



AMERICA'S LANGUAGES  
FOR ALL LEARNERS

Interagency Language Roundtable  
May 2022

## America's Languages Portal: Government Language Programs Advancing Access and Equity

“America’s Languages  
Initiative”

May 20, 2022



# Origins

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

FEB 2017 REPORT

## *America's Languages: Investing in Language Education for the 21st Century*

2015 Commission on Language Learning





# AMERICA'S LANGUAGES INITIATIVE

## 2015-2017 Launch

- AAAS Commission Report
- Working Group
- Advocacy
- 'Call to Action'

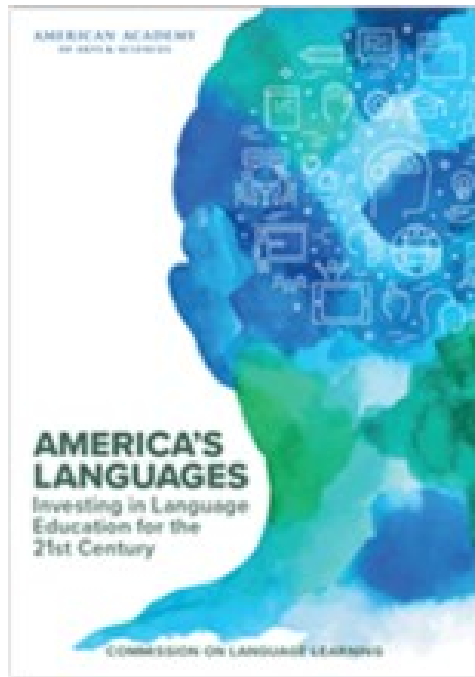
## 2020-2021: Infrastructure

- Mellon Funding
- Website Development
- America's Languages Fellows
- University Home

- 2021-22 *America's Languages Portal*
- Public Vetting and Impact Assessment

- Website revision & public launch
- Assessment & Future Strategy Planning
- National Colloquium

# UNIQUENESS



- Rhetoric:
  - All of “America’s Languages” & “America’s Learners”
- Mechanism:
  - America’s Languages Working Group & Fellows
- Platform:
  - The Portal  
(<http://americaslanguages.org/>)
- Public Assessment & Vetting:
  - National Colloquium





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NEW WEBSITE

## America's Languages Portal

Model Programs & Practices  
Advancing Access & Equity in  
U.S. Language Education

# America's Languages Portal

Demonstration

# LANGUAGE ENTERPRISE

- Academe
- Government
- Business
- NGOs
- Heritage Communities
- Indigenous Communities



# How Should Government Language Programs Participate in America's Languages?

Goals for this presentation:

- Ensure that you, as Government language leaders are aware of this new national effort.
- Engage in a discussion about how Government programs might participate in this effort.



# How Should Government Language Programs Participate in America's Languages?

## As observers

- To support this effort to improve language education in the U.S.
- To evaluate the use of this pool of programs as a potential recruiting source for hiring or participation in Government programs.

## As active participants

- To provide models for language programs as a part of the Portal – identify someone to help identify and evaluate programs for this purpose.

# How to Proceed

- Do Government language programs fit in this effort?
- If so, how are they to be listed in the Portal?
- If so, how do we encourage programs to apply?
- If they do, would Government language experts serve as AL Fellows responsible for approving programs for the Portal?
- If they do, will the Portal programs serve as models for peers and for resource investment?

# The Portal with Government Language Programs

How could we proceed?

- Selection of America's Languages Fellows from the Government who know:
  - Where the language programs are in the USG: DoD, IC, Agriculture, DODEA, etc.?
  - Which, if any, are interested in recruiting learners in our list of historically underserved?
  - Which programs would want a place on the Portal? What's in it for them?

# THE US GOVERNMENT & AMERICA'S LANGUAGES

If you agree, our response:

- Add a new segment: US Government Language Programs
- Work with a US Government team to:
  - modify the Application Form
  - designate new ALFs
  - Invite applications

Questions?

Comments?

- WITHOUT ACCESS THERE IS NO DIVERSITY OR INCLUSION
- WITHOUT DIVERSITY & INCLUSION, THERE IS NO BILINGUAL USG Community