

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL

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STATE BOARD MEETING DATE May 19, 2014

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SUBJECT: Adult Education College and Career Readiness Awards FY 2015: Year 2

SUBMITTED BY: Karen Liersch, Deputy Associate Superintendent Adult Education Services

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ARS 15-234, Federal P.L. 105-220 (Title II of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998), and the Arizona State Plan for Adult Education authorize allocation of funds for the establishment and maintenance of adult education including:

1. Adult Basic Education/Adult Secondary Education
2. Adult Basic Education/Adult Secondary Education Distance Learning
3. English Language Acquisition for Adults/EL Civics

Arizona Adult Education receives \$11.2 million annually through Title II of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 to deliver Adult Basic Education (ABE), Adult Secondary Education (ASE), and English Language Acquisition for Adults (ELAA) services to adults 16-years-of-age or older who are not enrolled in K-12 schools. WIA legislation provides for a state leadership set aside to fund activities which include those that integrate college and career readiness skills into adult education instruction.

Arizona's 1.1 million adults who lack basic academic skills or a GED need a 21st century education so they can successfully transition to college or career training. Unfortunately, most adult education programs are unprepared to help learners cross that bridge in a systematic, deliberate and effective manner.

The purpose of this two year initiative is to help adult education programs integrate career pathways and post-secondary transition components into their instruction so that adult learners are better prepared to transition to postsecondary education or employment.

The State Board is requested to approve funding for the Arizona College and Career Readiness Awards FY2015.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:

Approve Adult Education College and Career Readiness awards for FY 2015.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []

CONTRACT ABSTRACT

Proposed contract between the State Board of Education, acting for and on behalf of the Department of Education and the following party(ies):

Purpose:

This initiative enables Adult Education providers to continue and broaden the impact of the College and Career Pathways Pilot Project and to aid in integrating college and career readiness efforts in all programs and all academic levels of Adult Education. This initiative will continue to prepare Arizona for the coming system change in adult education nationwide in helping learners identify career goals and take the first steps towards life after adult education in either postsecondary education and/or a career pathway.

Eligible Applicants:

Adult Education providers currently funded by the Arizona Department of Education. (See attached list)

Contract Amount:

Not to exceed \$2,145,796

Source of Funds:

Authorizing Legislation:

- The Workforce Investment Act of 1998: Title II, Title V.
- ARS 15-232 and 15-234

Index No.(s): 48861, 43363

Responsible Unit at Department of Education:

Adult Education Services

Deputy Associate Superintendent: Karen Liersch

Program Contact: Jerald Goode

Dates of Contract:

July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

Previous Contract History

The Board has approved the awarding of Federal Assistance and State Leadership money to existing ADE/AES-funded adult education programs since 1998.

Number Affected (Students, Teachers, Public, as appropriate):

20,000 students annually
700 teachers

Method of Determining Contract Amount(s):

Standard Annual Assistance:

Local programs submit a grant application that includes a proposal for services and a one-year budget. Proposed services and budgets are reviewed and negotiated by ADE. Factors considered are: (1) need based on number of adults in the county (a) without a high school diploma and (b) who lack basic English literacy skills, (2) designated populations served, (3) geographic distribution of dollars throughout the state, (4) available funding, (5) applicant's performance and funding history, (6) applicant's history of compliance with contractual provisions

Supplemental Awards:

This one-year supplemental award represents 20% of each program's basic annual award.

Evaluation Plan:

Background: Adult Education contracts are awarded through a competitive application process. The annual adult education renewal to each local program is dependent upon the program's ability to meet annual state performance targets in: (1) educational gains, (2) obtaining GED's, (3) successful transition to post- secondary education, (4) obtaining employment. Each program's performance data is monitored annually. Those programs that do not meet the state performance targets are placed on a corrective action plan. A program's repeated failure may result in loss of funding.

In addition to these annual performance requirements, for the FY2015 College & Career Readiness Supplemental Award local programs have completed a self-assessment of their service delivery in terms of the degree to which it includes those operational and instructional components identified as necessary for the successful transition of students from adult education to college and careers. Each program then developed a College and Career Readiness Implementation Plan, including a timeline and budget. The end-of-year evaluation will assess whether programs did complete their implementation plan. Long-term follow up data will evaluate whether increasing numbers of adult education students successfully transition to postsecondary education and employment.

**Arizona Department of Education
Adult Education Services
FY2015 College & Career Readiness Awards**

Program	Total allocation not to exceed
Adult Literacy Plus of Southwest Arizona	\$66,005
Arizona Call-A-Teen	\$35,984
Camp Verde Adult Reading	\$15,062
Central Arizona College	\$55,000
Cochise College	\$111,441
Coconino Community College	\$57,977
Friendly House, Inc.	\$59,629
Gila County Adult Education	\$16,238
Gilbert Unified School District	\$15,970
La Paz Career Center	\$18,093
Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County	\$83,517
Literacy Volunteers of Santa Cruz	\$33,238
Maricopa County Adult Probation	\$57,670
Mesa Unified School District	\$115,015
Mohave Community College	\$40,836
Northland Pioneer College	\$73,780
Phoenix Indian Center	\$12,741
Pima Community College Adult Education	\$486,900
Pima County Adult Probation	\$24,950
Queen Creek USD	\$42,604
Rio Salado Community College	\$549,868
Santa Cruz County Continuing Education	\$38,143
South Yuma County Consortium	\$26,792
Tempe Union High School District	\$55,458
Yavapai College	\$52,885

Total \$2,145,796