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MCAEL ANNOUNCES \$1,550,000 IN GRANTS TO SUPPORT ADULT ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

30 Local Programs Receive Funds to Provide English Classes in 2026-2027

(June 9, 2026, Rockville, MD) The Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL), announces \$1,550,000 in grants awarded to support adult English language learning programs across Montgomery County. Funding for the grants is provided in partnership with the Montgomery County Government, with the support of County Executive Marc Elrich and the Montgomery County Council.

This year was particularly competitive, as MCAEL received a record number of applications. Of the 41 applicants, the independent Grants Panel awarded grants to 23 organizations for 30 programs. Grants were offered to programs in three categories, ranging in size from small start-ups to large, established programs.

Adult English language learners experience life-changing benefits as participants in these programs, from being able to navigate the health system and their children's schools, to attaining better-paying jobs. The greater community also benefits; with stronger communication comes stronger and more inclusive communities — with more people taking part in civic activities, more efficient healthcare and education systems, and a stronger economy.

The goal of the MCAEL grants program is to increase the availability of adult ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) services that support identified community needs and diverse populations, while also improving the quality of those services.

MCAEL thanks the panel of community members who donated extensive time and energy to review and evaluate the grant applications, as well as the Montgomery County Government for maintaining funding for capacity-building grants this year, as well as for their ongoing support of English language learning opportunities in Montgomery County.

A detailed announcement featuring this year's grant awardees is available on the [MCAEL website](#).

About MCAEL:

MCAEL is a community coalition of public, nonprofit, and business partners, and is the hub of approximately 60 adult ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages). MCAEL's mission is to support and connect adult English language learners, instructors, and programs to advance individual and community success. For more information, please visit www.mcael.org.