



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**DATE:** March 31, 2023

**TO:** Division Superintendents

**FROM:** Aimee Guidera, Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction and Secretary of Education

**SUBJECT:** **Announcing Competitive Grants for FY2023 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title II Awards for Correctional Education**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, is pleased to announce a multiyear, competitive grants for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 authorized under Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. The grant is 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:

- Opportunity 3.0 Corrections Education and Other Institutionalized Individuals (C&I)

The Competitive Grant Application package for Opportunity 3.0 may be downloaded from the [VDOE website](#). This application package includes revisions from the application package initially released on January 6, 2023, in [Superintendent's Memo #001-23](#). (Please note that an eligible provider that submits an application under [Adult Education and Family Literacy Act \(AEFLA\) with Corrections Education and Other Institutionalized Individuals \(C&I\) or Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education \(IELCE\)](#) does not need to resubmit under [Opportunity 3.0: Corrections Education and Other Institutionalized Individuals \(C&I\)](#).)

The VDOE will host a live webinar on April 14, 2023, from 10-11:30 a.m. to introduce Opportunity 3.0. Interested participants are encouraged to preregister. All related resources, an archived recording of the April 14, 2023, webinar, and Frequently Asked Questions will be posted on the Adult Education Grants and Funding webpage. Accompanying files must be requested from [OAEL@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:OAEL@doe.virginia.gov).

Submissions must be received by email to [OAEL@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:OAEL@doe.virginia.gov) by 4 p.m. on May 5, 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, or
- 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.

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

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