

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL



STATE BOARD MEETING DATE May 19, 2014

SUBJECT: Adult Education Assistance Awards FY 2015

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

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ARS 15-232, 15-234, and 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

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1. assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency;
2. assist adults who are parents to obtain the educational skills necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children; and
3. assist adults in the completion of a secondary school education.

Government fiscal support for the Arizona Adult Education system has historically been provided through a combination of federal and state funding, with the federal dollars requiring a three to one (federal to state) match. Additionally, the federal grant requires a 90% maintenance of state effort which, if reduced, would incur a proportional cut in federal dollars.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: INFORMATION ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:

Approve adult education local grant awards for FY 2015.

ATTACHMENTS: YES 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):

Name of Contracting Party(ies):

See attached list.

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Eligible Applicants:

1. A local education agency
2. A community-based organization of demonstrated effectiveness
3. A volunteer literacy organization of demonstrated effectiveness
4. An institute of higher education
5. A public or private nonprofit agency
6. A library
7. A public housing authority
8. A nonprofit institution that is not described in any of these subparagraphs and has the ability to provide literacy services to adults and families and
9. A consortium of the agencies, organizations, institutions, libraries, or authorities described in any of the subparagraphs 1-8
10. Correctional Institutions (prison, jail, reformatory, workplace detention center, halfway house, community-based rehabilitation center, or any other similar institution designed for the confinement or rehabilitation of criminal offenders.)

Contract Amount:

Not to exceed \$10,728,990

Source of Funds:

Authorizing Legislation:

- ARS 15-232 and 15-234
- The Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Title II: The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (P.L. 105-220)
- The Arizona State Plan for Adult Education.

Index No.(s): 43363, 53363, 43369, 53369, 51167

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. (Current federal authorizing legislation has again been extended through FY2015.)

Previous Contract History:

The Board has approved local grant awards since 1965.

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

20,000 students

700 teachers

Method of Determining Contract Amount(s):

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.

Evaluation Plan:

Local providers have conducted a self-assessment of their program operations, and receive a comprehensive technical assistance review every three years. Additionally, local program performance data is reviewed annually, and performance funding awards are based on the attainment of educational gains, High School Equivalency diplomas obtained, and student advancement to postsecondary education or employment. Local Adult Education programs that do not meet state performance goals are placed on a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). Programs not improving risk losing funding.

**Arizona Department of Education
Adult Education Services
FY2015 Assistance Allocations**

Program	Total Allocation not to exceed
Arizona Call A Teen	179,918
Adult Literacy Plus of Southwest Arizona	330,024
Cam Verde Adult Reading	75,312
Central Arizona College	275,000
Cochise College	557,207
Coconino College	289,886
Friendly House, Inc.	298,146
Gila County Adult Education	81,189
Gilbert Unified School District	79,850
La Paz Career Center	90,464
Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County	417,586
Literacy Volunteers of Santa Cruz County	166,191
Maricopa County Adult Probation	288,350
Mesa Unified School District	575,075
Mohave Community College	204,180
Northland Pioneer College	368,901
Phoenix Indian Center	63,706
Pima College Adult Education	2,434,500
Pima County Adult Probation	124,751
Queen Creek Unified School District	213,020
Rio Salado Community College	2,749,342
Santa Cruz County Continuing Education	190,716
South Yuma County Consortium	133,960
Tempe Union High School District	277,289
Yavapai College	264,427
Totals	10,728,990