

Suffolk receives \$100K ESL grant from NY

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As part of \$2 million community service block grant, the [New York Department of State](#) announced it will be giving Suffolk County \$100,000 to further English as a Second Language programs.

The money will be given to the [Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk](#) – a nonprofit organization educating minority communities. The ESL program will focus on basic and intermediate grammar and writing, while another program will also be funded that focuses on financial literacy for adults that focuses on banking, financial recovery, credit and loans.

Of the \$2 million in work force development grants awarded by the state, 10 went to downstate counties, while another 11 awards were provided upstate. Secretary of State Cesar Perales said the purpose of the grants was to aid struggling New Yorkers find employment by giving them the skills that make them more marketable.

“Providing millions of New Yorkers who are not fluent in English with the ability to learn the language will be instrumental to tearing down barriers to employment,” Perales said in a prepared statement.