



MCAEL

Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy

2017 Grant Awards

The goal of the MCAEL grants program is to increase the availability of adult ESOL and literacy services that support identified community needs and diverse populations while also supporting improvement of the quality of services. MCAEL is pleased to partner once again with the Montgomery County Government to offer grant support in FY17 for programs during the period July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. For FY17, MCAEL's priorities are to support expansion of services: 1) in underserved areas in upcounty and East county, 2) for underserved populations, and 3) on the weekends. These priorities were identified through a needs assessment and mapping exercise conducted in fall 2015. MCAEL also supports provision of childcare and transportation to address these barriers to attending class.

Grant Awardees

- Ana A. Brito Foundation, Inc
- Briggs Center for Faith and Action
- CASA
- Catholic Charities
- Chinese Culture and Community Service Center
- Community Ministries of Rockville
- *Covenant Life Church
- Family Services
- George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy
- *Housing Opportunity Community Partners
- *Identity Inc.
- Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington
- Literacy Council of Montgomery County
- MCPS Educational Foundation - Linkages to Learning
- Muslim Community Center
- Rockville Seniors Inc
- Seneca Creek Community Church
- *Vietnamese American Services

* New FY17 Partner

FY 17

TOTAL REQUESTED FUNDING

21 organizations, 27 programs and over \$1,300,000 in requests

TOTAL AWARDS

- \$1,010,000 in grant funding
- Grants awarded to support 18 organizations for 23 programs
- 9 Program Grants and 14 Access Grants*

* For a description of grant types please see: <http://mcael.org/grants>

Legend



Transportation



Childcare

See our full directory at: <http://mcael.org/directory>

Program Grants

Ana A. Brito Foundation, Inc Adult English Literacy Program

\$23,040

For the AABFI Adult English Literacy Program, which provides and facilitates English learning opportunities to financially vulnerable persons of limited English proficiency in northern Montgomery County. The Program currently has six levels of classes and provides support services, including childcare, to enable more individuals to attend class.



www.aabfi.org

Community Ministries of Rockville Language Outreach Program

\$110,000

To support the Language Outreach Program, a family-based ESOL and literacy program for non-English speaking adult Montgomery County residents, that offers free childcare, preschool enrichment, and tutoring for children while their parents are in class. The goal of the program is to help immigrants obtain the level of English needed to succeed in the community and improve their quality of life.



www.cmrocks.org

CASA Life Skills ESOL

\$166,873

To support ESOL programming focused on improving low-income immigrants' ability to understand, speak and write in English, skills critical to immigrants' ability to participate and integrate fully in civic life. Low-cost childcare is provided during classes.



www.wearecasa.org

Family Services Family Discovery Center ESOL Classes

\$35,000

For ESOL classes at the Family Discovery Center in Rockville for parents with young children (birth – 4) who live in Montgomery County. Families attending FDC also receive other free, comprehensive services (not funded by MCAEL), such as: family literacy and child development programming; parenting, employment readiness, and health education classes as well as case management and transportation assistance.



www.fs-inc.org

Catholic Charities - English for Speakers of Other Languages

\$85,000

Catholic Charities' ESOL Program works to increase the English literacy skills of low-income, limited English proficient members of Montgomery County's Hispanic and immigrant communities. Operating out of the Spanish Catholic Center in Gaithersburg, the program will serve over 500 individuals in FY17.

www.catholiccharitiesdc.org



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Program Grants

Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington (JCCGW) - Gateways \$19,700

For continuing and expanding the Gateways program, as follows:

- 1) To strengthen the academic rigor of the current program by increasing the number of annual learner hours to over 120 annually; and
- 2) To reach a new demographic and to meet urgent ESOL needs through classes to employees in the healthcare field at an assisted-living facility within the JCCGW campus, enabling participants to attain greater fluency and skill in their professional field.

www.jccgw.org

Literacy Council of Montgomery County ESOL Class Program \$175,000

The Literacy Council of Montgomery County (LCMC) teaches adults to read, write and speak English in a vibrant multicultural community where English proficiency is a tool for success to achieve employment, education and everyday life goals. In FY 17, LCMC plans to conduct a total of 61 classes throughout the county in Gaithersburg, Germantown, Rockville, Silver Spring and Burtonsville. Classes will be held mornings, evenings and Saturdays to accommodate the needs and schedules of adult learners with literacy through advanced levels of English language instruction.

www.literacycouncilmcmd.org

MCPS Educational Foundation Linkages to Learning Adult English Literacy Program \$235,000

To support Linkages to Learning's network of family-friendly adult English literacy classes to parents at public schools with high poverty rates. The program provides a range of classes, from Beginning ESL Literacy to Low Intermediate level classes, to parents with limited English proficiency in order to increase parent/school engagement and parents' ability to support their children's academic success.

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/community-engagement/linkages-to-learning



Rockville Seniors Inc English Program \$43,611

For the Rockville Senior Center English Program. The Program provides opportunities for immigrants over age 60 from diverse cultural, education, language and socio-economic backgrounds to learn functional speaking, listening, reading and writing skills that can build confidence, promote independence and encourage engagement in the community.

www.rockvillemd.gov



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Access Grants

Briggs Center for Faith and Action English as a Second Language \$5,500

To support a program offering English classes at no cost to a diverse population of learners in the greater Bethesda area.

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/My-ESOL-Class/info>

Chinese Culture and Community Service Center - Adult English Literacy Program \$11,000

To support an ESOL program for Chinese Americans and other county residents focused on assisting seniors to overcome English language barriers in Gaithersburg, Germantown and Rockville to become active participants and contributors to the community.



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CASA - Silver Spring, Wheaton, Rockville Workforce ESOL Program \$7,310 per site

To support drop-in English classes for low-income LEP immigrant workers who access employment and other related services at CASA's Welcome Centers in Silver Spring, Wheaton, and Rockville. The Workforce ESOL program aims to improve workers' listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in English in order to expand their employment prospects and increase their earnings.

www.wearecasa.org

Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR) in Partnership with Interfaith Works Conversation Groups \$9,468

FY17 funding is awarded:

- 1) For a new drop-in conversation group, with childcare, in partnership with Interfaith Works, for its clients
- 2) For two sessions of a new drop-in conversation group, also with childcare, which will meet during the semester breaks of CMR's Language Outreach Program's (LOP) regular sessions.

The goal of both conversation groups will be to help Interfaith Works Interfaith Clothing Center (ICC) clients and LOP students (both primarily low-income, non-English speaking Montgomery County residents) with their day-to-day English language skills, such as improving listening comprehension and pronunciation skills, and reduce learning loss between semesters for LOP students.



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Access Grants

Covenant Life Church*
ESOL Classes
\$13,300

To support a family-friendly ESOL program for a diverse Gaithersburg community of adult students. The program aims to improve participants' English proficiency in listening, reading, writing and speaking.



www.covlife.org

George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning
Academy - Watkins Mill Saturday
School Adult Literacy Classes
\$10,609

For adult literacy classes offered during Saturday School hours at Watkins Mill High School; the classes support student participation in Saturday School, while benefiting parents whose full participation in the community is hampered by a lack of proficiency in English. Wrap-around services create an environment in which parents are learning along with their children at Saturday School and are developing personal relationships that empower them and enhance their children's success, as well as their own.



www.saturdayschool.org

Housing Opportunity Community*
Partners
ESL Drop-in
\$5,985

To enable development of a pilot drop-in ESOL class for low-income families residing at the Tanglewood Apartments in Silver Spring. All class activities will help to increase English skills needed for daily living and to connect the learners with more formal classes available in the county.

www.hocmc.org

Identity Inc.*
English Literacy for Disconnected
Young Adults
\$7,000

To support a pilot ESOL class at the Crossroads Youth Opportunity Center in Takoma Park. The purpose of this class is to engage disconnected young people with extremely low levels of English proficiency in learning English, in order to support their educational, work, and life goals.



www.identity-youth.org



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Access Grants

MCPS Educational Foundation Linkages to Learning Conversation Classes \$5,000

For a pilot drop-in conversation class, an extension of current Linkages to Learning ESOL programming, as requested by parents of children enrolled in high-needs MCPS schools. The goal is to provide parents with classes that provide them with the skills they need to navigate the school system and reach their personal goals.

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/community-engagement/linkages-to-learning



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Muslim Community Center English Language Program \$3,550

To support ESOL classes that enable adult learners who are members of the Muslim faith community and those of other faiths to gain proficiency in English to reach their personal goals, such as: furthering their education, getting a better job, attaining citizenship, and/or becoming more involved with the community.

www.mccmd.org

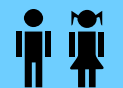


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Seneca Creek Community Church ESOL Program \$13,000

To enable expansion of its free ESOL classes to serve approximately 150 limited English proficient adults in the Upper County region, including Gaithersburg, Montgomery Village and Germantown areas. The goal of the program is to transform the lives of families by providing opportunities for individuals to grow and prosper socially and financially through improved English language communication skills. Childcare and tutoring are provided during class.

www.senecacreek.org



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Vietnamese American Services* English Conversation Classes \$4,424

To support a pilot ESOL program for Vietnamese Americans that assists seniors and low-income residents to develop their English skills, thereby helping them become more active members of the community and improve the quality of their lives.

www.vasusa.org



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Our Process

Funding decisions are made by a volunteer Grant Review Panel composed of community members. The panel members are selected to represent a diversity of experience and expertise in one or more of the following: the local community and community's needs, nonprofit management, adult ESOL, literacy and grant making.

Timeline

- January/February** • MCAEL RFPs released; Grant Information Workshop held
- Mid-March** • Appointments available with MCAEL staff to answer questions about the RFP
- Mid-April** • Application deadline
- May/June** • Grant Panel members review applications & interview applicants • Panel meets to develop funding recommendations • MCAEL Board reviews/approves funding recommendations
- June** • Applicants are notified in writing of the MCAEL board's final funding decision.

FY17 Grant Review Panel

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| Heather Bruskin | Peggy Keegan* |
| Elise Couper | Patricia Larson |
| Barbara Crews | Nancy Newton |
| Alicia Escoto | Jennifer Russel |
| Alex Galen | Diane Vu |
| Mary Gallagher | Martin Yescas* |
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