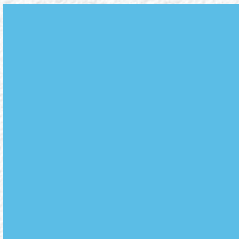
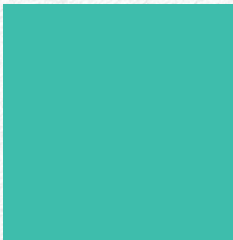
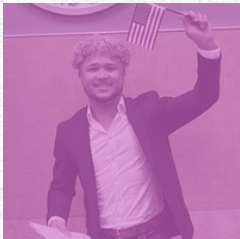


2023

PROJECT CITIZENSHIP IMPACT REPORT



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & BOARD CHAIR

As Project Citizenship celebrates its 10-year anniversary, it's a privilege to provide this Impact Report highlighting our efforts, activities, and successes during 2023.

Project Citizenship assisted more than 1,000 clients in filing citizenship applications in 2023, in spite of a mid-year pause as the organization underwent a leadership and staff transition. Though we serve all eligible permanent residents, we focus on the most vulnerable and disadvantaged populations: in 2023, low-income clients represented 70% of cases, and those with disabilities, 15%. Our application approval rate remained consistently above the national average.

A highlight every year, Boston Citizenship Day, a mega citizenship workshop in partnership with the Boston Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement, once again was a tremendous success. Hundreds of pre-screened clients worked 1:1 with pro bono attorneys to complete the 20-page citizenship application. Other volunteers captured our clients' immigrant stories, which reflect the resourcefulness, resilience, and sense of hope that new citizens-to-be bring to our community.

In 2023, we also held citizenship workshops in Brockton, Lowell, Lawrence, and Cambridge, drawing on partner organizations with deep ties in these communities to ensure we reached those most in need of our services. We continued to offer virtual workshops as well, a model that provides flexibility to immigrants who cannot attend our in-person events.

What made our success in 2023 possible? The continued and growing importance of our mission along with our expert and dedicated staff, devoted community partners, loyal volunteers and Board, and generous donors. Thank you! As we begin our second decade advocating for immigrant rights and promoting a more inclusive society, we know the need for citizenship services is only going to grow. Now more than ever, the work of Project Citizenship is essential to empower individuals, make us stronger, and strengthen our democracy.

As you read this Impact Report, please consider joining us in supporting this important work. Thank you for your belief in our mission!

Sincerely,



Gail Breslow
Executive Director



Ed Boyajian
Board Chair

Handwritten signatures of Gail Breslow and Ed Boyajian in blue ink.

MISSION/VALUES

Project Citizenship seeks to increase the naturalization rate in New England, with a focus on the most vulnerable and disadvantaged populations.

EXCELLENCE

We are dedicated to providing free, timely, high-quality legal services. We are responsive and efficient in helping immigrants to navigate the citizenship process, and constantly seek to improve our practices.

INCLUSION

We treat clients of diverse backgrounds with compassion and respect. We prioritize our client's best interests every step of the way.

DEMOCRACY

Project Citizenship promotes citizenship so that all naturalized citizens can participate in democracy and be civically engaged.

COLLABORATION

We engage community-based organizations, partners, and pro bono legal services to make Project Citizenship a community-driven, cost-effective model is that is able to serve a vast number of immigrants .

IMPACT SNAPSHOT



Countries
of Origin

94

Volunteers

1,311

Volunteer
Hours

4,431

Contacts
Created

2,035

Citizenship
Workshops

59

Prospective
Applicants Screened
For Citizenship Eligibility

2,129

Saved Through
Application
Fee Waivers

\$554K

Clients
Successfully
Naturalized

1,275

Applications
Submitted

1,030

Project Citizenship is a nonprofit that provides free, high quality legal services to permanent residents to help them become U.S. citizens. Project Citizenship offers free workshops, eligibility screening, application assistance, legal referrals and all materials needed to apply for U.S. citizenship.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS & COLLABORATORS

Numerous organizations play pivotal roles in achieving our mission through distinctive contributions. These partners enhance our service provision, reduce costs, facilitate event planning, gather narratives, and share valuable resources. Our heartfelt gratitude extends to these collaborators for their invaluable support!



Community Collaborators

- ABCD
- African Community Economic Development of New England
- Agencia ALPHA
- Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center
- Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association
- Cape Verdean Association
- Children's Services of Roxbury
- Commonwealth Kitchen
- Criterion-Boston Early Intervention Program
- Emmanuel College
- Immigrant Family Services Institute
- Jewish Vocational Services
- La Alianza Hispana
- La Colaborativa
- Latino Support Network
- Latinx Community Center for Empowerment
- Lawrence Community Works
- Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers
- Middlesex Community College
- MIRA Coalition
- Nigerian American Multiservice Center
- Notre Dame Education Center
- Quincy Asian Resources Inc.
- St. Mark Community Education Program
- The Literacy Center
- The Second Step
- YMCA Boston

Legal Providers

- Boston Bar Association
- Boston College Civil Rights Clinic
- Boston University School of Law
- Immigrants' Rights and Human Trafficking Program
- Catholic Charities
- Central West Justice Center
- Greater Boston Legal Services
- Harvard Law School's Immigration and Refugee Advocacy Clinic
- International Institute of New England
- Northeast Justice Center
- PAIR Project
- Rian Immigrant Center
- The Right to Immigration Institute
- YWCA of Lowell

Government Collaborators

- Boston Public Schools
- Brockton Public Schools
- City of Boston's Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement
- Committee for Public Counsel Services
- Federal Defender Office
- Office of Veterans Affairs
- Somerville Office of Immigrant Affairs

USCIS Fee Assistance

- Boston Bullpen Project
- One Percent for America



WORKSHOPS

6

In-Person
Workshops with
Law-Firm
Partners

5

Community
Partner Citizenship
Days

48

Virtual
Workshops

59

Total
Workshops

CITIZENSHIP DAY

Citizenship Day in Boston is our largest annual event where eligible immigrants receive assistance on their citizenship application. Since launching Boston Citizenship Day in 2014, nearly 3,000 individuals have started on their citizenship journey through this event. On average, we have served applicants from over 50 countries in the single day event, and we have completed over 1,200 fee waivers, providing financial support for low-income applicants. Thanks to the help of volunteer attorneys, law students, and community members we have been able to keep this tradition.



2023 CITIZENSHIP DAY RESULTS:

Applications Completed **419**

Boston Residents **236**

Number of countries Represented **57**

Percentage of Applicant Applying using Fee Waivers **71.6%**

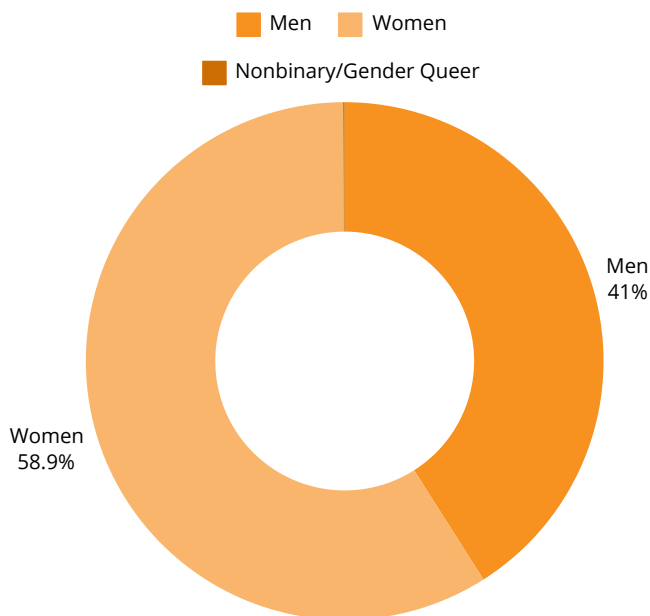
Applicants Eligible to Apply in Native or Preferred Language **43**

Staff and Volunteers **300+**

ABOUT OUR HOPEFUL-CITIZENS

A comprehensive overview of the demographics and statistics related to our citizenship services.

GENDER RATIO



74% of our applicants fell below the federal poverty level, making them eligible to apply for citizenship for **FREE** (with a fee waiver)

\$554K was saved on application fees through our assistance

1,030 applications were submitted to USCIS

An estimated **77** of our clients' minor **children** will derive citizenship from **their parent's naturalization**

AGE RANGE OF CITIZENS SERVED



2,129

PROSPECTIVE CLIENTS IDENTIFIED BY SCREENING

1,285

APPOINTMENTS COMPLETED

1,275

CLIENTS SWORN IN AS U.S. CITIZENS

273

ELDERLY APPLICANTS WHO RECEIVED LANGUAGE EXEMPTIONS

157

APPLICANTS SUBMITTED N-648

86

RESUBMITTED APPLICATION FOR 2ND OR 3RD TIME



APPLIED IN THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES:

HAITIAN, SPANISH, ARABIC, CAPE VERDEAN, KHMER, PORTUGUESE, NONVERBAL, VIETNAMESE, FRENCH, CANTONESE, RUSSIAN, & MANDARIN

TOP COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



1. Dominican Republic: 270



2. Haiti: 250



3. Colombia: 51



4. El Salvador: 47



5. Jamaica: 38



6. Cape Verde: 32



7. Trinidad and Tobago: 20



8. Ethiopia: 19



9. Brazil: 19



10. Guatemala: 17

VOLUNTEER IMPACT

Project Citizenship annually enlists and trains over 1,000 volunteers who engage in one-on-one sessions with clients, guiding them through the 20-page citizenship application. Pro bono attorneys meticulously review each application to ensure accuracy and compliance. Our team then does a final review before submitting the application as the attorney of record. This structured oversight allows our organization to amplify our capacity to serve more clients with a lean staff while maintaining the integrity of the submission process. Volunteers are the backbone of our organization, providing essential support up to the final review stage.



Volunteer Collaborators

Schools

Boston College Law School
Boston University Law School
Boston University
Fordham Law School
Harvard Law School
New England School of Law
Northeastern Law School
Suffolk University Law School
University of Massachusetts Law School
University of Virginia School of Law
Western New England University Law School

Law Firms

Brown Rudnick
Foley & Lardner
Foley Hoag
Fragomen
Goodwin Procter
John Hancock
Latham & Watkins LLP
Mintz Levin
Morgan Lewis
Morrison Foerster LLP
Ropes & Gray LLP
WilmerHale

In-house Counsel

Bank of America
Citizens Bank
Citrix
Eastern Bank
Fidelity Investments
JPMorgan Chase Bank
Sanofi
Vertex Pharmaceuticals

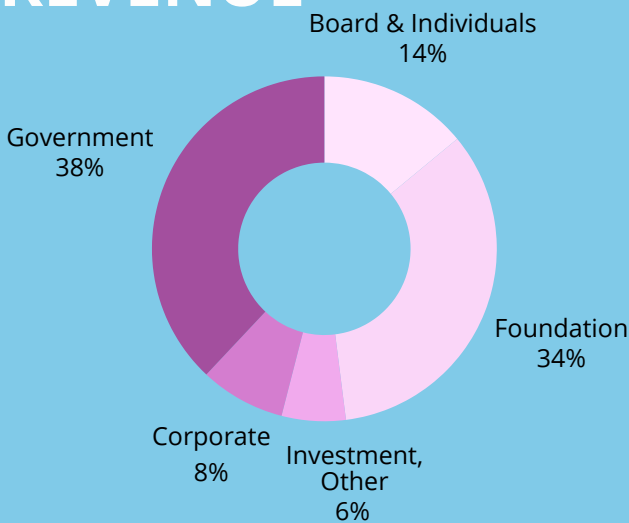
Additional collaborators

Boston Bar Association
Brockton Public Schools
Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association (CMAA)
City of Cambridge
Criolas Unidas, Inc.
Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)
Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement
Rep. Clark's Office
Volunteer Lawyers Project

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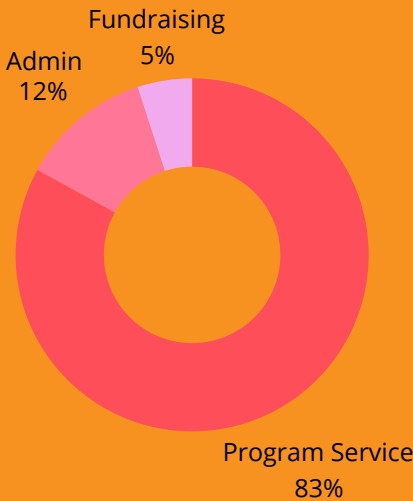
REVENUE



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| Government | \$ 465,600 | 38% |
| Foundation | \$ 412,662 | 34% |
| Board & Individuals | \$ 173,374 | 14% |
| Corporate | \$ 94,522 | 8% |
| Investment, Other | \$ 67,188 | 6% |
| Total | \$ 1,213,346 | |

EXPENSES

| | | |
|------------------|--------------|-----|
| Program services | \$ 1,126,875 | 83% |
| Admin | \$ 166,321 | 12% |
| Fundraising | \$ 60,482 | 5% |
| Total | \$ 1,353,678 | |



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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our generous corporate, government, and foundation supporters. Their unwavering commitment makes it possible for us to carry out our mission and positively impact thousands of lives. Thank you for your partnership and belief in our work.

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The Vertex Foundation
United Way of Massachusetts Bay, Inc.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

City of Boston / Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement
Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants



INDIVIDUAL DONORS: THANK YOU!

We are incredibly thankful for the generous individuals who support our work. Your donations have fueled our mission, enabling us to empower individuals on their path to citizenship. Thank you for making a lasting impact and fostering inclusive communities.

PROJECT CITIZENSHIP: A DECADE IN REVIEW

We're so grateful for the volunteers, organizations, and all other supporters who have been with us since the very beginning. Our impact wouldn't be possible without your contributions - whether they be time, expertise, or support. Thank you, Project Citizenship community!

**2014
-2023**



5,177
VOLUNTEERS



\$6 Million+
Saved
THROUGH APPLICATION
FEE WAIVERS



1,378
MEDICAL DISABILITY
FORM N-648
COMPLETED

11,841

**APPLICATIONS
SUBMITTED**



VOLUNTEER
HOURS
45,433



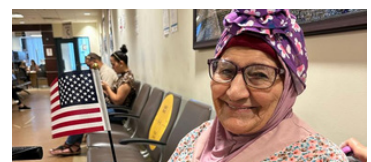
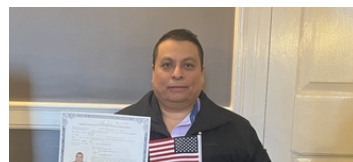
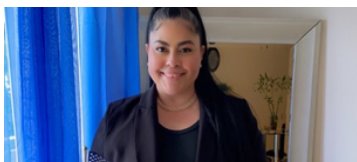
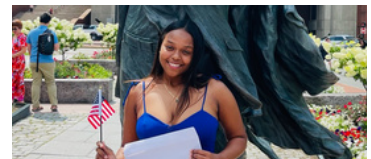
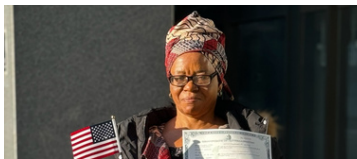
FEE WAIVERS
COMPLETED
8,393
(71% OVERALL)



COUNTRIES
OF ORIGIN
159

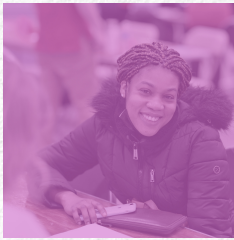
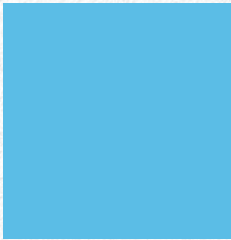
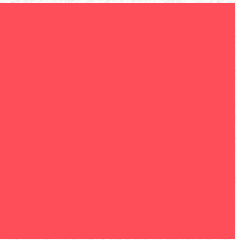
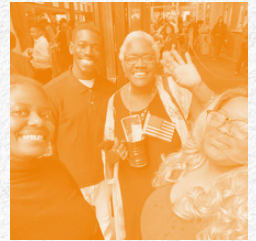
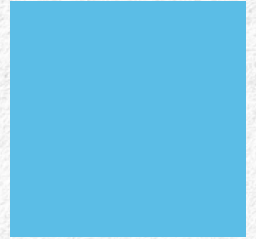
2023: NEW CITIZENS

Congrats to everyone who reached their goal of becoming U.S. citizens this year!



THANK YOU

to everyone who contributed to our success in 2023!



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