

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

### IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANTS

RFP#2023-01

<b>Date Issued:</b>	March 23, 2023
<b>RFP Issued:</b>	March 24, 2023
<b>Deadline to Submit RFP Questions:</b>	5:00 p.m. PT, April 3, 2023
<b>Proposals Due:</b>	5:00 p.m. PT, April 14, 2023

The Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA) is pleased to announce the availability of funds and a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the RFP#2023-03 Immigrant Community Engagement Grants.

All RFP materials will be available electronically on OCEIA's website at <https://sf.gov/oceiagrants> on **Friday, March 24, 2023**. Alternative formats for persons with disabilities will be available upon request at (415) 581-2360 or [civic.engagement@sfgov.org](mailto:civic.engagement@sfgov.org). **All proposals must be submitted electronically and received by 5:00 p.m. PT on Friday, April 14, 2023.**

#### IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT CATEGORIES:

##### **1. LANGUAGE ACCESS COMMUNITY GRANTS**

This grant opportunity is for non-profit and community-based organizations based in San Francisco to develop and implement a set of programs and services to increase community and City capacity to meet the language access needs of underserved immigrant communities and monolingual or Limited English Proficient (LEP) individuals who live or work in San Francisco. Emphasis will be placed on 1) building community-based language access leadership and capacity through community outreach and education, 2) collaborative work to assess, evaluate, and document language access needs in the community and ensure City departments are effectively communicating with and delivering services to residents who speak languages other than English, and 3) building community capacity to deliver community-based interpretation and translation services.

- **CITYWIDE LANGUAGE ACCESS COLLABORATIVE**
- **FILIPINO LANGUAGE CAPACITY BUILDING**
- **SOUTHEAST ASIAN LANGUAGE SERVICES & CAPACITY BUILDING**
- **CENTRAL AMERICAN INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES CAPACITY BUILDING**
- **COMMUNITY INTERPRETERS CAPACITY BUILDING**
- **LANGUAGE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ARABIC SPEAKING FAMILIES IN THE TENDERLOIN**



## **2. NATURALIZATION SERVICES AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION**

This grant opportunity is for non-profit, community-based collaboratives or coalitions to promote citizenship and youth civic participation among San Francisco's naturalization-eligible immigrants and young residents. Emphasis will be placed on collaboratives or coalitions that 1) aim to increase the number of naturalized citizens in San Francisco by providing free immigration legal services and application preparation through group processing workshops; and 2) conduct an effective, innovative, and non-partisan Citywide campaign to increase the voter registration, civic participation, and leadership development of young people in San Francisco between the ages of 16-34, specifically among the lowest engaged demographics and underserved communities. These projects should propose a thoughtful approach to an innovative program model for conducting broad-reaching outreach, education, and engagement for naturalization-eligible immigrants and hard-to-reach young people in San Francisco.

- **SF PATHWAYS TO CITIZENSHIP – NATURALIZATION SERVICES COLLABORATIVE**
- **YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

## **3. IMMIGRATION FEE ASSISTANCE**

The purpose of this program is to provide immigration fee assistance and financial empowerment initiative supporting folks applying for immigration applications and relief.

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### **Requirements**

Proposers for all programs must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations based in the City and County of San Francisco (the City). Program activities must be conducted in San Francisco and will be focused on assisting individuals who live, work, or attend school in the City. Selected grantees must be City-compliant suppliers that demonstrate cultural and linguistic competence; have a history of assisting and serving San Francisco communities; demonstrate extensive knowledge of neighborhood services, issues, and resources; and demonstrate credibility and capacity to reach target populations.

### **How to contact OCEIA**

If you have any questions regarding the RFP, please send an email to [\*\*civic.engagement@sfgov.org\*\*](mailto:civic.engagement@sfgov.org) with the subject line referencing the **RFP#2023-01**. All questions received by 5:00 p.m. PT on Monday, April 3, 2023 will be answered and posted on OCEIA's website (<https://sf.gov/oceiagrants>) by 5:00 p.m. PT on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. OCEIA will not respond to questions after the above deadline. To ensure that all applicants have access to the same information, OCEIA staff members are not permitted to answer RFP content questions via telephone or in person.