
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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Adult Education and Literacy Programs

Purpose and History

The General Fund appropriation for Adult Education and Literacy Programs is distributed as grants to community colleges for the purpose of adult basic education programs for students requiring instruction in English as a second language. Adult education programs are designed to enable adults to do the following:

- Become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency.
- Obtain educational skills necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children.
- Complete a secondary school education.

The Adult Education and Literacy Programs appropriation was transferred to the Iowa Department of Workforce Development (IWD) from the Department of Education during the 2023 Legislative Session in [SF 514](#) (State Government Alignment Act).

Funding — State General Fund

Since FY 2020, the Adult Education and Literacy Programs appropriation has received an annual General Fund appropriation of \$500,000.

Funding — Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund

Since FY 2014, Adult Education and Literacy Programs have received an annual \$5.5 million appropriation from the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund (SWJCF). The SWJCF appropriation provides funding for adult education and literacy programs at the community colleges, including adult basic education, adult education leading to a high school equivalency diploma, English as a second language instruction, workplace and family literacy instruction, and integrated basic education and technical skills instruction.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code sections [8.75](#) and [260C.50](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [281—21](#) and [32](#)

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More Information

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