



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: PluggedInVA Grant Application for 2015-2016

Adult education programs funded by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) are invited to apply for state funding to support the PluggedInVA initiative for FY 2015-2016. The funds are to be used for implementation of a PluggedInVA program or maintenance of an existing PluggedInVA program. Eligible applicants may apply for grants of \$35,000 for maintenance grants for existing programs or \$50,000 for new programs. If approved, grants will be authorized for the period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending May 31, 2016. The PluggedInVA application packet can be found on the Office of Adult Education and Literacy's (OAEL) Web site at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/adulted/grants_funding/index.shtml.

The purpose of the PluggedInVA initiative is to provide adult learners who lack a high school credential with a contextualized high school equivalency program integrated with technical workplace skills training as a means to prepare for postsecondary education and employment in targeted industries.

Eligible applicants for PluggedInVA grants are regional adult education programs funded by OAEL and local adult education programs that receive AEFLA funding through a regional consortium. The PluggedInVA program is supported by state lottery funds. Under state law, lottery funds must be distributed to localities or school divisions only. Therefore, it will be necessary for community-based organizations and community colleges that operate regional adult education programs to partner with a school division in the region that will serve as fiscal agent for the PluggedInVA funds.

Applications (one original set and three copies) must be received by OAEL no later than 2 p.m., June 12, 2015. All materials should be mailed, commercially delivered, or hand delivered. Faxed copies, including document revisions, will not be accepted.

For questions regarding PluggedInVA or the application process, please contact Rachel Morrissey, specialist for adult federal programs and career pathways, OAEL, via e-mail at rachel.morrissey@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 371-7852.

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