



MCAEL FY11 Adult English Literacy Grant Awards

Boat People SOS - ESOL for Healthcare Providers

To provide a Beginning ESOL for Healthcare Providers course targeting the Vietnamese community that will transition learners to Montgomery College Healthcare courses.

\$6,730

CASA de Maryland, Inc. - Evening ESOL Program

To improve participants' listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills so that they may become more financially independent, increase their employability, better integrate into American society, and achieve their personal goals.

\$123,000

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

To provide ESOL instruction, complemented with other services (including employment placement and vocational training), so adult learners can improve their employment prospects and increase their earnings.

\$22,000

Chinese Culture and Community Service Center, Inc. (CCACC) - Adult English Literacy Program

To assist seniors and immigrants (mainly Chinese Americans) in Montgomery County to overcome English barriers so that they will become active participants and contributors to the community.

\$8,500

Community Ministries of Rockville - Latino Outreach Program - Literacy Component

To support primarily Hispanic immigrants who cannot speak English and who are struggling with language and cultural barriers to learning through a family centered approach to language skill development.

\$55,000

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.

For FY2011, 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: FY11 GRANT PROCESS

February 22nd - MCAEL issues RFP

February 24th – MCAEL offers grant preparation workshop; optional staff review available

April 2nd – Final submissions due

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

June 24 – 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

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

To offer beginning through advanced life-skills English to the growing population of low-income adult immigrants who live and/or work anywhere in Montgomery County.

\$28,050

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

To assist the senior population (mainly Korean-American) to read, listen, speak, write and understand basic English, and to communicate in their everyday life.

\$8,870

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

To assist English language learners with acquiring the level of skills (reading, writing, numeracy, problem-solving, and English-language acquisition) they need.

\$42,500

Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association (MVMA) - Vietnamese Parenting Enrichment Project - Literacy Component

To provide English literacy training for parents in the Vietnamese Parenting Enrichment Project, so that they are more empowered to participate in their child's education.

\$8,500

Mental Health Association - Families Foremost - Literacy Component

To provide ESOL classes for low-income parents to encourage them to complete their education, become self-sufficient, and break the cycle of poverty and violence.

\$22,100

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

To provide literacy, basic, and intermediate ESOL classes.

\$21,250

TOTAL REQUESTS RECEIVED

17 applicants, 18 programs and approximately \$890,000 in requests

TOTAL AWARDS

\$526,000 in grants awarded to support 15 applicants and 16 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 does not participate in the evaluation of proposals nor in determining funding. For more information, please visit www.mcael.org

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Muslim Community Center - MCC ESOL Program

To provide ESOL classes to English language learners with a special focus on the Muslim population.
\$10,000

Rockville Seniors, Inc. - Rockville Senior Center English Program

To help older immigrants learn practical speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills.
\$16,000

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

To assist Montgomery County's growing limited English proficient population in breaking down educational and linguistic barriers to self- sufficiency in order to improve their living situation and overall quality of life.
\$51,000

Thomas Shortman Training Fund - Adult ESOL

To provide intensive ESOL classes which are designed for a low-income population and which will allow participants to develop their English language literacy, life, and work skills in order to achieve greater self- sufficiency and participation in American community life.
\$85,000

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

To provide an ESL program targeting jobseekers in the hotel and lodging industry who have completed intermediate level English and who want to further develop their English- speaking/comprehension skills.
\$17,500