



**MCAEL**

**Montgomery Coalition for  
Adult English Literacy**

## 2018 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 FY18 for programs during the period July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. For FY18, 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. Annual data collection continues to support the assessment. MCAEL also supports provision of childcare and transportation to address these barriers to attending class.

## Grant Awardees

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| <p>Ana A Brito Foundation<br/>Bender Jewish Community Center<br/>Briggs Center for Faith and Action<br/>CASA<br/>Catholic Charities<br/>Chinese Cultural and Community Service Center (CCACC)<br/>Community Ministries of Rockville<br/>*Community Services Foundation<br/>Covenant Life Church<br/>Family Services, Inc</p> | <p>George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy<br/>Housing Opportunity Community Partners<br/>Identity, Inc.<br/>Impact Silver Spring<br/>Literacy Council of Montgomery County<br/>MCPS Educational Foundation - Linkages to Learning<br/>Muslim Community Center (MCC)<br/>Rockville Seniors, Inc.<br/>Seneca Creek Community Church<br/>Vietnamese American Services</p> |
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### FY 18

**TOTAL REQUESTED FUNDING**  
23 organizations, 28 programs and over \$1,270,958 in requests

**TOTAL AWARDS**

- \$1,120,000 in grant funding
- Grants awarded to support 20 organizations for 25 programs
- 9 Program Grants and 14 Access Grants\*\*

### Legend

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| Transportation  | Childcare   |

\* **New FY18 Partner**  
 \*\* For a description of grant types please see: <http://mcael.org/grants>

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

# Program Grants

## Ana A. Brito Foundation, Inc Adult English Literacy Program

\$33,290

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](http://www.aabfi.org)

## Bender Jewish Community Center Gateways

\$21,316

For expanding and strengthening the Gateways program as follows:

- 1) To strengthen both the academic rigor and functional elements of Gateways for Seniors by continuing to implement TESOL standards and adding tutoring and a conversation class with a focus on Functional English.
- 2) To expand upon the FY17 pilot program providing ESOL classes to employees in the healthcare industry to reach a broader demographic, enabling participants to attain greater fluency and skill in their professional endeavors.

[www.benderjccgw.org](http://www.benderjccgw.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](http://www.wearecasa.org)

## Catholic Charities - English for Speakers of Other Languages

\$100,000

This 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 FY18.



[www.catholiccharitiesdc.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org)

## Community Ministries of Rockville Language Outreach Program

\$113,018

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 childcare 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](http://www.cmrocks.org)



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# Program Grants

## Family Services

### Family Discovery Center ESOL

\$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](http://www.fs-inc.org)



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## Literacy Council of Montgomery County ESOL Class Program

\$190,900

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 FY18, 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](http://www.literacycouncilmcmd.org)

## MCPS Educational Foundation

### Linkages to Learning

### Adult English Literacy Program

\$251,045

To support accessible, family-friendly adult ESOL classes to parents and the community at public schools with high poverty rates. The program will provide three levels of classes to parents/community members with limited English proficiency in order to increase parent/school and civic engagement and parents' ability to support their children's academic success.

[www.montgomeryschool  
smd.org/community-  
engagement/  
linkages-to-learning](http://www.montgomeryschool<br/>smd.org/community-<br/>engagement/<br/>linkages-to-learning)



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## Rockville Seniors Inc

### English Program

\$47,375

The English Program at the Rockville Senior Center 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](http://www.rockvillemd.gov)



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# Access Grants

## Briggs Center for Faith and Action English as a Second Language \$15,000

The ESL Program seeks to improve limited English proficient (LEP) adults' English abilities needed to meet their education, employment, citizenship, and daily living goals. The target population are LEP adults living or working in or near Bethesda, Maryland.

[www.briggscenter.org](http://www.briggscenter.org)



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## Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR) LOP and LOP/Interfaith Clothing Center Conversation Groups

\$ 13,829

FY 18 funding is awarded:

1) For drop-in weekday classes with childcare at the Interfaith Clothing Center, in partnership with Interfaith Works

2) For weekday evening and weekend drop-in classes with child care, during the semester breaks of the Language Outreach Program (LOP) at one of the LOP regular sites in Rockville.

The goal of these conversation groups is to help Interfaith Works' Interfaith Clothing Center (ICC) clients with their day-to-day English language skills, such as improving listening comprehension and pronunciation skills, and to reduce learning loss between semesters for LOP students.

[www.cmrocks.org](http://www.cmrocks.org)



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

To support an adult English literacy program for Chinese immigrants and other county residents to enable them to increase their employability; achieve their personal goals; and become more self-reliant, confident and better integrated into American society.

[www.ccacc-dc.org](http://www.ccacc-dc.org)



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## CASA - Rockville, Silver Spring, and Wheaton Workforce ESOL Programs Rockville, \$7,310; Silver Spring \$7,310; Wheaton \$8,000

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 Rockville, Silver Spring, and Wheaton. The Workforce ESOL programs aim to improve workers' listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in English to expand their employment prospects and increase their earnings.

[www.wearecasa.org](http://www.wearecasa.org)

## Community Services Foundation ESOL Classes \$2,500

To support drop-in ESOL classes for low-income immigrant, non-English speaking residents of the Rock Creek Terrace Apartment community, so that they will be better equipped to communicate, look for and find a job, and help their US-born children with their school work, social life and, career choices.

[www.csfnd.org](http://www.csfnd.org)



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# Access Grants

## Covenant Life Church ESOL Classes

\$14,500

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 through classes, conversation, and community integration activities.



[www.covlife.org](http://www.covlife.org)

## George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy - Watkins Mill Saturday School Adult Literacy Classes

\$10,609

For adult literacy classes held at the Saturday School, benefiting parents whose full participation in their community is hampered by a lack of proficiency in English. This program will also provide wrap-around services to 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](http://www.saturdayschool.org)

## Housing Opportunity Community Partners - ESL Drop-in

\$4,700

Housing Opportunities Commission will partner with a local apartment building to bring ESOL classes to low-income families on an informal drop-in basis. 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](http://www.hocmc.org)

## Family Services, Inc Thriving Germantown Community HUB \$ 8,600

To support an adult ESOL program focused on the Captain James E. Daly Elementary School catchment area – a highly diverse, low income, and high needs area. Improved English literacy will help parents and adult family members to actively partner in their children's education, improve their family's ability to utilize health and social services resources, and engage in workforce opportunities.



[www.fs-inc.org](http://www.fs-inc.org)

## Identity Inc. English Literacy for Disconnected Young Adults

\$15,000

For ESOL classes offered at Identity's two Youth Opportunity Centers in Gaithersburg and Takoma Park. The program provides an English learning opportunity to disconnected youth (aged 16-25) with extremely low levels of English proficiency, to support their educational, work and life goals, and to encourage continued English language learning through other ESOL programs in the county.



[www.identity-youth.org](http://www.identity-youth.org)



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# Access Grants

## Impact Silver Spring English Language Classes \$9,825

For free English classes in the Long Branch community. In addition to language acquisition, the English classes are spaces where learners can build relationships with each other and instructors, enabling them to create supportive networks in and outside of the classroom. The English classes also serve as an entry point for learners to participate in other IMPACT network spaces.

[www.impactsilverspring.org](http://www.impactsilverspring.org)



## Muslim Community Center English Language Program \$5,000

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](http://www.mccmd.org)



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## Seneca Creek Community Church ESOL Program \$13,000

To increase the number of seats and enrich the existing ESOL classes to continue to transform the lives of families in the surrounding community by providing opportunities for individuals to grow and prosper socially and financially through improved English language communication skills.

[www.senecacreek.org](http://www.senecacreek.org)



## Vietnamese American Services English Conversation Classes \$15,000

To support an 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](http://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 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
- Early-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.

### FY18 Grant Review Panel

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| Aubrey Alston      | Collins Odongo  |
| Barbara Crews      | Ernesto Pineda  |
| Alex Galen         | Jennifer Russel |
| Mary Gallagher     | Diane Vu        |
| Marta V. Goldsmith | Abigail Wacker  |
| Peggy Keegan*      | Richard Yan     |
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