



## Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT)

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For the last two years, my organization, the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut, has received \$50,000 each year to provide Citizenship training. The funding is under the Community Services line item within the budget of the Department of Social Services. JFACT sends that money to several organizations across the state including;

- Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven
- IRIS
- Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI)
- Jewish Family Services of Stamford
- CURET

JFACT would respectfully request \$50,000 in each fiscal year to continue this important programming. Even though everyone wants to become US citizen, the entire process is rather intimidating for many. Our program provides an additional incentive, a final push for them to start the process. As a reference, the services provided with DSS funding provides comprehensive assistance for the entire process of becoming a U.S. Citizen, including;

- o Consultation
- o Fill out applications
- o Petition for waving of application fees (I-912)
- o Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions (N-648)
- o Translate and notarize documents (birth, death, marriage and certificates etc.)
- o Customized individual plan for each participant based upon his or her background.
- o Citizenship classes
- o ESL classes
- o Mocked interview
- o Review 100 questions as well as interviewing process prior to the test
- o Provide translation during the interview.
- o Provide transportation to the interview and return home when necessary

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director



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