

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
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Dear Chairwoman Roybal-Allard and Ranking Member Fleischmann:

As you prepare the Homeland Security appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 22), we urge you to support citizenship education and immigrant integration in communities across the country. We respectfully request that you increase funding for the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program (CIGP) at \$100 million for FY 22.

According to the most recent estimates, there are approximately 13.6 million Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) living in the United States, and 9.2 million of them are eligible to apply for citizenship. Nearly one out of every three eligible individuals obtained LPR status in 1990 or earlier. Many have been part of our communities for decades but don't yet enjoy all of the rights, benefits, and responsibilities that come with being a full American citizen due to lack of information and application assistance.

Since it began in 2009, the USCIS Citizenship and Integration Grant Program (CIGP) has awarded a total of \$102 million through 473 competitive grants to immigrant-serving organizations in 39 states and the District of Columbia. Now in its eleventh year, the program has helped more than 278,000 LPRs prepare for citizenship.

Our success as a nation of immigrants is rooted in our ongoing commitment to welcome and integrate immigrants into the fabric of our country. It is important that we encourage eligible immigrants to take an important step in their American journey and commit to citizenship. Funding increase would make citizenship instruction and naturalization application services accessible in many low income, underserved communities where comprehensive or more limited services are needed.

Once again, we respectfully request that you increase funding to \$100 million for the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program (CIGP) in FY 22. We are a stronger nation when immigrants are able to set down roots, harness their skills, contribute to our economy, and commit to citizenship. Thank you for your attention and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, FY22
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