



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

DATE: June 30, 2017
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: PluggedInVA Grant Application 2017-2018

The 2017 General Assembly has provided state funding in the amount of \$465,375 for fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018) to school divisions for approved regional adult education programs. The funds are to be used for implementation of a new PluggedInVA program or maintenance of an existing program. Eligible applicants may apply for competitive grants of \$35,000 for the maintenance of existing programs or \$50,000 for new programs. The [application packet](#) is located on the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) website.

PluggedInVA is a career pathway program that prepares adults with the workforce training and education they will need to succeed in high-demand, high-wage careers. In partnership with local employers and postsecondary institutions, the program provides learners an opportunity to simultaneously complete a high school equivalency (HSE) credential; earn digital skills credentials, an employability certificate such as the Career Readiness Certificate (CRC), and industry-specific credentials; and strengthen their academic and professional skills.

The PluggedInVA grant program is available through the state Lottery funding. School divisions and nonschool division entities that operate a regional adult education program in partnership with a school division are eligible to apply for these funds.

An original grant application should be emailed to oacl@doe.virginia.gov and three paper copies mailed to:

Virginia Department of Education
Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education
James Monroe Building, 21st Floor
101 North 14th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Both electronic and paper applications must be received **no later than 4 p.m., July 20, 2017**. Applications not meeting the delivery deadline will not be considered.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenna Kelly, Adult Career Pathways Specialist, at jenna.kelly@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 371-7852.

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