

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: January 6, 2023

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Announcing Competitive Grants for FY2023 Workforce Innovation and

Opportunity Act (WIOA), Title II, Adult Education and Family Literacy

(AEFLA) Awards

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, is pleased to announce multi year, competitive grants for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 authorized under Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, available to eligible providers within the Commonwealth of Virginia. The WIOA Combined State Plan for the Commonwealth of Virginia establishes priorities to prepare an educated and skilled workforce that expands opportunities for workers and employers in Virginia.

The competitive grant funding will be available July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, with two continuation years possible, for the following programs:

- Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) with Corrections Education and Other Institutionalized Individuals (C&I); and
- Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE)

The Competitive Grant Application package may be downloaded from the <u>VDOE website</u>. Accompanying files must be requested from <u>OAEL@doe.virginia.gov</u>.

Submissions must be received by email to OAEL@doe.virginia.gov by 4 p.m. on March 17, 2023.

Eligible provider organizations may include, but are not limited to:

- a local education agency
- a community-based literacy organization or faith-based organization
- a volunteer literacy organization

- an institution of higher education
- a public or private nonprofit agency
- a library
- a public housing authority
- a nonprofit institution that is not described previously and has the ability to provide literacy services to eligible individuals
- a consortium or coalition of agencies, organizations, institutions, libraries, or authorities described previously
- a partnership between an employer and an entity described above
- other

Only an organization that has demonstrated effectiveness in providing adult education and literacy services is eligible to apply for AEFLA funds. If the application is submitted by a consortium of providers, each member of the consortium must submit the required documentation to demonstrate that it meets or exceeds the acceptable level of performance.

A Pre-Proposal Webinar for the Virginia Adult Education 2023-2025 Competitive Grant Application will be held **January 13, 2023, from 1-3 p.m**. Register in advance to receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

All questions about this opportunity must be submitted to the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education staff at OAEL@doe.virginia.gov.

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