



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Jobs for Virginia Graduates (JVG) Competitive Grant Award Application for School Year (SY) 2015-2016

The Virginia General Assembly has allocated an additional \$200,000 in state funds for fiscal year 2016 for the Jobs for Virginia Graduates (JVG) program for total funding in fiscal year 2016 of \$573,776. The primary mission of the JVG program is to assist high school students who are at risk of dropping out or have other barriers to graduation and provide additional supports that enable these students to graduate and to secure and retain quality jobs. The funds are being provided in order to increase the funding in existing JVG programs and to add additional JVG programs in local school divisions using the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) national model.

Three programs – the senior-only model, the multi-year model for grades 9-12, and the middle school model for grades 7 and 8 – may be offered independently or in combination. School divisions may use the grant funds to employ a job specialist who will work directly with the students that meet the program criteria. New job specialists are required to attend the JAG National Training Seminar in the month of July. The JVG model presently serves students in 16 school divisions across the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Department of Education serves as fiscal agent for these programs.

School divisions that are interested in submitting a JVG Competitive Grant Award Application for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016) must complete the attached application packet and submit two copies with original signatures. The JVG Competitive Grant Award Application packets must be received no later than 5 p.m. on March 2, 2015, or postmarked no later than midnight March 2, 2015.

Application packets must be mailed to: Lolita B. Hall, Director, Office of Career and Technical Education, Virginia Department of Education, P. O. Box 2120, Richmond, VA 23218-2120.

For hand-carried documents, the street address is: James Monroe Building, 21st Floor - CTE, 101 North Fourteenth Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

All inquiries for information should be directed to: W. Terry Dougherty, grants administrator, Career and Technical Education, Virginia Department of Education, at 804/225-3349 or via e-mail at Terry.Dougherty@doe.virginia.gov or Barry Glenn, JVG President and CEO, at 804/513-1931 or via e-mail at rbarryglenn@gmail.com.

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Attachment:

A. [Jobs for Virginia Graduates \(JVG\) Competitive Grant Award Program Introduction and Application Packet](#) (Word)