

MCAEL FY13 Adult English Literacy & Micro Literacy Grant Awards Revised

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. MCAEL thanks the Montgomery County Government for supporting literacy.

For FY2013, 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 Montgomery County. Eligible organizations must be or partner with a non-profit, 501(c) (3) or have a similar designation from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service organization.

CASA de Maryland, Inc. - Evening ESOL Program

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

\$131,900

CASA de Maryland, Inc. - Welcome Center/Workforce ESOL Program

To support the operation of drop-in English classes at the Welcome Centers in Wheaton, Shady Grove and Silver Spring, so adult learners can learn English and improve their employment prospects and increase their earnings

\$22,000

Community Ministries of Rockville - Latino Outreach Program - ESOL Component

To support a family based ESOL and literacy program for adult non-English speaking low-income residents of Rockville and Montgomery County with the goal of helping immigrants assimilate into American culture and improve the quality of their lives

\$68,101

IMPACT Silver Spring – Adult ESL Empowerment Program

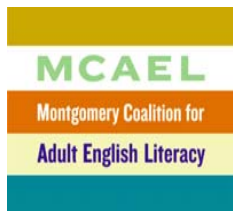
To support access to English literacy classes focused on empowering diverse low-income individuals and families of immigrant background while creating sustainable place-based support networks in order to improve their quality of life

\$9,480

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

To assist Korean seniors with learning to read, listen, speak, write and understand basic English, so learners can gain confidence & communicate in English in the community

\$9,480



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Literacy Council of Montgomery County, Maryland, Inc. - ESL Class Program

To support ESL classes offered throughout the county for adults who live or work in Montgomery County, so that language learners have the opportunity to improve their skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening) and then get/retain jobs, secure better jobs, assist their children’s education, become educated consumers, become more active members of their community, and improve overall quality of their lives

\$60,867

Literacy Council of Montgomery County, Maryland, Inc. – Family Literacy

To support a family literacy class that supports parents of children at Montgomery County elementary partner schools by teaching basic fundamental life-skills English.

\$1,500

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

To support ESOL classes for low-income parents with small children (birth-4) to enable parents to learn English, complete their educational goals and strengthen parent-child bonds, so the parents can become more self-sufficient and better support their children

\$22,500

Montgomery County Muslim Foundation - ESOL Program (Micro Literacy Access Grant)

To support an ESOL program that enables seniors and women, Muslim and non-Muslim, to learn English and gain enough US cultural knowledge and confidence so that they can transition to mainstream county services and live more self-sufficiently and independently

\$3,150

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

To support an ESOL program, offered during school hours at local schools, for parents in order to improve the well-being of children and their families by assisting families to learn English so they can increase their support of their children’s academic success

\$59,100

TIMELINE: FY13 GRANT PROCESS

February 22 nd	MCAEL issues RFP
March 2 nd	MCAEL grant preparation workshop
March	Optional staff reviews available
April 8 th	Final submissions due
May/June	Panel convenes: Reviews grants and Makes recommendations
June	MCAEL Board makes final approval
June 11 th	Final decisions announced to grantees; staff available for debriefings

OUTREACH

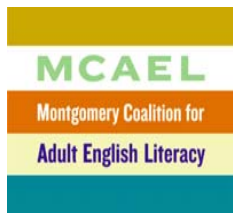
MCAEL conducted targeted outreach to ensure a wide circulation to all Montgomery County adult literacy and ESOL providers, through MCAEL’s provider list and local non-profit and government networks.

TOTAL REQUESTS RECEIVED

16 organizations, 19 programs and over \$600,000 in requests

TOTAL AWARDS

\$525,000 in grants awarded to support 13 organizations and 16 programs



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Rockville Seniors, Inc. - Rockville Senior Center English Program

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

\$19,564

Seneca Creek Community Church – Seneca Creek ESOL Conversation Classes

(Micro Literacy Access Grant)

To support English conversation classes dedicated to improving English literacy and language proficiency as part of the Seneca Creek Community Church community outreach efforts in the Gaithersburg area

\$3,700

Spanish Catholic Center, Inc. - English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program and Family Literacy Component

To support an ESOL program with a family literacy component, 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

\$70,000

Workforce Solutions Group of Montgomery County, Inc. – English for Employment

To implement an ESOL program that provides English language instruction focusing on employment vocabulary, job searches and resume-building in order to support to Montgomery County language learners in finding employment opportunities and applying to jobs

\$24,408

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

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

\$19,050

YMCA – Nob Hill English Class

To support beginning ESOL classes at Nob Hill Apartments Community Center.

\$200