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Adult Literacy for the Workforce

Purpose

The General Fund appropriation for Adult Literacy for the Workforce 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. This appropriation supplements an annual \$3.9 million in funding from the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund (SWJCF), primarily to reduce waiting lists for English as a second language instruction.

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.

Funding

The first General Fund appropriation for Adult Literacy for the Workforce was in FY 2020 for the amount of \$500,000.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section <u>8.75</u> Iowa Code section <u>260C.50</u> Iowa Administrative Code <u>281</u>—21 and <u>32</u>

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