

Topical Heading
Adult Education

Program Title
Adult Education—Basic Grants to States

CFDA # (or ED #)
84.002

Administering Office
Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE)

Who May Apply (by category)
State Education Agencies (SEAs)

Who May Apply (specifically)
Awards are made to state eligible agencies, as defined in 20 *U.S.C.* 9202(4), that under state law are solely responsible for administering or supervising statewide policy for adult education and literacy, including such entities as SEAs, postsecondary agencies, or workforce agencies.

The Department provides grants to these state eligible agencies, which, in turn, fund local projects. The following types of entities are eligible to apply to state eligible agencies for funds: local education agencies (LEAs); community-based organizations (CBOs) of demonstrated effectiveness; volunteer literacy organizations of demonstrated effectiveness; institutions of higher education (IHEs); public or private nonprofit agencies; libraries; public housing authorities; other nonprofit institutions that have the ability to provide literacy services to adults and families; and consortia of the agencies, organizations, institutions, libraries or authorities previously described.

Type of Assistance (by category)
Formula Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2006	\$563,975,280
Fiscal Year 2007	\$563,975,280
Fiscal Year 2008	\$554,122,357

Fiscal Year 2008 Awards Information
Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 57
Average New Award: \$10,442,445
Range of New Awards: \$34,869–\$77,897,938

Legislative Citation
Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA); 20 U.S.C. 9201 et seq.

Program Regulations
EDGAR; 34 CFR 462. Also, nonregulatory guidance for adult education programs is provided to states.

Program Description
This program provides grants to states to fund local programs of adult education and literacy services, including workplace literacy services; family literacy services; English literacy programs and integrated English literacy-civics education programs. Participation in these programs is limited to adults and out-of-school youths age 16 and older who are not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school under state law.

Types of Projects
More than 3,000 programs deliver instruction through public schools, community colleges, libraries, and CBOs, and other providers. The programs provide instruction in reading, numeracy, General Educational Development (GED) preparation, and English literacy. More than 2.4 million adults participated in programs in program year 2006–07.

Education Level (by category)
Adult, Out-of-School Youth

Education Level (specifically)

Below the postsecondary level

Subject Index

Adult Education, Adult Literacy, English (Second Language), High School Equivalency Programs, Limited English Proficiency, Out-of-School Youth

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Links to Related Web Sites

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/adultedbasic/index.html>
<http://www.ed.gov/fund/data/report/AdultEd/2003allotment.html>