

## MCAEL FY14 Adult English Literacy Program Grants & Micro Literacy Access Grants

### **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 FY2014, 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.

### **Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington ESOL Program (Micro Literacy Access Grant)**

To support an English program for limited English proficient residents of Silver Spring/Takoma Park in order to enable unemployed or underemployed individuals and families the opportunity to gain the skills necessary to grow and become self-sufficient  
\$5,000

### **CASA de Maryland, Inc. Evening ESOL Program**

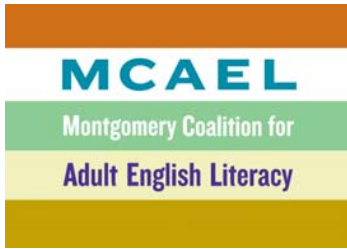
To support an evening ESOL program focused on improving participants' listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, so the learners may become more financially independent, increase their employability, better integrate into American society, and achieve their personal goals  
\$149,200

### **CASA de Maryland, Inc. 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  
\$27,000

### **CASA de Maryland, Inc. ESOL and Computer Literacy (Micro Literacy Access Grant)**

To support a pilot program for limited English proficient parents that incorporates English with basic computer literacy at Wheaton High School  
\$3,300



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**Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, Inc. (Spanish Catholic Center)  
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program w/Family Literacy Component**  
To support an ESOL program with a family literacy component, located in Gaithersburg, focused on increasing the language and literacy skills for low-income, limited English proficient members of the Hispanic community and other immigrant communities in Montgomery County  
\$75,000

**Chinese Culture & Community Service Center  
Adult English Literacy Program**  
To support an ESOL program for Chinese Americans and other county residents focused on assisting seniors in overcoming the English language barrier in order to become active participants and contributors to the community  
\$8,500

**Community Ministries of Rockville  
Language Outreach Program**  
To support an ESOL and literacy program for limited English speaking, low-income, adult residents of Rockville and Montgomery County focused on helping immigrants better assimilate into American culture and improve the quality of their lives  
\$82,500

**IMPACT Silver Spring  
Wheaton English Language Circle**  
To support English literacy classes focused on empowering low-income adults of diverse immigrant backgrounds while creating sustainable place-based support networks to improve their quality of life  
\$13,000

### TIMELINE: FY14 GRANT PROCESS

February 26 <sup>th</sup>	MCAEL issues RFP
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	MCAEL RFP workshop
March	Optional staff reviews available
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Final submissions due
May/June	Panel convenes: Reviews grants and makes recommendations
June	MCAEL Board final approval
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Final grant awards announced
June	Staff available for debriefings

### OUTREACH

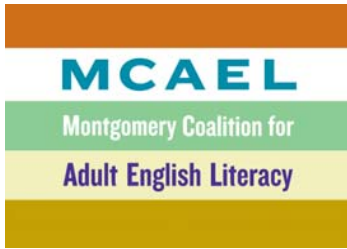
MCAEL conducted targeted outreach to ensure a wide circulation to all Montgomery County adult literacy and ESOL providers through MCAEL's provider list and local non-profit and government networks.

### TOTAL REQUESTS RECEIVED

14 organizations, 17 programs and over \$845,000 in requests

### TOTAL AWARDS

\$650,000 in grants awarded to support  
13 organizations and 16 programs



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### **Korean-American Senior Citizens Association, Inc.**

#### **English Program**

To support an ESOL program for first generation Korean seniors in order to help them become more self-reliant and contributing members of their local communities

\$11,000

### **Literacy Council of Montgomery County, Maryland, Inc.**

#### **ESL Class Program**

To support an ESL program offering classes throughout the county for Montgomery County adult residents and workers who wish to develop functional English literacy skills, so they can get/retain jobs, secure better jobs, assist their children's education, become educated consumers, become more active members of the community, and improve the quality of their lives

\$78,000

### **Literacy Council of Montgomery County, Maryland, Inc.**

#### **Family Literacy (Micro Literacy Access Grant)**

To support family English literacy classes for parents focused on improving their language skills while also engaging the entire family in order to increase the amount of reading parents do with children and provide a path for parental involvement in the school and their children's lives.

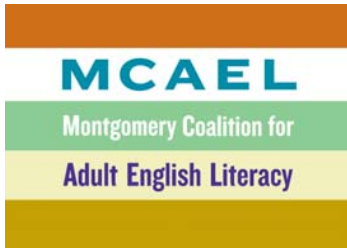
\$4,000

### **Mental Health Association of Montgomery County (MHA)**

#### **Families Foremost Center – Adult English Literacy Classes**

To support an ESOL program for low-income Montgomery County parents with young children (birth-4) in order to support parents in learning English, completing their educational goals and strengthening parent-child bonds, so the parents can become more self-sufficient and better support their children

\$42,500



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### **Montgomery County Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc.**

#### **Linkages to Learning & George B. Thomas Learning Academy Adult English Literacy Program**

To support an ESOL program offering a network of family-friendly adult English literacy classes in high needs MCPS schools during the week and at George B. Thomas Learning Academy Saturday School Program on the weekends in order to increase parents'/school engagement and a parent's ability to support their children's academic success

\$94,000

### **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

\$28,000

### **Seneca Creek Community Church**

#### **Seneca Creek Community Church ESOL Program (Micro Literacy Access Grant)**

To support English conversation classes to adults focused on improving English proficiency as part of the Seneca Creek Community Church community outreach efforts in the Gaithersburg area

\$4,000

### **Workforce Solutions Group of Montgomery County, Inc.**

#### **Workplace English for Employment**

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

\$25,000