

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

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Kansas Board of Regents Seeks Adult Education Grant Proposals

(Topeka, Kansas) – The Kansas Board of Regents will be seeking competitive applications from Adult Education providers across Kansas who serve adults choosing to acquire and improve literacy skills. Interested applicant organizations are asked, but not required, to file a letter of intent to apply by December 30, 2016.

The Kansas Board of Regents will be making this funding available for the purpose of providing adults educational opportunities to acquire and improve literacy skills necessary to become self-sufficient and to participate as productive workers, family members, and citizens in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Eligible organizations include local educational agencies, community-based organizations or faith-based organizations, volunteer literacy organizations, institutions of higher education, public or private nonprofit agencies, libraries, public housing authorities, and nonprofit institutions that are not described above and have the ability to provide adult education and literacy activities to eligible individuals. Consortia or coalitions of the agencies, organizations, institutions, libraries, or authorities described above, and partnerships between an employer and an entity described above, are also welcome to apply.

The term of the initial grant period is anticipated to be from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. Annual renewal will be subject to availability of funding, compliance with federal law, and grant expectations. Estimated funding to fund multiple organizations will be \$3.1 million annually.

More information is available at: <u>http://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/adult_education/adult-education-wioa-rfp</u>

Interested applicants are asked, but not required, to file a letter of intent to apply by December 30, 2016 at 5:00pm. The request for proposals will be released in January and due March 15, 2017.

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