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

Purpose

The Adult Literacy for the Workforce 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 Adult Literacy for the Workforce appropriation was funded for the first time in FY 2014 and has received annual appropriations from the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund. The appropriations specify that $3.9 million of the funding each year must be allocated to the community colleges using the formula established in statute for the annual General Aid appropriation. The remaining funds are allocated as follows:

• $150,000 annually to the Department of Education for implementation of adult education and literacy programs.

• No more than $1.5 million annually to be distributed 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 Human Services to administer a pilot project to provide supplemental support services for international refugees to improve learning, literacy, cultural competencies, and assimilation in 10 locations within a county with a population over 350,000.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section 260C.50
Iowa Administrative Code 281—21,32

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More Information

Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund: www.educateiowa.gov/adult-career-and-community-college/iowa-skilled-workforce-and-job-creation-fund
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