



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: PluggedInVA Grant Application for 2013-2014

State funding in the amount of \$465,375 is available to support the PluggedInVA initiative for FY 2013-2014. Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) funded adult education programs are eligible to apply for these funds. The funds are to be used for implementation of a PluggedInVA program or maintenance of an existing PluggedInVA program. Grants will be authorized for the period beginning July 1, 2013, and ending May 31, 2014. The PluggedInVA application packet can be found on the OAEL's 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 General Educational Development (GED®) program integrated with technical workplace skills training as a means to prepare for postsecondary education and entry-level jobs in targeted industries.

Eligible applicants for PluggedInVA grants are regional adult education programs funded by OAEL or 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. At least one grant will be provided per superintendents' region.

An informational webinar for prospective PluggedInVA grant applicants has been scheduled for April 26, 2013. Details are available on the Office of Adult Education and Literacy (OAEL) Web site at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/adulted/grants_funding/index.shtml.

Applications (one original set and three copies) must be received by OAEL no later than 2 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), June 5, 2013. All materials should be mailed, commercially delivered, or hand delivered. Faxed copies, including document revisions, will not be accepted.

For questions regarding PluggedInVA, the application process, or finance, please contact James André, specialist for federal programs, OAEL, via e-mail at James.Andre@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 371-7852.

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