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Adult Education and Family Literacy Act – Integrated English Literacy and Civics
Education

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NDE shall ensure that all eligible providers have direct and equitable access to apply for grants or contracts under this section and that the same grant or contract announcement process is used for all eligible providers. This is a competitive process. There is no guarantee that submitting a proposal will result in funding. Applicants that are not recommended for funding will be notified and may reapply in future grant competitions.

34 CFR 76.401(5)

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Under other programs covered by this part, a State agency—other than a State educational agency—is not required to provide an opportunity for a hearing regarding the agency’s disapproval of an application.

(c) If an applicant for a subgrant alleges that any of the following actions of a State educational agency violates a State or Federal statute or regulation, the State educational agency and the applicant shall use the procedures in paragraph (d) of this section: (1) Disapproval of or failure to approve the application or project in whole or in part. (2) Failure to provide funds in amounts in accordance with the requirements of statutes and regulations.

(d) State educational agency hearing procedures. (1) If the applicant applied under a program listed in paragraph (a) of this section, the State educational agency shall provide an opportunity for a hearing before the agency disapproves the application. (2) If the applicant applied under a program not listed in paragraph (a) of this section, the State educational agency shall provide an opportunity for a hearing either before or after the agency disapproves the application. (3) The applicant shall request the hearing within 30 days of the action of the State educational agency.

If the State educational agency does not rescind its final action after a review under this paragraph, the applicant may appeal to the Secretary. The applicant shall file a notice of the appeal with the Secretary within 20 days after the applicant has been notified by the State educational agency of the results of the agency's review. If supported by substantial evidence, findings of fact of the State educational agency are final.

Applicable references include AEFLA 231(c) and 34 CFR 76.401

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Acronyms and Definitions

ABE:	Adult basic education
ADA:	Americans with Disabilities Act
AEFLA:	Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act which funds adult education services.
ASE:	Adult secondary education
CCRS:	College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education
CASAS:	Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System, a national assessment-to-instruction system based on competencies identified as essential for adults to function effectively in their multiple life roles of employees, family members and community members.
DAEL:	Division of Adult Education and Literacy, the Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education of the United States Department of Education.
EFL:	Educational functioning level; the descriptor of student performance determined by standardized testing used by the National Reporting System.
ELA:	English Language Acquisition
ESL:	English as a second language
FERPA:	The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, legislation which protects the rights of learners to have their educational records remain private and ensures that educational records are not shared with other agencies or individuals without the learner's written permission.
GED®:	General Educational Development test battery
HiSET:	High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) battery
IDEA:	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, federal legislation on education services for individuals with disabilities.
IELCE:	Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education, federal funding for services and programs to adults in need of English language instruction, skills necessary to pass the U.S. Citizenship examination, technology skills, and competencies in governmental, educational and workplace systems.
IEP:	Individual Education Plan, a required plan of action and educational support for pupils with disabilities in public schools.
IET:	Integrated Education and Training; services that include adult education and literacy, workforce preparation skills, and workforce training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster.

LD:	Learning Disability
LEP:	Limited English proficiency, status of learners with limited English language skills
LWDB:	Local Workforce Development Board
MOE:	Maintenance of Effort
MSG:	Measurable Skill Gain
NDE:	Nevada Department of Education
NRS:	Nevada Revised Statutes; or National Reporting System for data collection and reporting as required under AEFLA.
OCTAE:	Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, office in the United States Education Department where the Division of Adult Education and Literacy is housed.
TABE:	Tests of Adult Basic Education, an approved assessment for ABE students
TABE CLAS-E:	Tests of Adult Basic Education Complete Language Assessment System-English, an approved assessment for ESL students
WIA:	Workforce Investment Act
WIOA:	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act: federal workforce development legislation, of which, Adult Education and Family Literacy is Title II. Became effective July 22, 2014.

I. Request for Proposals Overview

Grant Requirements

Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) Grant Program

Elements in the following subsections are noted as Federal (F) requirements or State (S) requirements.

Purpose (F)

The purpose of the 243 Funding for Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE), under the AEFLA, is to:

WIOA 243(c) (1) prepare adults who are English language learners for, and place such adults in, unsubsidized employment in in-demand industries and occupations that lead to economic self-sufficiency; and (2) integrate with the local workforce development system and its functions to carry out the activities of the program.

Funds must be used to provide educational services below the postsecondary level to those members of the community who are eligible individuals:

(4) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term "eligible individual" means an individual—

(A) who has attained 16 years of age;

(B) who is not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school under State law; and

(C) who—

(i) is basic skills deficient;

(ii) does not have a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, and has not achieved an equivalent level of education; or

(iii) is an English language learner.

Services provided through Section 243 must include education services that enable adult English language learners to achieve competency in the English language and acquire the basic and more advanced skills needed to function effectively as parents, workers, and citizens in the United States. It must include instruction in literacy and English language acquisition and instruction on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and civic participation.

Additionally, the Section 243 IELCE program must be provided in combination with integrated education and training (IET). (F) The requirements are on the program and not the individual participant. The required components of IELCE funding through Section 243 include the following:

- Literacy Instruction
- English Language Acquisition
- Civics Education
- Workforce Preparation Activities
- Workforce Training for a Specific Occupation or Sector

Programs may meet the requirement for workforce training in one of two ways, co-enrolling participants in integrated education and training that is provided within the local or regional workforce development area from sources other than Section 243 or using Section 243 funds to support integrated education and training activities.

State Plan (F/S)

The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) distributes federal funds provided to the State by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Act and the Nevada WIOA Unified State Plan.

Eligible Applicants (F)

All applications received will be screened to determine eligibility prior to scoring. Applications will first be reviewed internally to determine that all required documents are included with original signatures, as well as documentation required to show “Demonstrated Effectiveness”. Applications that are incomplete or determined to be from a provider that is not an eligible provider of “Demonstrated Effectiveness”, as documented in part one of the application or within the application for Basic funds, will not be reviewed or scored by the review panel. In the case of applicants applying as a consortium or using subcontractors, each member of a consortium must provide performance data to demonstrate effectiveness.

Applicants applying for both basic funds and IELCE funds will only need to address the required documentation for demonstrated effectiveness once.

Sec. § 463.24 (a) For the purposes of this section, an eligible provider must demonstrate past effectiveness by providing performance data on its record of improving the skills of eligible individuals, particularly eligible individuals who have low levels of literacy, in the content domains of reading, writing, mathematics, English language acquisition, and other subject areas relevant to the services contained in the State's application for funds. An eligible provider must also provide information regarding its outcomes for participants related to employment, attainment of secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, and transition to postsecondary education and training; and (b) There are two ways in which an eligible provider may meet the requirements in paragraph (a) of this section:

(1) An eligible provider that has been funded under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act must provide performance data to demonstrate past effectiveness.

(2) An eligible provider that has not been previously funded under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act must provide performance data to demonstrate its past effectiveness in serving basic skills deficient eligible individuals, including evidence of its success in achieving outcomes listed in paragraph (a) of this section.

Eligible applicants are organizations that have demonstrated effectiveness in providing adult education and literacy activities that may include:

(A) a local educational agency; (B) a community-based organization or faith-based organization;

(C) a volunteer literacy organization; (D) an institution of higher education; (E) a public or private nonprofit agency; (F) a library; (G) a public housing authority; (H) a nonprofit institution that is not described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (G) and has the ability to provide adult education and literacy activities to eligible individuals; (I) a consortium or coalition of the agencies, organizations, institutions, libraries, or authorities described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (H); (J) a partnership between an employer and an entity described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (I). AEFLA 203(5); and (K) other.

Program Standards (F/S)

The **College and Career Readiness Standards**, released in April 2013 by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education, provide the framework for scope and content of adult education services and activities, and are the foundation for program evaluation and improvement in AEFLA-funded programs administered by the Nevada Department of Education. Nevada has adopted the [College and Career Readiness \(CCR\) Standards for Adult Education](#).

Thirteen (13) Considerations in Evaluating Local Program Applications (F)

AEFLA 231(e) Considerations – In awarding grants or contracts under this section, the eligible agency (State) shall consider –

- (1) the degree to which the eligible provider would be responsive to—
 - (A) regional needs as identified in the local plan under section 108; and*
 - (B) serving individuals in the community who were identified in such plan as most in need of adult education and literacy activities, including individuals—
 - (i) who have low levels of literacy skills; or*
 - (ii) who are English language learners;***
- (2) the ability of the eligible provider to serve eligible individuals with disabilities, including eligible individuals with learning disabilities;*
- (3) past effectiveness of the eligible provider in improving the literacy of eligible individuals, to meet State-adjusted levels of performance for the primary indicators of performance described in WIOA section 116, especially with respect to eligible individuals who have low levels of literacy;*
- (4) the extent to which the eligible provider demonstrates alignment between proposed activities and services and the strategy and goals of the local plan under section 108, as well as the activities and services of the one-stop partners;*
- (5) whether the eligible provider’s program—
 - (A) is of sufficient intensity and quality, and based on the most rigorous research available so that participants achieve substantial learning gains; and*
 - (B) uses instructional practices that include the essential components of reading instruction;**
- (6) whether the eligible provider’s activities, including whether reading, writing, speaking, mathematics, and English language acquisition instruction delivered by the eligible provider, are based on the best practices derived from the most rigorous research available and appropriate, including scientifically valid research and effective educational practice;*
- (7) whether the eligible provider’s activities effectively use technology, services, and delivery systems, including distance education in a manner sufficient to increase the amount and quality of learning and how such technology, services, and systems lead to improved performance;*
- (8) whether the eligible provider’s activities provide learning in context, including through integrated education and training, so that an individual acquires the skills needed to transition to and complete postsecondary education and training programs, obtain and advance in employment leading to economic self-sufficiency, and to exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship;*
- (9) whether the eligible provider’s activities are delivered by well-trained instructors, counselors, and administrators who meet any minimum qualifications established by the State, where applicable, and who have access to high quality professional development, including through electronic means;*
- (10) whether the eligible provider’s activities coordinate with other available education, training, and social service resources in the community, such as by establishing strong links with elementary schools and secondary schools, postsecondary educational institutions, institutions of higher education, local workforce investment boards, one-stop centers, job training programs, and social service agencies, business, industry, labor organizations, community-based organizations, nonprofit organizations, and intermediaries, for the development of career pathways;*
- (11) whether the eligible provider’s activities offer flexible schedules and coordination with Federal, State, and local support services (such as child care, transportation, mental health services, and career planning) that are necessary to enable individuals, including individuals with disabilities or other special needs, to attend and complete programs;*
- (12) whether the eligible provider maintains a high-quality information management system that has the capacity to report measurable participant outcomes (consistent with section 116) and to monitor program performance; and*

(13) whether the local areas in which the eligible provider is located have a demonstrated need for additional English language acquisition programs and civics education programs.

Available Funds (F)

A minimum of \$750,000 will be available for distribution to successful applicants.

Funding Formula (S)

Successful applicants will be funded based on the following factors:

- equal base amount per awarded applicant;
- remaining funds divided by estimated enrollment.

The funding amounts are subject to change as needed, for both the initial award and years two and three of the grant cycle, as determined by NDE.

Supplement, Not Supplant (F/S)

Funds for this program must be used to **supplement (increase the level of services) and not supplant (replace) funds** from nonfederal sources. **Any program activity required by state law, State Board of Education rules, or local board policy may not be paid with these funds (S). State or local funds may not be decreased or diverted for other uses merely because of the availability of these funds.** Grantees must maintain documentation which clearly demonstrates the supplementary nature of these funds. *AEFLA 241(a)*

Match (S)

Through the Basic State Grant Program, states receive federal funds annually according to a statutorily defined formula. Local funded programs must match a minimum of 25% of the allocated amount of federal funds with state and local contributions, which may be in cash or in-kind; the program must then maintain the level of effort in subsequent years. The funding level may be reduced proportionately if the applicant is not able to meet the match requirement.

Review Process (F/S)

Applications determined to be complete and from an eligible provider of “Demonstrated Effectiveness” will be evaluated by a review panel. “Demonstrated Effectiveness” must be addressed in the first part of the application, where as the “Past Effectiveness” is addressed in part two of the application. **Both must be included in the application.**

The review panel will be comprised of both NDE and non-NDE individuals with expertise in areas related to adult education and family literacy, and representatives from state and local agencies serving similar populations. Review panel members will be solicited from all regions of the state.

Each application will be evaluated solely on the criteria identified in this application. Receipt of a grant award in a previous competition is not, and should not be regarded as, a guarantee of funding in the current competition. Applicants not funded in previous competitions are not precluded and may apply for funding in the current competition. Once all the applications have been evaluated, the review panel will submit to NDE its ranking of applications. **Final funding decisions will be made by NDE.**

Applications will be reviewed by the appropriate Local Workforce Development Board following submission to NDE to allow for comment on the extent to which the application for grants or contracts to provide adult education and literacy services aligns with the approved local plan. Comments made by the LWDB on alignment will be reviewed by the review panel and considered by NDE when making funding decisions.

Direct and Equitable Access (F)

The State shall ensure that:

- All eligible providers have direct and equitable access to apply for grants or contracts under this section
- The same grant or contract announcement process is used for all eligible providers (AEFLA 231(c))

This is a competitive process. There is no guarantee that submitting a proposal will result in funding or funding at the requested level. Applicants that are not recommended for funding will be notified and may reapply in future grant competitions. NDE is required by federal law to provide an opportunity for a hearing for applications that are not approved for funding. The applicant must request the hearing within 30 days of the disapproval action. No later than 10 days after the hearing, NDE will issue its written ruling, including findings of fact and reasons for the ruling.

34 CFR Subtitle A76.401(5)

§ 76.401 Disapproval of an application—opportunity for a hearing.

(a) *State agency hearing before disapproval.* Under the programs listed in the chart below, the State agency that administers the program shall provide an applicant with notice and an opportunity for a hearing before it may disapprove the application.

(b) *Other programs—hearings not required.*

Under other programs covered by this part, a State agency—other than a State educational agency—is not required to provide an opportunity for a hearing regarding the agency’s disapproval of an application.

(c) If an applicant for a subgrant alleges that any of the following actions of a State educational agency violates a State or Federal statute or regulation, the State educational agency and the applicant shall use the procedures in paragraph (d) of this section: (1) Disapproval of or failure to approve the application or project in whole or in part. (2) Failure to provide funds in amounts in accordance with the requirements of statutes and regulations.

(d) *State educational agency hearing procedures.* (1) If the applicant applied under a program listed in paragraph (a) of this section, the State educational agency shall provide an opportunity for a hearing before the agency disapproves the application. (2) If the applicant applied under a program not listed in paragraph (a) of this section, the State educational agency shall provide an opportunity for a hearing either before or after the agency disapproves the application. (3) The applicant shall request the hearing within 30 days of the action of the State educational agency. If the State educational agency does not rescind its final action after a review under this paragraph, the applicant may appeal to the Secretary. The applicant shall file a notice of the appeal with the Secretary within 20 days after the applicant has been notified by the State educational agency of the results of the agency's review. If supported by substantial evidence, findings of fact of the State educational agency are final.

Applicants will be notified of award status by Friday, April 28, 2023.

Duration of Grant (F/S)

Successful applicants will be awarded **three-year grants; however, the amount of the award is not guaranteed from year to year and may fluctuate slightly based on the funding formula.** A Continuation Funding Application (CFA) will be required for continued funding during year two and three of the grant cycle subject to availability of funds through federal appropriations (AEFLA 231(a)) and contingent on program performance and compliance with federal and state policies. IELCE programs failing to meet all requirements under Section 243 may be defunded. (S) For programs receiving both Basic and IELCE funds, only one CFA is required in subsequent years. (S)

Evaluation and Reporting (F/S)

All funded programs will be monitored for compliance and effectiveness by NDE to ensure that funds received under AEFLA will not be expended for any purpose other than for activities allowable under the Act. An evaluation of the federally funded Adult Education and Family Literacy Act program will be conducted annually and will address the extent to which local providers have implemented each of the 13 considerations specified in Section 231 (and Section 225 for those programs awarded funds to serve Corrections and Other Institutionalized Individuals). NDE will (1)

collect local provider and participant performance measures; (2) determine participant performance improvement; (3) identify program quality; and (4) determine the extent to which populations specified in the State Plan were served.

Programs will be required to submit career pathways and/or occupational training for prior approval in meeting IET requirements for IELCE and when expending Basic or IELCE funds on training.

Programs are required to submit Quarterly Program Reports, Annual Narrative Reports and Final Fiscal Reports. Programs receiving both Basic funds and IELCE may submit one Quarterly Program Report and one Annual Narrative Report, but the Final Financial Reports must include separate reports for Basic Funds and IELCE. (S)

Management Information System (S)

Adult Education programs operating in Nevada under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act are required to use the [LiteracyPro Systems](#) LACES™ participant data management system software.

LACES™ tracks data associated with the Adult Education programs, including participants, classes, and staff. It collects all National Reporting System (NRS) related data and generates required and optional tables. LACES™ also tracks outcome measures such as educational gains, performance accountability outcome achievements, demographic information, and attendance hours so local education agencies can monitor how their program is performing over time.

Performance Indicators (F/S)

The State is required to establish a performance accountability system to assess the effectiveness of local programs and report statewide progress in adult education, and to optimize the return of investment of federal funds in adult education activities. Core indicators include:

(I) the percentage of program participants who are in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exit from the program;

(II) the percentage of program participants who are in unsubsidized employment during the fourth quarter after exit from the program;

(III) the median earnings of program participants who are in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exit from the program;

(IV) the percentage of program participants who obtain a recognized postsecondary credential, or a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent (subject to clause (iii)) (program participants who obtain a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent shall be included in the percentage counted as meeting the criterion under such clause only if such participants, in addition to obtaining such diploma or its recognized equivalent, have obtained or retained employment or are in an education training program leading to a recognized postsecondary credential within 1 year after exit from the program);

(V) the percentage of program participants who, during a program year, are in an education or training program that leads to a recognized postsecondary credential or employment and who are achieving measurable skill gains toward such a credential or employment; and

(VI) the indicators of effectiveness in serving employers established pursuant to Sec. 116(b)(A)(iv). (This is developed as an indicator shared across WIOA Title Programs.)

All grant recipients are required to report performance indicator results to the Nevada Department of Education's Office of Adult Education. **Failure of the program to provide all required components of the Section 243 IELCE funding may lead to defunding.**

The Nevada WIOA Unified State Plan establishes an accountability system of participant outcomes based on collected data and contains performance measures negotiated with the U.S. Department of Education.

Nevada's policies and procedures regarding data collection and reporting are detailed in the [Nevada Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Handbook](#).

Award Process and Start Date (S)

Grant funds cannot be obligated or spent prior to NDE approval of the grantee's budget. Grantees will receive an Award Notification for all state funds and an approval through the Nevada ePAGE grants system for all federal funds. Grantees will receive instructions on how to request funds through NDE when all required signatures are in place. Grant funds are distributed on a reimbursement basis only.

Technical Assistance (S)

NDE will make program technical assistance available to all providers, including (but not limited to) assistance with data collection procedures, reporting and monitoring requirements, and implementation of state and federal policies at the local level on an as-needed basis.

II. Submission Process and Deadline

Elements in this section are State and/or Federal requirements.

All applications must;

- 1) be received by the submission deadline;
- 2) include all required original signatures;
- 3) include all required documents; and
- 4) include required documentation of both “Demonstrated Effectiveness” and “Past Effectiveness”.

Attachments

- Cover Page
- Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Cover Transactions
- Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-free Workplace Requirements
- NDE Federal Assurances
- Pre-Award Assessment
- General Education Provisions Act

Submission Checklist

- Cover Page
- Executive Summary
- Demonstration of Effectiveness (Not required if provided for application for AEFLA Basic funds)
- Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Cover Transactions (Not required if provided for application for AEFLA Basic funds)
- Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-free Workplace Requirements (Not required if provided for application for AEFLA Basic funds)
- NDE Federal Assurances (Not required if provided for application for AEFLA Basic funds)
- AEFLA IELCE Grant Program Assurances
- Narrative Questions (Sections A-G)
- Budget Narrative (Section H)
- Pre-Award Assessment (Section I) (Not required if provided for application for AEFLA Basic funds)
 - Internal Controls
 - Financial Management Policies
 - Conflict of Interest Policy
 - Civil Rights Policy
 - Student Privacy Policy
 - Ledger of Expenditures

Required Copies

An electronic copy of the proposal must be submitted to: <mailto:nolsen@doe.nv.gov> with kjwastun@doe.nv.gov and ariannaflorence@doe.nv.gov copied. The electronic version should include all required components of the proposal. *Incomplete or late proposals will not be considered.*

Proposals will be due by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2023

Required Elements

The format outlined below must be followed in order to assure consistent application of the evaluation criteria.

Part I: Application Introduction (not scored)

Applicant Information

Assurances

Certifications Forms

- *Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Cover Transactions*
- *Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-free Workplace Requirements*

Executive Summary (*no more than 2 pages*)

Demonstration of Effectiveness (**For IELCE when only applying for IELCE funds and not both Basic and IELCE funds**)

Part II: Narrative (no more than 10 pages)

Section A: Needs Assessment

Section B: Past Effectiveness

Section C: Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) Plan Alignment and Community Partnerships

Section D: Curriculum and Instructional Practices

Section E: Leadership and Instructional Staff Qualifications

Section F: Professional Development

Section G: Data Collection

Section H: Budget Narrative

Section I: Pre-Award Assessment (Not included in page count)

Application Format

- The required application narrative (Sections A-H) may not exceed 10 pages, excluding Executive Summary.
- All pages must be numbered, on standard letter size (8-1/2" x 11"), single-spaced, and in 12-point font.
- The signature page must include original (may be scanned for transmission) or electronic signatures of the lead organization/fiscal agent.
- Applicants must submit Certifications and Assurances forms with original (may be scanned for transmission) or electronic signatures.
- No more than 6 pages of supplemental attachments (beyond the maximum page limits as detailed in Parts I & II, above) may be included with the RFP response.

Consortia Applications

- Applications must identify one organization that will act as the lead organization for the consortium. The lead organization shall submit a single proposal on behalf of the consortium that outlines a plan to provide adult education and literacy activities throughout the geographic area, explaining the roles and responsibilities of each member organization.
- The lead organization serves as the applicant organization of record, the legally recognized fiscal agent for the grant project, and the single point of contact for NDE. The lead organization is responsible for overseeing the implementation of all aspects of the grant, e.g., project plan, grant project monitoring and data reporting, and fiscal management.
- In the case of applicants applying as a consortium or using subcontractors, each member of a consortium must provide performance data to demonstrate effectiveness.

III. Budget

Complete a proposed Budget Narrative (detailing budget priorities) (S)

When the applications have been reviewed, final grant amounts will be determined, and a detailed budget will be required. No grant funds can be obligated or spent until a final budget has been received and approved in ePAGE.

An eligible provider receiving a grant may consider costs incurred in connection with the following activities to be administrative costs:

- (a) Planning;
- (b) Administration, including carrying out performance accountability requirements;
- (c) Professional development;
- (d) Providing adult education and literacy services in alignment with local workforce plans, including promoting co-enrollment in programs and activities under title I, as appropriate; and
- (e) Carrying out the one-stop partner responsibilities described in 34 CFR 678.420, including contributing to the infrastructure costs of the one-stop delivery system.

When prospective programs submit their budget applications, administrative costs should be limited to direct administration only. Salaries and fringe benefits of personnel engaged in executive activities, financial and management tasks, reporting of participant data to the State, legal or audit activities, professional development activities, activities associated with the development of a grant application, and other similar functions are considered administrative costs. A formal written request for an administrative rate higher than 5% must be included with the funding application with a detailed rationale for the request. (F)

Allowable Costs (F)

All expenditures must be necessary, reasonable, allowable, and allocable to the grant program. For more details on cost principles, consult Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards 2 C.F.R. Part 200.400-475 (F).

Equipment (S)

Major equipment purchases must be pre-approved by NDE's Office of Adult Education.

Inventory (F)

Programs must maintain an up-to-date inventory of equipment.

Training and Professional Development (S)

Required Professional Development for AEFLA programs is detailed in the Nevada AEFLA Handbook, [Handbook \(nevadaadulteducation.org\)](http://nevadaadulteducation.org), **Section 5, Staffing and Professional Development**. Program administrators are expected to participate in NDE sponsored Adult Education Directors Meetings, and if unable to attend, must send at least one representative, or when applicable attend virtually. The Adult Education Directors Meetings are held approximately three times per year with one being an in-person meeting. Programs are expected to provide professional development for administrative staff based on individual and program needs. In addition, any staff member (practitioner or administrative staff) who is involved in assessment, data collection, or data reporting must be thoroughly and continuously trained on these processes. Grantees should encourage all practitioners to develop and enhance their instructional skills by participating in meaningful professional development. As a service to the programs, AEFLA State Leadership monies are used to fund regular, high quality, effective professional development targeted to program needs.

Required Match (S)

A twenty-five percent non-federal match is required, or maintenance of effort for previously funded programs, whichever is higher. The match can be in the form of matching funds, in-kind contributions, or a combination of both. Basic criteria for acceptable matching include:

- Verifiable;
- Not included as contributions for any other federally assisted project or program;
- Necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient accomplishment of project or program objectives;
- Allowed under the applicable cost principles;
- Not part of unrecovered indirect costs unless with prior approval of the Federal awarding agency (2 CFR 200.306);
- Not paid by the Federal Government under another award; and
- In-kind contributions must be fairly valued and the method of valuation documented. (F)

Program Income (F)

Program income is defined as gross income received by the grantee or subgrantee directly generated by a grant supported activity or earned only as a result of the grant agreement during the grant period. These funds may be added to the grant and used for the purposes and under the conditions of the grant agreement and must be reported as expenditures to NDE. Costs incidental to the generation of program income may be deducted from gross income prior to reporting to determine program income.

Local providers charging fees must use the program income generated by federal adult education funds for allowable costs to the federal adult education program. Fees must be necessary and reasonable and not impose a barrier to the participation of disadvantaged persons. Local programs are prohibited from counting fees collected from participants toward meeting matching and cost-sharing.

Nevada Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) IELCE Grant Program, July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

IV. Applicant Information *(Complete and attach as the first two pages of proposal)*

Program Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

County:

Website:

(For Consortia Application ONLY) Name of Fiscal Agent's Authorized Representative:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Signature:

Program Director/Contact Person *(Must be employed by the applicant):*

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Signature:

Program Fiscal Manager *(if different than Program Director):*

Telephone:

E-mail:

Signature:

Type of Organization (select from the below list):

Eligible applicants are organizations that have demonstrated effectiveness in providing adult education and literacy activities that may include:

- (A) a local educational agency;*
- (B) a community-based organization or faith-based organization;*
- (C) a volunteer literacy organization;*
- (D) an institution of higher education;*
- (E) a public or private nonprofit agency;*
- (F) a library;*
- (G) a public housing authority;*

- (H) a nonprofit institution that is not described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (G) and has the ability to provide adult education and literacy activities to eligible individuals;*
- (I) a consortium or coalition of the agencies, organizations, institutions, libraries, or authorities described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (H);*
- (J) a partnership between an employer and an entity described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (I). AEFLA 203(5); and*
- (K) other.*

Further describe organization if necessary:

Projected numbers of participants to be served for IELCE:

Per 2CFR Chapter I Part 25 and the Office of Management and Budget guidance on FFATA Subaward and Executive Compensation Reporting issued on August 27, 2010, as amended at 79 FR 75879, Dec. 19, 2014, subawards can only be made to entities with a unique entity identifier (UEI). To be eligible for award, entities must register for and/or provide their UEI number to the Nevada Department of Education as part of their application. Entities may register or request their current UEI number by [visiting the federal website](http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform) at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform> or by calling 866-705-5711. (F)

V. Assurances *(Complete and attach to Application Information pages)*

Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) Grant Program

The Head of Agency/Organization and Fiscal Agent's Authorized Representative must sign below to indicate their approval of the contents of the application and requesting receipt of program funds.

On _____, _____
(date) (applicant)

hereby applies for and, if awarded, accepts the federal funds requested in this application. In consideration of the receipt of these grant funds, the institution agrees that all federally required Certifications*, the program-specific assurances for the AEFLA grant and the terms therein are specifically incorporated by reference in this application; and that all program and administrative requirements will be met including the following conditions of **Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) Grant Program** funding:

1. Programs, services, and activities included in this application will be operated in accordance with the provisions of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, Title II, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, as amended, and regulations pertaining thereto, the provisions of the Nevada WIOA Unified State Plan for Adult Basic Education and any revisions approved thereafter. (F/S)
2. The Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education program under section 243(a) of WIOA must include a combination of specific occupational training activities, workforce preparation skills, civics education, English language instruction, and literacy instruction using an integrated and contextualized approach. §463.74 states: An eligible provider that receives funds through the Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education program may meet the requirement to use funds for integrated English literacy and civics education in combination with integrated education and training activities by: (a) Co-enrolling participants in integrated education and training as described in subpart D of this part that is provided within the local or regional workforce development area from sources other than section 243 of the Act; or (b) Using funds provided under section 243 of the Act to support integrated education and training activities as described in subpart D of this part. (F)
3. The program is aware that failure to maintain performance at or above the State targets and/or comply with federal and state requirements could result in the program being placed under a Warning, Probation, or Termination Status. Termination Status could result in funding being temporarily withheld or rescinded in part or in whole. (F/S)
4. The applicant understands and accepts that all AEFLA-funded programs must contribute to Nevada's performance goals as negotiated with the US Department of Education and demonstrate continuous improvement to be funded for Years 2 and 3 and that funding levels are not guaranteed. (S)
5. The program ensures that all staff with access to confidential student information acknowledges and abides by federal and state laws governing processing and use of student data. In particular staff must follow FERPA regulations, including, but not limited to securing electronic data, protecting personal passwords, and ensuring that electronic records are encrypted in transit and on storage devices. (F/S)
6. The program provides appropriate accommodations for individuals with documented disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) (ADA), as well as other applicable federal

and state laws. Documentation of disability, as well as accommodations, is kept in a confidential manner compliant with FERPA regulations. (F/S)

7. The local program will submit all necessary reports to the Nevada Office of Adult Education in accordance with the due dates and guidance provided by the State. (S)
8. The local program will comply with all state policies and requirements including; but not limited to, professional development, participation in statewide initiatives, participant assessment, data collection and reporting, and content standards. (S)
9. The program provides a minimum of a 25% local match to federal funds and federal funds may be reduced proportionately if unable to do so. A provider's required contribution may be provided in cash or in kind (fairly evaluated). Local match shall include only non-federal funds that are used for adult education and literacy activities and must not include unrecovered indirect costs. (S)
10. The local program understands and accepts that funds made available for adult education and literacy activities under this subtitle shall supplement and not supplant other state or local public funds expended for adult education and literacy activities and all expenditures must be allowable within federal requirements. (F)
11. The program spends all funds within the fiscal year for which they are allocated. Carryover of AEFLA funds from one fiscal year to the next is not allowed. (S)
12. The local program will allow and encourage Adult Basic Education staff to participate in local, statewide, and national, instructional and professional development training. (S)
13. The local program must send at least one representative to each NDE Adult Basic Education directors' meetings. Meetings may be held in-person or virtually. (S)
14. The local program will ensure that the program director has adequate time and resources to meet the expectations and fulfill the responsibilities of the management of the AEFLA grant-funded program. (S)
15. The local program will participate in annual program evaluation which could include onsite reviews, data reviews, and desk monitoring as determined through risk assessment. (S)
16. The local program will retain sole responsibility for the project even though subcontractors may be used to perform certain services. (S)
17. The local program will assure that no funds received under this Act may be used to provide programming to individuals under the age of 16. All persons under the age of 18 must provide documentation showing they have been excused from compulsory school attendance before they can be enrolled. Programs must retain copies of documentation for each enrolled participant under the age of 18. (F/S)
18. The local program will maintain and use the approved Management Information System (LACES) and submission of available data will be in accordance with WIOA, the National Reporting System, and state guidelines. (S)
19. The program retains electronic or print, local records in compliance with state and federal record retention requirements. (F/S)

- 20. The local program understands that funds received under this Act must be claimed on a reimbursement basis. No payments in advance of or in anticipation of goods or services provided under this grant can be requested or paid. Grant reimbursements are contingent upon satisfactory completion and submittal of all program deliverables. (S)
- 21. No-cost budget amendments must be approved prior to incurring expenditures outside of the previously approved budget. NDE reserves the right to deny reimbursement for expenditures made without prior approval. (S)
- 22. The local program understands and accepts that not more than 5% of federal AEFLA funds secured through this application process may be used to fund administrative expenses unless otherwise negotiated in writing with the Nevada Office of Adult Education. (F)
- 23. The local program understands that each program receiving a grant under this subtitle must maintain separate records of actual expenditures for each budget. State, program income, local funds used for match or maintenance of effort, and federal funds must be kept in separate budget accounts. Local and state funds must be expended prior to federal funds. All funds are available on a reimbursement basis only. (F/S)

Name of Head of Agency/Organization

Signature of Head of Agency/Organization

Name of Fiscal Agent's Authorized Representative

Signature of Fiscal Agent's Authorized Representative

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION -- LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

This certification is required by the Department of Education regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 34 CFR Part 85, for all lower tier transactions meeting the threshold and tier requirements stated at Section 85.110.

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification

(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

NAME OF APPLICANT:

PR/AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME:

State Administered Adult Education _____

PRINTED NAME OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

PRINTED TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

ED 80-0014, 9/90 (Replaces GCS-009 (REV.12/88), which is obsolete)

CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 34 CFR Part 82, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," and 34 CFR Part 85, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Education determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

1. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 82, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 34 CFR Part 82, Sections 82.105 and 82.110, the applicant certifies that:

- (a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;
- (b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;
- (c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.105 and 85.110--

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgement rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (2)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transaction (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default; and

B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.605 and 85.610 -

A. The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will:

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to: Director, Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. (Room 3652, GSA Regional Office Building No. 3), Washington, DC 20202-4248. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

B. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Check [] if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

(GRANTEES WHO ARE INDIVIDUALS)

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.605 and 85.610-

A. As a condition of the grant, I certify that I will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant; and

B. If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, I will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to: Director, Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. (Room 3652, GSA Regional Office Building No. 3), Washington, DC 20202-4248. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

NAME OF APPLICANT:

PR/AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME: _____ State Administered Adult Education

PRINTED NAME OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

PRINTED TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

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VI. Request for Proposals

Part I: Application Introduction (No Points)

Applicant Information and Required Forms

Complete the required Applicant Information pages, Assurances and Certifications forms, and tables, and attach to the proposal.

Executive Summary

Provide a brief description (no more than 2 pages) of the proposed project. This summary does not count toward the 10-page narrative page limit. Include the number of learners in English Language Acquisition (ELA), to be served during the upcoming fiscal year. If applicant's proposed program is part of a larger organization, explain how its work fits into the larger organization's mission and vision.

Application should demonstrate:

- A brief but clear and informative overview;
- That applicant is clear on the purpose of AEFLA;
- That applicant has the support of its organization;
- That applicant has an integral role in the organization; and
- That the organization has demonstrated effectiveness related to the record of improving the literacy skills of eligible individuals.

Eligibility based on Demonstration of Effectiveness for IELCE (Required for IELCE when applying for IELCE funds only and not both Basic and IELCE funds)

The applicant must establish eligibility based on demonstrated effectiveness related to improving the literacy skills of eligible individuals; achieving outcomes for participants related to employment, attainment of secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, and transition to postsecondary education and training. The applicant must respond to the issue of demonstrated effectiveness here to determine eligibility. This is separate from the requirement in the narrative section to respond to "Past Effectiveness" for scoring. Eligibility will be evaluated prior to scoring. Only proposals from eligible applicants will be scored. This response does not count toward any page limit.

§ 463.24 How must an eligible provider establish that it has demonstrated effectiveness?

(a) For the purposes of this section, an eligible provider must demonstrate past effectiveness by providing performance data on its record of improving the skills of eligible individuals, particularly eligible individuals who have low levels of literacy, in the content domains of reading, writing, mathematics, English language acquisition, and other subject areas relevant to the services contained in the State's application for funds.

An eligible provider must also provide information regarding its outcomes for participants related to employment, attainment of secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, and transition to postsecondary education and training.

(b) There are two ways in which an eligible provider may meet the requirements in paragraph (a) of this section:

(1) An eligible provider that has been funded under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act must provide performance data to demonstrate past effectiveness.

(2) An eligible provider that has not been previously funded under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act must provide performance data to demonstrate its past effectiveness in serving basic skills

deficient eligible individuals, including evidence of its success in achieving outcomes listed in paragraph (a) of this section.

Application should specifically include responses to (responding in table form is recommended):

1. Describe the level of educational advancement in reading, writing, mathematics, and/or English language acquisition for program participants for each of the last three years based on July 1st to June 30th (please provide an answer to this AND the data requested in the box below).

Required Data	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Number of ELA Participants			
Percentage of ELA Participants with an Educational Gain			

2. Describe how the program will meet, or continue to meet, educational advancement performance goals.
3. Describe the efforts and/or success of the program in transitioning participants to postsecondary education and training (please provide an answer to this AND the data requested in the box below).

Required Data	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Number of Participants Transitioned			
Percentage of Participants Transitioned			

4. Describe the programs demonstrated effectiveness of improving skills of eligible individuals, particularly those who have low level of literacy (please provide an answer to this AND the data requested in the box below).

Required Data	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Number Served in Low Literacy Levels			
Percentage with an Educational Gain			

5. Describe efforts and success in helping participants gain or retain employment (please provide an answer to this AND the data requested in the box below).

Required Data	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Number of Participants			
Percentage of Participants			

6. Describe efforts and success in helping participants obtain a high school equivalency certificate (please provide an answer to this AND the data requested in the box below).

Required Data	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Number of Participants			
Percentage of Participants			

NDE USE ONLY: APPLICANT MEETS ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: YES___ NO___

Part II: Narrative

The following criteria, including the thirteen factors from WIOA Section 231(e) that states are required by federal statute to consider when awarding AEFLA funds, will be used by reviewers to evaluate the application as a whole.

Section A: Needs Assessment (Total Points 15)

WIOA 231(e)

- (1) *the degree to which the eligible provider would be responsive to—*
 - (A) *regional needs as identified in the Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) Plan under section 108; and*
 - (B) *servicing individuals in the community who were identified in such plan as most in need of adult education and literacy activities, including individuals—*
 - (i) *who have low levels of literacy skills; or*
 - (ii) *who are English language learners;*
- (2) *the ability of the eligible provider to serve eligible individuals with disabilities, including eligible individuals with learning disabilities;*

- (13) *whether the local areas in which the eligible provider is located have a demonstrated need for additional English language acquisition programs and civics education programs.*

Programs seeking funding for IELCE under Section 243 of Title II of WIOA must be prepared to provide the required components including; Literacy instruction, English Language Acquisition, and Civics Education, provided in combination with IET (Workforce preparation activities and workforce training within a specific sector).

1. Describe the need in the local area for additional English language acquisition programs and civics education. Include supporting demographics for the population which will be served.
2. What partnerships, referral mechanisms, and support services are currently in place to facilitate co-enrollment, retention and recruitment of eligible individuals in IELCE programs?
3. Describe how the IELCE program will be integrated with local workforce development services.

Section B: Past Effectiveness (Total Points 65)

Application should specifically include responses to:

WIOA 231(e)(3) past effectiveness of the eligible provider in improving the literacy of eligible individuals, to meet State-adjusted levels of performance for the primary indicators of performance described in section 116, especially with respect to eligible individuals who have low levels of literacy.

WIOA 232 (4)a description of how the eligible provider will meet the State adjusted levels of performance described in section 116(b)(3), including how such provider will collect data to report on such performance indicators.

1. Describe the level of educational advancement for program participants for each of the last three years based on July 1st to June 30th (please provide an answer to this AND the data requested in the box below).

Required Data	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Number of ELA Participants			
Percentage of ELA Participants with an Educational Gain			

2. Describe how the program will meet, or continue to meet, educational advancement performance goals.
3. Describe the efforts and/or success of the program in transitioning participants from ELA into ABE/ASE (please provide an answer to this AND the data requested in the box below).

Required Data	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Number of Participants Transitioned			
Percentage of Participants Transitioned			

4. Describe the efforts to work with participants at the lowest levels of literacy (please provide an answer to this AND the data requested in the box below).

Required Data	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Number Served in Low Literacy Levels			
Percentage with an Educational Gain			

5. Describe efforts and success in helping participants gain or retain employment (please provide an answer to this AND the data requested in the box below).

Required Data	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Number of Participants			
Percentage of Participants			

6. Describe efforts and success in helping participants obtain a high school equivalency certificate (please provide an answer to this AND the data requested in the box below).

Required Data	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Number of Participants			
Percentage of Participants			

7. Describe efforts and success in helping participants to transition to postsecondary education (please provide an answer to this AND the data requested in the box below).

Required Data	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Number of Participants			
Percentage of Participants			

8. Describe efforts and success in helping participants to obtain postsecondary and/or industry recognized credentials (please provide an answer to this AND the data requested in the box below).

Required Data	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Number of Participants			
Percentage of Participants			

**Section C: Local Workforce Development Board Plan Alignment and Community Partnerships
(Total Points 40)**

WIOA 231(e) (4) the extent to which the eligible provider demonstrates alignment between proposed activities and services and the strategy and goals of the local plan under section 108, as well as the activities and services of the one-stop partners.

WIOA 232 (3) a description of how the eligible provider will provide services in alignment with the local plan under section 108, including how such provider will promote concurrent enrollment in programs and activities under title I, as appropriate.

WIOA 232 (5) a description of how the eligible provider will fulfill one-stop partner responsibilities as described in section 121(b)(1)(A), as appropriate.

As required by section 231(e) of WIOA, applications submitted to NDE will be reviewed by the respective local workforce board who will comment on the extent to which the application is aligned with the local plan under section 108 of WIOA and make recommendations to NDE that promote alignment with the local plan. NDE must consider the results of the review by the local workforce board in determining the extent to which the application addresses the required considerations in section 231 of WIOA.

1. Describe the way in which the program activities align with the LWDB Plan. Include details about current or planned co-location with workforce services.
2. Include specific examples and describe how alignment will be maintained throughout program implementation and service delivery.
3. Describe how co-enrollment with Title I will be promoted and how training costs will be covered. Include how the program will assist with the effort to reduce duplication of services.
4. Describe how the program will fulfill one-stop partner responsibilities.

WIOA 231(e) (10) whether the eligible provider's activities coordinate with other available education, training, and social service resources in the community, such as by establishing strong links with elementary schools and secondary schools, postsecondary educational institutions, institutions of higher education, local workforce investment boards, one-stop centers, job training programs, and social service agencies, business, industry, labor organizations, community-based organizations, nonprofit organizations, and intermediaries, for the development of career pathways.

WIOA 231(e) (11) whether the eligible provider's activities offer flexible schedules and coordination with Federal, State, and local support services (such as childcare, transportation, mental health services, and career planning) that are necessary to enable individuals, including individuals with disabilities or other special needs, to attend and complete programs.

WIOA 232 (2) a description of any cooperative arrangements the eligible provider has with other agencies, institutions, or organizations for the delivery of adult education and literacy activities.

WIOA 232 (6) a description of how the eligible provider will provide services in a manner that meets the needs of eligible individuals.

5. Describe how the program coordinates with other service providers in the community. Describe partnerships, including partner responsibilities, with service providers such as schools, libraries, postsecondary institutions, and social service agencies that provide program support, community visibility, outreach and referrals of learners, including the benefits to each partner.

6. Describe how the program will offer flexible schedules and coordinate support services to enable learners, including individuals with disabilities or other special needs, to achieve learning goals.
7. Describe efforts to build additional partnerships.
8. Describe efforts to avoid duplication of services between partners within the service area.

Section D: Curriculum and Instructional Practices (Total Points 100)

WIOA 231(e) (5) whether the eligible provider’s program— (A) is of sufficient intensity and quality, and based on the most rigorous research available so that participants achieve substantial learning gains; and (B) uses instructional practices that include the essential components of reading instruction;

WIOA 231(e) (6) whether the eligible provider’s activities, including whether reading, writing, speaking, mathematics, and English language acquisition instruction delivered by the eligible provider, are based on the best practices derived from the most rigorous research available and appropriate, including scientifically valid research and effective educational practice;

1. Use a table to identify the IELCE services, levels, and scheduling that will be offered by the program, include any ESL transition courses to ABE, and IET courses which will include the IELCE population.
2. Describe IELCE activities that will include the required concurrent enrollment needed to provide English language learners with the skills needed to place such adults in unsubsidized employment in in-demand occupations that lead to economic self-sufficiency.
3. If applicable, describe the role that IELCE services will play in the program’s array of services. At what levels of learner proficiency (or multi-level instruction) will IELCE instruction be offered?
4. Describe the intensity (hours of instruction per week) and duration (weeks of instruction per year) of the IELCE program. Give examples of student scheduling.
5. Describe how the curriculum at each level will incorporate Civic Participation, U.S. History, U.S. Government, Preparation for Naturalization, and Workforce Training. What instructional resources (textbooks, web resources, curricula, multimedia) will be used to support English language learning and civics education at each level of instruction?
6. Describe past success with learners enrolled in classes focusing on civics content. First-time applicants describe how your program will measure success in providing IELCE services and activities.
7. Describe all of the factors considered in developing the instructional schedule to maximize the opportunity for learners to attend and make progress. Explain the reasons for not offering instruction during any periods of time during the year that exceed two weeks. If applicable, explain the reason(s) for offering fewer instructional hours per learner at specific sites.
8. Explain how the managed enrollment and instructional schedule is aligned with the program’s standardized assessment pre- and post-testing procedure to allow sufficient intensity (minimum 6 hours per week) and duration (length of time of each class session) for individual learners to meet the minimum number of hours required for post-testing and demonstrate adequate progress on the standardized assessment(s) used by the program.
9. Identify the core textbooks(s) including title and publisher, and any key supplementary instructional materials including web-based or software programs used with each population and level. Describe how the materials effectively address adult learners’ development of English literacy and align with the English Language Proficiency Standards and the College and Career Readiness Standards. Specifically address how the CCRS and ELPS are integrated into instruction beyond the curriculum.

10. Describe the research and evidence-based instructional approaches for ESL (e.g. competency-based instruction, learner motivation, writing, second language acquisition, whole group instruction, etc.) and how the College and Career Readiness Standards (Nevada Academic Content Standards) are incorporated.
11. Describe how the program will incorporate Workforce Preparation activities into IELCE programming in order to help an individual acquire a combination of basic academic skills, critical thinking skills, digital literacy skills, and self-management skills, including competencies in utilizing resources, using information, working with others, understanding systems, and obtaining skills necessary for successful transition into and completion of postsecondary education or training, or employment.

WIOA 231(e) (7) whether the eligible provider's activities effectively use technology, services, and delivery systems, including distance education in a manner sufficient to increase the amount and quality of learning and how such technology, services, and systems lead to improved performance;

12. Address how the program will incorporate technology into the program at all levels, both to help participants obtain digital literacy skills and to increase access to the program.

WIOA 231(e) (8) whether the eligible provider's activities provide learning in context, including through integrated education and training, so that an individual acquires the skills needed to transition to and complete postsecondary education and training programs, obtain and advance in employment leading to economic self-sufficiency, and to exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship;

13. Describe successes and existing efforts in providing integrated education and training, as required for IELCE, and at what levels IET is being offered to ELA participants. Be sure to describe how each required component of IET is made available. Describe the rationale for targeting specific occupations and labor market data used.
14. Provide details on the contents of each career pathway used, how basic skills will be contextualized within the career pathway and how those pathways are stackable and lead to industry-recognized-credentials.

Section E: Leadership and Instructional Staff Qualifications (Total Points 20)

WIOA 231(e) (9) whether the eligible provider's activities are delivered by well-trained instructors, counselors, and administrators who meet any minimum qualifications established by the State, where applicable, and who have access to high quality professional development, including through electronic means;

1. Provide position descriptions for key leadership position(s), including job title, job duties, and qualifications (skills, educational attainment, relevant adult education experience). Describe how leadership staff qualifications contribute toward the program's capacity to manage the grant and implement program improvement.
2. Explain the full-time/part-time status of key leader(s). If adult education duties constitute just one of several major responsibilities for leader(s), include explanation of leader(s) other required duties and the proportion of time devoted to each major responsibility.
3. Provide position descriptions for instructional staff position(s), including job title, job duties, and qualifications (skills, educational attainment, experience). Include the anticipated total number of annual volunteers and the percentage of those volunteers serving as the following: aides to paid instructional staff, instructional staff, and administrative staff.
4. Identify the anticipated number and percentage of paid instructional staff members at part-time and full time and expected instructor compensation.

Section F: Professional Development (Total Points 20)

WIOA 231(e)(9) whether the eligible provider's activities are delivered by well-trained instructors, counselors, and administrators who meet any minimum qualifications established by the State, where applicable, and who have access to high quality professional development, including through electronic means;

1. Describe the program's plan for instructor and director professional development (PD).
 - a. How will the program meet the professional development requirements listed in Section 5 of the Nevada AEFLA Handbook, [Handbook \(nevadaadulteducation.org\)](http://nevadaadulteducation.org)?
2. Describe how the program will identify teachers' PD needs and address those needs through collaborative activities among instructional staff, teacher self-study, and workshops/trainings.
3. Describe the support (financial and other) the program will provide to teachers while engaged in professional development activities.
4. Describe the program's plan for supporting instructors in implementing research and evidence-based strategies learned through participation in professional development activities.

Section G: Data Collection and Accountability Reporting (Total Points 45)

WIOA 231(e)(12) whether the eligible provider maintains a high-quality information management system that has the capacity to report measurable participant outcomes and to monitor program performance;

1. Describe the program's technology support system, including access to Information Technology (IT) and data entry support.
2. Describe the organizational structure and how adequate staffing is achieved to ensure accurate data collection and timely data entry.
3. Describe how the participant registration/intake process allows for collecting all required demographical information, barriers to employment, and for placement of participants in appropriate educational programs.
4. Describe the methodology for the collection and verification of participant attendance.
5. Describe how the program will ensure the participant personally identifiable information (PII) is kept secure.
6. Describe the process in place to analyze program data and explain how it is used to drive program improvement.

Section H: Budget and Funding Priorities Narrative (Total Points 20)

WIOA 232 (1) a description of how funds awarded under this title will be spent consistent with the requirements of this title

1. Using the Budget Priorities form below, specify funding priorities and the estimated percentage of funding that will be allocated to each priority.
2. Explain how projected expenditures are reasonable and allowable. Be sure to detail the proposed use of funds in relation to the objectives, design and scope of project activities, including details of plans for professional development (please provide an answer to this AND the percentages requested in the box below; if applicable).

Budget and Funding Priorities	Percentage
100 – Salaries	
200 – Benefits	
300 – Purchased Property Services	
400 – Purchased Professional Services	
500 – Other	
600 – Supplies	
810 – Fees and Dues	
893 – Indirect Cost	

Section I: Pre-Award Assessment (For IELCE when only applying for IELCE funds and not both Basic and IELCE funds) (Total Points 5)

NDE is required to conduct the Pre-Award Assessment for each subrecipient prior to the approval of a subaward agreement in alignment with requirements under state and federal regulation. This assessment must be completed for compliance purposes, however, provided you are eligible to receive funds, your score will not impact your eligibility to receive grant funds. A copy of the assessment is attached to this document, but a summary of the questions include:

1. Unique Entity Identifier
2. Nevada Vendor Identification Number
3. Does your organization have a time and effort accounting system in place?
4. What accounting system does your organization use?
5. Does your organization have previous experience managing similar grants?
6. Please list any relevant licenses or accreditations that your organization may have relative to the grant and indicate if they are in good standing.
7. Does your organization have adequate financial staffing and experience to implement and manage the grant?
8. Does your organization plan to subcontract the award?
9. If match or maintenance of effort are required, has your organization identified an allowable source? If yes, what source has been identified?
10. Does your organization believe that it will be able to comply with the assurances as written?
11. Please submit up-to-date copies of the following documents as applicable to your organization. If you do not have any of the below documents, please mark it accordingly and attach a brief written response related to its absence:
 - a. Internal Controls
 - b. Financial Management Policies
 - c. Conflict of Interest Policy
 - d. Civil Rights Policy

- e. Student Privacy Policy
- f. Ledger of Expenditures

Appendix A: RFP Score Summary

Applicant Name:

Part II Narrative	Score/Possible
Section A: Needs Assessment	/15
Section B: Past Effectiveness	/65
Section C: (LWDB) Plan Alignment & Community Partnerships	/40
Section D: Curriculum & Instructional Practices	/100
Section E: Leadership and Instructional Staff Qualifications	/20
Section F: Professional Development	/20
Section G: Data Collection & Accountability Reporting	/45
Section H: Budget & Funding Priorities Narrative	/20
Section I: Pre-Award Assessment (For IELCE when only applying for IELCE funds and not both Basic and IELCE funds)	/5
AEFLA IELCE Total	/330

GENERAL COMMENTS: *Indicate the overall strengths and weaknesses of the application. These comments are subsequently provided to applicants to aid them in understanding their results.*

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

Requested Modifications:

Score:

Rank:

Appendix B: RFP Scoring Rubric

Section A: Needs Assessment (Total Points 15)

Section 243 Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE)

Application should demonstrate:

- The need for IELCE services is apparent based on the demographics of the area population included in proposal.
- Partnerships and support services are in place to facilitate co-enrollment, retention and recruitment of IELCE participants.
- Processes in place to allow for, and encourage, integration of workforce development services within the IELCE program.
- Steps to ensure equitable access to and participation in the applicant’s program aligns with guidance provided in the attached General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) description.

Area	Inadequate (information not provided)	Minimal (requires additional clarification)	Adequate (clear and fairly complete)	Excellent (concise and thoroughly developed)
1)	0	1	3	5
2)	0	1	3	5
3)	0	1	3	5

Section A Total Points:

Reviewer Comments:

Section B: Past Effectiveness (Total Points 65)

Application should demonstrate:

- Information and supportive quantitative data on learning gains;
- Information and supportive quantitative data on successful transitions; and
- Evidence that program has experience in working with learners at the lowest levels of literacy.

Area	Inadequate (information not provided)	Minimal (requires additional clarification)	Adequate (clear and fairly complete)	Excellent (concise and thoroughly developed)
1)	0	2	6	10
2)	0	1	3	5
3)	0	1	3	5
4)	0	1	3	5
5)	0	2	6	10
6)	0	2	6	10
7)	0	2	6	10
8)	0	2	6	10

Section B Total Points:

Reviewer Comments:

Section C: Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) Plan Alignment and Community Partnerships (Total 40 points)

Application should demonstrate:

The extent to which the eligible provider demonstrates alignment between proposed activities and services and the strategy and goals of the local plan and whether the eligible provider’s activities coordinate with other available education, training, and social service resources in the community for the development of career pathways.

Area	Inadequate (information not provided)	Minimal (requires additional clarification)	Adequate (clear and fairly complete)	Excellent (concise and thoroughly developed)
1)	0	1	3	5
2)	0	1	3	5
3)	0	1	3	5
4)	0	1	3	5
5)	0	1	3	5
6)	0	1	3	5
7)	0	1	3	5
8)	0	1	3	5

Section C Total Points:

Reviewer Comments:

Section D: Curriculum and Instructional Practices (Total 100 points)

Application should demonstrate:

- Clear and detailed description of curriculum.
- Curriculum consistent with the *purpose* and *core outcome measures* of AEFLA.
- Evidence-based practices.
- Curriculum offered in whole group instructional format.
- Curriculum, Standards and Assessment in offering Workforce Preparation (Employability Skills) activities.
- IELCE curriculum that incorporates civic participation, U.S. History, U.S. Government, and preparation for naturalization.
- Services are offered concurrently and contextually with training that leads to high-demand, high-wage employment in the region.
- Evidence of experience in providing adult ELL instruction in civics content.

Area	Inadequate (information not provided)	Minimal (requires additional clarification)	Adequate (clear and fairly complete)	Excellent (concise and thoroughly developed)
1)	0	1	3	5
2)	0	4	8	15
3)	0	1	3	5

Area	Inadequate (information not provided)	Minimal (requires additional clarification)	Adequate (clear and fairly complete)	Excellent (concise and thoroughly developed)
4)	0	1	3	5
5)	0	1	3	5
6)	0	1	3	5
7)	0	1	3	5
8)	0	1	3	5
9)	0	1	3	5
10)	0	1	3	5
11)	0	3	6	10
12)	0	1	3	5
13)	0	3	6	10
14)	0	4	8	15

Section D Total Points:

Reviewer Comments:

Section E: Program Leadership and Instructional Staff Qualifications (Total Points 20)

Application should demonstrate:

- Highly qualified program leader(s);
- Leadership responsibilities clearly outlined and focused on needs of program;
- Ability to devote adequate time and effort to administration of AEFLA grant; and
- Commitment to program improvement.

Area	Inadequate (information not provided)	Minimal (requires additional clarification)	Adequate (clear and fairly complete)	Excellent (concise and thoroughly developed)
1)	0	1	3	5
2)	0	1	3	5
3)	0	1	3	5
4)	0	1	3	5

Section E Total Points:

Reviewer Comments:

Section F: Professional Development (Total Points 20)

Application should demonstrate:

- Professional development plan and activities that support teachers’ needs;
- Professional development needs that are assessed and incorporated into PD plan; and
- Program support for professional development activities for teachers and program leaders.

Area	Inadequate (information not provided)	Minimal (requires additional clarification)	Adequate (clear and fairly complete)	Excellent (concise and thoroughly developed)
1)	0	1	3	5
2)	0	1	3	5
3)	0	1	3	5
4)	0	1	3	5

Section F Total Points:

Reviewer Comments:

Section G: Data Collection & Accountability Reporting (Total Points 45)

Application should demonstrate:

- Program has sufficient technology support to troubleshoot network infrastructure issues;
- Program has sufficient staff to assign data entry duties to appropriate individuals; and
- Program director takes responsibility for accurate data collection and reporting.

Area	Inadequate (information not provided)	Minimal (requires additional clarification)	Adequate (clear and fairly complete)	Excellent (concise and thoroughly developed)
1)	0	1	3	5
2)	0	3	6	10
3)	0	1	3	5
4)	0	1	3	5
5)	0	1	3	5
6)	0	4	8	15

Section G Total Points:

Reviewer Comments:

Section H: Budget Narrative & Funding Priorities Narrative

Application should demonstrate:

- Projected expenditures are allowable, reasonable and necessary; and
- Budget priorities are clear and reflect the content of the application.

Area	Inadequate (information not provided)	Minimal (requires additional clarification)	Adequate (clear and fairly complete)	Excellent (concise and thoroughly developed)
1)	0	3	6	10
2)	0	3	6	10

Section H Total Points:

Reviewer Comments:

Pre-Award Risk Assessment: Section I

Risk Factor	Least Risk (0)	High Risk (1)
Is the applicant currently debarred?	No	Yes: not eligible to receive funds
Is the applicant currently in receivership?	No	Yes
What is the applicant's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)?	Has an active UEI number	No UEI number
What is the applicant's SAM.gov status?	Clear and active status in SAM.gov	Inactive status on SAM.gov
What is the applicant's Nevada Vendor status?	Has an active Nevada Vendor number	Does not have an active Nevada Vendor number
What is the status of the applicant in FAPIIS ¹ ?	Has a clear status in FAPIIS	Has one or more findings in FAPIIS
Did the applicant have and submit their Internal Controls?	Has and submits internal controls	Does not submit internal controls / Does not have internal controls document
Did the applicant have and submit their Financial Management Policies?	Has and submits financial management policies	Does not submit financial management policies / Does not have a financial management policy
Did the applicant have and submit their Conflict-of-Interest Policy?	Has and submits conflict-of-interest policy	Does not submit conflict of interest policy / Does not have a conflict-of-interest policy
Did the applicant have and submit their Civil Rights Policy?	Has and submits civil rights policy/statement	Does not submit civil rights policy / Does not have a civil rights policy
Did the applicant have and	Has and submits a policy	Does not submit student privacy statement /

¹ Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)

submit their Student Privacy Policy?	related to protection of student privacy/data	Does not have a policy	
Did the applicant have and submit their Ledger of Expenditures?	Has and submits ledger of expenditures	Does not submit ledger of expenditures / Does not have a ledger of expenditures	
What is the status of any relevant accreditations and/or licenses for the applicant?	The applicant holds the relevant accreditation status and/or licenses	The applicant has recently lost accreditation and/or relevant licenses	
Does the applicant plan to subcontract their awarded funds?*	The applicant will not be subcontracting the awarded funds	The applicant will be subcontracting the awarded funds	
Does the applicant's project align with one or more of NDE's 2020 STIP goal strategies?*	The applicant's project clearly aligns with one or more of NDE's 2020 STIP goal strategies	The applicant's project does not clearly align with any of NDE's 2020 STIP goal strategies	
Does the applicant have previous experience working with similar grants? (e.g., federal or state, amount of funding, etc.)*	Applicant has previous history working with similar grants	Applicant is new to working with grants of similar size and/or complexity	
Does the applicant have adequate financial staffing and experience to implement and manage the grant?*	80% or more of positions are filled and have the training needed to effectively manage the grant	20% or more of positions are vacant or hiring and will need training to effectively manage the grant	
Is the applicant able to segregate indirect costs from other funds?	Applicant is able to segregate indirect costs from other funds	Applicant is unable to segregate indirect costs from other funds	
What accounting system does the applicant use, and can it identify receipts and expenditures of program funds separately and by budget categories?	Accounting system in place identifies receipts and expenditures of program funds separately for each award and by budget cost categories	Accounting system does not identify receipts and expenditures separately for each award and by budget cost categories	
Does the applicant have a time and effort accounting system in place?	Has a time and effort accounting system in place	Does not have a time and effort accounting system in place	
If match or maintenance of effort is required, has applicant identified an allowable and sustainable source?*	There are no matching/MOE requirements for the applicant	There are match or MOE requirements for the applicant and they have identified a single sustainable source	There are match or MOE requirements for the applicant and they have identified fragmented sources
What is the status of recent state or federal financial audits for the applicant?	No findings on the most recent state or federal audits	No recent state or federal audits were conducted	One or more findings on the most recent state or federal audit
Is the applicant's Single Audit clear of any	No findings in the previous three fiscal years	No Single Audit conducted in the	One or more findings in the previous three

² All items marked with an asterisk are questions specific to the Grant PAA.

significant findings in the past three years?		previous three fiscal years	fiscal years.
What was the Financial Subrecipient Monitoring score for the applicant in the previous fiscal year?	Low	Medium	High

PAA Subrecipient Score	PAA Score - Grant	Criteria	NOFO Rubric Score
<i>Debarred</i>	<i>N/A</i>	Not eligible to receive funds	0
12-20	4-6	High Risk	1-2
5-11	2-3	Medium Risk	3-4
0-5	0-1	Low Risk	5

Appendix C: The General Education Provisions Act (GEPA)

The General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) is the law that contains general requirements applicable to most programs administered by the U.S. Department of Education. On October 20, 1994, the Improving America's Schools Act, Public Law 103-382, became law. The Act added a provision to the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA). Section 427 of GEPA (20 USC § 1228a - Equity for participants, teachers, and other program beneficiaries) requires an applicant for assistance under U.S. Department of Education programs to develop and describe in the grant application the steps it proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and equitable participation in, its proposed project for participants, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs. The purpose of Section 427 is to assist the Department in implementing its mission to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the Nation, by— (1) ensuring equal opportunities to participate for all eligible participants, teachers, and other program beneficiaries in any project or activity carried out under an applicable program; and (2) promoting the ability of such participants, teachers, and beneficiaries to meet high standards. A restatement of compliance with civil rights requirements is not sufficient to meet the requirements in section 427 of GEPA.

Section 427 requires each applicant for funds (other than an individual person) to include in its application a description of the steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and participation in, its Federally assisted program for participants, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs. This provision allows applicants discretion in developing the required description. The statute highlights six types of barriers that can impede equitable access or participation: gender, race, national origin, color, disability, or age. Based on local circumstances, you should determine whether these or other barriers may prevent your participants, teachers, etc. from such access or participation in, the Federally funded project or activity. The description in your application of steps to be taken to overcome these barriers need not be lengthy; you may provide a clear and succinct description of how you plan to address those barriers that are applicable to your circumstances.

Section 427 is not intended to duplicate the requirements of civil rights statutes, but rather to ensure that, in designing their projects, applicants for Federal funds address equity concerns that may affect the ability of certain potential beneficiaries to fully participate in the project and to achieve to high standards. Consistent with program requirements and its approved application, an applicant may use the Federal funds awarded to it to eliminate barriers it identifies.

What are Examples of How an Applicant Might Satisfy the Requirement of This Provision?

The following examples may help illustrate how an applicant may comply with Section 427.

- (1) An applicant that proposes to carry out an adult literacy project serving, among others, adults with limited English proficiency, might describe in its application how it intends to distribute a brochure about the proposed project to such potential participants in their native language.
- (2) An applicant that proposes to develop instructional materials for classroom use might describe how it will make the materials available on audio tape or in Braille for participants who are blind.
- (3) An applicant that proposes to carry out a model science program for secondary participants and is concerned that girls may be less likely than boys to enroll in the course, might indicate how it intends to conduct "outreach" efforts to girls, to encourage their enrollment.

We recognize that many applicants may already be implementing effective steps to ensure equity of access and participation in their grant programs, and we appreciate your cooperation in responding to the requirements of this provision.