
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2025

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Adult Education and Literacy for the Workforce — Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund

Purpose and History

The Adult Literacy for the Workforce appropriation provides funding for adult education and literacy programs at Iowa community colleges. The programs include adult basic education, adult education leading to a high school equivalency diploma, English as a second language instruction, and workplace and family literacy instruction.

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

Funding — Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund

The Adult Literacy for the Workforce appropriation was funded for the first time in FY 2014 and has received an annual appropriation of \$5.5 million from the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund (SWJCF). The appropriation is allocated as follows:

- \$3.9 million to community colleges using the formula for the annual General Aid appropriation in Iowa Code section [260C.18C](#).
- No more than \$150,000 to the IWD for the implementation of adult education and literacy programs.
- No more than \$1.3 million as grants to community colleges for adult basic education programs for students requiring instruction in English as a second language.
- \$210,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services to administer a program to provide supplemental support for international refugees to improve learning, English literacy, life skills, cultural competencies, and integration in a county with a population over 350,000.

Funding — State General Fund

Since FY 2020, Adult Literacy for the Workforce also receives an annual General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 for grants to community colleges for the purpose of adult basic education programs for students requiring instruction in English as a second language.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code sections 84A.19 and [260C.50](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [281—23](#) and [281—32](#)

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More Information

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