



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 Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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 fiscal year 2014-2015. 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 the maintenance of existing programs or \$50,000 for the development of new programs. Because a final state budget has not yet been adopted for fiscal year 2015, the availability of funding is still pending final approval by the General Assembly. If approved, grants will be authorized for the period beginning July 1, 2014 and ending May 31, 2015. The PluggedInVA application packet can be found on the Office of Adult Education and Literacy (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 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 local 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. If funding permits, at least one grant will be provided per superintendents' region.

An informational webinar for prospective PluggedInVA grant applicants has been scheduled for May 28, 2014. 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 and three copies) must be received by OAEL no later than 2 p.m., June 11, 2014. All materials should be mailed, commercially delivered, or hand delivered. Faxed copies, including document revisions, will not be accepted.

For questions regarding the PluggedInVA initiative or the application process, 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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