekers in the hotel and lodging industry who have intermediate level English and want to further develop their English-speaking/comprehension skills in order to find a job or get a better job.

\$18,525