



## ***EL Civics—Civic Participation and IELCE*** ***MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY AWARD***

### **About the Award**

The federally funded Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (Civic Participation/IELCE) program in California is designed for adult students to acquire the language and literacy skills to become citizens, exercise the rights and duties of citizenship, access and enrich the communities in which they live, and find a pathway to the workforce. This award recognizes Civic Participation (231 funded) and IELCE (243 funded) programs that teach the skills required to access the community and empower students to take the initiative to make a difference in their communities.

In conjunction with the California WIOA, Title II: AEFLA Program Specialists and the Program Evaluation Team, CASAS staff and the California Department of Education identify programs that are making a difference through Civic Participation/IELCE lessons and activities. To be recognized as a Making a Difference Award recipient, agencies must meet specific data collection criteria, document the effectiveness of their project, and show that the project goes beyond the classroom to affect the community in a positive manner.

### **To be eligible for a Making a Difference Award, agencies must fulfill the following requirements:**

- Data Requirements:
  - o Must have submitted all California WIOA, Title II: AEFLA data submission requirements for the last four quarters in a timely manner.
  - o Must be at or above the 2022-2023 California state student performance levels for Civic Participation or IELCE programs or show significant improvement over the last program year.
- Complete all nomination and verification requirements.
- Agency must show that their EL Civics program or activity takes lessons beyond the classroom to affect the community-at-large positively.

### **What can Making a Difference Award winners expect?**

- Recipients are presented with the award by the CDE Administrator at the 2024 CASAS Summer Institute California Consortium Meeting.
- Agencies are invited to present a poster at the CASAS Summer Institute Promising Practices Session and/or be part of an EL Civics Panel Discussion session.
- Information about award recipients is posted on the CASAS website and in conference materials.
- Agencies are invited to present their award-winning project/activity at various conferences and network meetings throughout the program year.
- Agencies serve as a model for other programs seeking to implement successful Civic Participation or IELCE projects.

### **How to Apply: DEADLINE- April 15 each year**

- Complete out and submit a completed application form by the deadline above by email.
- If your practice fulfills all data and student performance requirements, you will be invited to present at the CASAS Summer Institute.
- Agencies are subject to final approval by CDE, and winners are contacted via mail and email.
- ***To learn more about the Making a Difference Award, and to view previous award recipients, visit <https://www.casas.org/>***



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**Application Form**  
**DEADLINE: April 15 each year**

**Project/Activity Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency / Program Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency / Program Phone and Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Administrator / Principal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Administrator / Principal Phone and Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Summary Description of Project/Activity (3-4 sentences):**

**Goals of the Project/Activity (3-4 sentences):**

**Civic Participation or IELCE Learning Objective(s) Addressed with this Project/Activity:**

**How does this project/activity use Civic Participation /IELCE lessons to affect the community-at-large positively (3-4 sentences)?**

**E-Mail as attachment (sfitzpatrick@casas.org) by April 15**