

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 1, 2024

Ur M. Jaddou, Director
Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
5900 Capital Gateway Dr.
Camp Springs, MD 20588

Dear Director Jaddou:

We write in support of the Refugee Dream Center's (RDC) application to the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. Funding would be used to expand RDC's Citizenship Education and Naturalization Application Services.

Headquartered in Providence, Rhode Island, the RDC supports refugees and immigrants in, through reception, placement, and post-resettlement services. They coordinate direct services, from adult education, case management, language, health promotions, helping over 3,000 refugees across the state as they journey towards U.S. citizenship. Federal funding would allow the RDC to enhance their current citizenship instruction program, providing 48 hours of citizenship instruction over a 12-week class cycle to at least 120 Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs) annually. The RDC will establish a Naturalization Application Services Program, where an accredited representative will ensure that all services comply with authorized immigration law practices. The RDC programs promote self-reliance, self-sufficiency, and successful integration into American society for the LPRs in Providence and surrounding areas. This program presents a significant opportunity for Rhode Island to advance its goals to support LPRs and facilitate their path to U.S. citizenship.

We support the RDC's application and respectfully request your full and fair consideration of this proposal, within all applicable rules and regulations. If we can be of further assistance to you on this matter, please feel free to contact our offices. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jack Reed
United States Senator



Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senator



Seth Magaziner
Member of Congress



Gabe Amo
Member of Congress



**U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services**

August 2, 2024

The Honorable Jack Reed
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Reed:

Thank you for your July 1, 2024 letter to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) regarding the application from Refugee Dream Center (RDC) to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program (CIGP).

As you may know, as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, Congress authorized \$10 million in funds to support the FY2024 CIGP. USCIS published two Notices of Funding Opportunity under the CIGP. Through these opportunities, USCIS will offer up to \$10 million in competitive funding for organizations that help prepare immigrants for naturalization and promote civic integration through increased knowledge of English, U.S. history, and civics. The USCIS Office of Citizenship is currently conducting a technical review of grant proposals and plans to release awards in September.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important issue. The cosigners of your letter will receive a separate, identical response. Should you require any additional assistance, please have your staff contact the USCIS Office of Legislative Affairs at (240) 721-3801.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ur M. Jaddou", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ur M. Jaddou
Director