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Section 243 Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Program Grant (061)

1. INTRODUCTION

Section 243 of the Federal Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, Title II, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) provides funds to be awarded through the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Bureau of Postsecondary and Higher Education, Division of Adult Education (division) to provide Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education programing. The total federal funding available for awards to provide Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education programing under this Request for Grant Applications (RGA) is approximately \$2.0 million. This amount is based on the estimated federal grant award for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 as established in the United States Department of Education's state tables and is subject to change.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Purpose

As stated in WIOA, funds allocated under section 243 are to be used for grants for integrated English literacy and civics education in combination with integrated education and training activities. Each program that receives funding under this application shall be designed to prepare adults who are English language learners for, and place such adults in, unsubsidized employment in in-demand industries and occupations that lead to economic self-sufficiency and integrate with the local workforce development system and its functions.

The integrated English literacy and civics education activities provided under this funding opportunity are education services provided to English language learners who are adults, including professionals with degrees or credentials in their native countries, that enable such adults to achieve competency in the English language and acquire the basic and more advanced skills needed to function effectively as parents, workers, and citizens in the United States.

To ensure broad availability of integrated English literacy and civics education activities across Pennsylvania, PDE encourages agencies with demonstrated effectiveness in providing adult education and literacy services as described in the Establishing Demonstrated Effectiveness section of this RGA to form coalitions or consortiums of eligible providers when submitting an application.

Minimum Program Requirements

Full details regarding all minimum requirements established by PDE for Section 243 Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Program 061 programs are available in the <u>Draft PY</u> 2023-24 Adult Education and Family Literacy Program Guidelines.

Successful applicants for Section 243 Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Program grant funds will demonstrate the capacity to provide activities required under section 243. Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education programs funded under section 243 must have the following requirements established by PDE:

 Year-round leveled, managed enrollment integrated English literacy and civics education classroom activities and support services, including during the summer. In a consortium or

coalition of eligible providers, all agencies in the coalition must provide integrated English literacy and civics education activities and support services. Each agency in the consortium or coalition may offer a full range of services individually or the agencies may work together to create a seamless progression of classes.

- As defined in WIOA, integrated English literacy and civics education activities include all
 of the three components in combination: English language acquisition activities, literacy
 activities, and civics education (instruction in the rights and responsibilities of citizenship
 and civic participation).
- At least one integrated education and training activity, which must be held a minimum of
 once per program year. In a consortium or coalition of eligible providers, only one of the
 agencies in the consortium is required to provide an integrated education and training
 activity. Additional integrated education and training activities are allowed but not required.
 - All students who enroll in the integrated education and training activity must have completed at least one session of integrated English literacy and civics education activities before enrolling in the integrated education and training activity. In a consortium or coalition of eligible providers, the students who enroll in the integrated education and training activity may complete the integrated English literacy and civics education activities at any of the agencies in the consortium/coalition.
 - For students who plan to enroll in the integrated education and training activity, the integrated English literacy and civics education activities they attend should help them develop the oral and written English language skills they need to transition successfully to the integrated education and training activity and to earn a high school equivalency credential, if needed, as part of the training activity.
- Program-specific performance targets established through negotiation with the Division of Adult Education, which the program meets in each year of the grant cycle.
- Support services to help students address barriers to participation.
- Support services to help students identify education and career goals, develop employability skills, and successfully participate in and complete postsecondary education/training and gain employment.
- Integration of workforce preparation activities and activities to promote digital literacy and digital resilience into instruction and support services.
- A plan for ensuring student access to grant activities, including participation in the integrated education and training activity for interested students.
- A program administrator who is a full-time employee of the grantee agency. For providers that are a consortium or coalition of agencies, the program administrator of the main grantee must meet this requirement. If the program administrator is not working 100 percent on division-funded activities, the agency must provide evidence that this individual has sufficient time allocated to these activities to meet all of the requirements of the program administrator position. (Note: The program administrator does not have to be paid from grant funds; however, the person must have sufficient time allocated to activities supported by the grant.)
- Partnership at a local PA CareerLink[®] site and fulfillment of all the roles and responsibilities
 of a one-stop partner as delegated by PDE, including entering into a Memorandum of
 Understanding (MOU) with the local board, contributing to infrastructure costs of the PA
 CareerLink[®] site, providing access to grant services through the PA CareerLink[®] site, and
 providing career services to eligible one-stop participants.
- Integration with the local workforce development system and its functions to place
 participants in the Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Program in unsubsidized
 employment in in-demand industries and occupations that lead to economic self-sufficiency.

 Signed partnership agreement with a training provider to deliver the training portion of the integrated education and training activity.

Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Program Planning Documents
Applicants should use the Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Program Checklist,
the Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Content Guide, and the Integrated
Education and Training Planning Tool and Proposal to guide their grant applications. The
documents are posted on the Division of Adult Education Grant Competitions webpage.

Specific Requirements for Integrated Education and Training Activity

The integrated education and training activity proposed by the applicant must meet federal regulations for the activity and the following additional requirements imposed by the Division of Adult Education. Programs must get the integrated education and training activity approved by the division before they can start the classes in the integrated education and training activity. Programs must use the *Integrated Education and Training Planning Tool and Proposal* to submit the plan for the integrated education and training activity. Final approval of the integrated education and training activity will require a signed MOU or other contract with the occupational training provider. The MOU or contract must specify the roles and activities that each party will fulfill and must include a budget for any grant funds to be paid to the training provider.

Special State-Imposed Grant Conditions

All successful applicants under this RGA that also received funding under section 243 of WIOA in the 2020-2023 grant cycle must:

- Have a fully approved plan for the integrated education and training activity by September 1, 2023. Failure to have an approved plan for the integrated education and training activity by the deadline will result in suspension of payments until an approved plan is in place. Integrated education and training activities offered in prior grant cycles must be resubmitted for approval in the new grant cycle.
- 2. Hold at least one integrated education and training activity by the end of the first program year or they will be determined not to have met the contract obligations and the grant agreement will be terminated for cause.

Successful applicants that have not received prior funding under section 243 must have a full plan for the integrated education and training activity submitted to and approved by the division no later than January 1, 2024. Failure to have an approved plan for the integrated education and training activity by the deadline will result in suspension of payments until an approved plan is in place. Successful applicants who have not received prior funding under section 243 that do not have an approved plan in place by the end of the first program year will be placed on probation for the second year of the grant cycle and will not receive second year funds until a plan is in place. Continued failure will result in termination of the grant agreement for cause.

Eligible Applicants

As defined in WIOA, an eligible provider is an organization that has demonstrated effectiveness in providing adult education and literacy activities that may include:

- 1. A local education agency:
- 2. A community-based organization or faith-based organization;
- 3. A volunteer literacy organization;
- 4. An institution of higher education:
- 5. A public or private non-profit agency;

- 6. A library;
- 7. A public housing authority;
- 8. A non-profit institution that is not described in any of the above and has the ability to provide adult education and literacy activities to eligible individuals;
- 9. A consortium or coalition of the agencies, organizations, institutions, libraries, or authorities described above;
- 10. A partnership between an employer and an entity described above; and
- 11. Other organizations not listed above.

For the purposes of the competition in Pennsylvania, a consortium or coalition of agencies will be defined as a main grantee with one or more subgrantees. The main grantee will serve as both the fiscal agent for the grant and a provider of some of the services proposed in the grant application. The main grantee is responsible for ensuring that all activities provided are completed as proposed and is responsible for monitoring and compliance of the subgrantees. Applicants cannot subcontract with another applicant for a portion of the proposed services. Agencies can only be a main grantee or a subgrantee. Answers in the Narrative and Agency Information sections of the grant application should reflect the work of the consortium/coalition rather than treat each entity separately.

Establishing Demonstrated Effectiveness

For the purposes of establishing demonstrated effectiveness to qualify as an eligible provider for section 243 funding, an applicant must provide performance data on its record of improving the skills of eligible individuals, particularly eligible individuals who have low levels of literacy, information regarding its outcomes for participants related to employment, attainment of a secondary school diploma or its equivalent, and transition to postsecondary education and training. An applicant that has been previously funded under Title II of WIOA must submit performance data required under section 116 of WIOA. An applicant that has not been previously funded under Title II of WIOA must provide performance data to demonstrate its past effectiveness. Each individual agency in a consortium or coalition of agencies must be an eligible provider by itself (i.e., must be an organization that has demonstrated effectiveness in providing adult education and literacy activities) and must individually provide all of the data required to establish demonstrated effectiveness.

PDE will require applicants to provide quantitative data for the immediately preceding two program years. The data provided by the applicant to establish demonstrated effectiveness must include the following:

- 1. The number of individuals in the outcome cohort (i.e., the denominator);
- 2. The number of individuals who achieved the outcomes (i.e., the numerator); and
- 3. The resulting percentage of individuals who achieved the outcome.

The tables that applicants will use to provide data for the purposes of establishing demonstrated effectiveness to qualify as an eligible provider are on the <u>Division of Adult Education Grant Competitions</u> webpage. Applicants must download and complete the appropriate table and then upload the completed document into the *Demonstrated effectiveness to determine eligibility* section in the application in eGrants. In the case of a consortium or coalition of agencies, each agency must complete a table with its own data and each table must be uploaded separately.

PDE has established the following threshold for an applicant to be determined to be an eligible provider for the purposes of this Section 243 Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education 061 grant competition:

• A total number of individuals in ESL levels of at least 30 in each of the two years.

Prior to reviewing and scoring submitted applications, PDE will review the information provided by each applicant, including each agency in a consortium or coalition of agencies, to establish demonstrated effectiveness to determine if that applicant is an eligible provider. Only applications that are determined to be from eligible providers will be reviewed, scored, and considered for funding. In the case of a consortium or coalition of agencies, all agencies in the consortium or coalition must be determined to be eligible providers. Applicants that are not able to establish demonstrated effectiveness under the criteria above are not eligible providers and their applications will not be reviewed, scored, and considered for funding. Any applicants that are determined not to be eligible providers will be notified of that decision.

PDE reserves the right to require successful applicants to submit documentation in support of the information provided to establish demonstrated effectiveness.

Eligible Program Participants

Successful applicants will provide integrated English literacy and civics education activities in combination with integrated education and training activities to individuals who meet eligibility criteria. An eligible individual is defined by WIOA as an individual:

- 1. Who has attained 16 years of age;
- 2. Who is not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school under state law and;
- 3. Who is:
 - a. Basic skills deficient:
 - b. Does not have a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, and has not achieved an equivalent level of education; or
 - c. Is an English language learner.

Among the eligible participants, PDE believes that participants who have a postsecondary and/or employment goal and who enter the section 243 program at one of the six National Reporting System ESL educational functioning levels as determined by an approved official assessment may benefit most from the services under section 243. This includes participants who posttest at Exit Criteria for ESL and are then assessed at ABE levels while participating in the section 243 program.

Funding Priorities

In awarding funds, PDE will prioritize funding, through the review and rating process, to grant applications from eligible providers with past effectiveness in providing high quality services that improve the English language skills of eligible participants and help those participants to earn high school equivalency credentials, gain and retain employment, and/or transition to postsecondary education/training. PDE will prioritize funding for those applications that demonstrate a thorough and detailed plan for a Section 243 Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Program aligned with local needs that meets all of the minimum requirements and provides:

- Integrated English literacy and civics education activities at a variety of sites throughout the service area, with an emphasis on sites based in the areas where prospective students reside.
- Evidence of the applicant's organizational capacity to meet all of the programmatic, reporting, administrative, and fiscal requirements of the grant.

- High-quality instruction that is based on best practices and the *College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education*.
- High-quality instruction that is of sufficient intensity to lead to student outcomes. Priority will
 be given through scoring to applications that provide integrated English literacy and civics
 education activities of greater intensity.
- Services that align with the strategies and goals of the local workforce area as defined in the local plan and with the activities and services of the PA CareerLink[©] site partners.
- High-quality student support services that help students to persist and succeed in adult basic education services and meet their personal, educational, and career goals.
- An excellent description of need, including evidence of a sufficient number of individuals
 with the interest in and ability to complete the offered occupational training with the support
 of the integrated education and training activity at some point during the grant cycle.
- An explanation of how the need was determined and how the applicant determined that the integrated English literacy and civics education program is the best way to address this need.
- A detailed description of planning including working with other educational providers, social service agencies serving the target population, and local workforce partners.
- Proposed targets for enrollment in the Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education program; enrollment in the integrated education and training activity; completion of the integrated education and training activity, including attaining any related credential necessary for employment; educational functioning level gain based on pre-/posttesting; attainment of employment in an occupation directly related to the occupational training; attainment of a high school equivalency credential that are ambitious and align with the funding requested. Higher costs per student will require higher targets.

Federal WIOA Title II Requirements

WIOA Title II establishes requirements for the grant competition process, including items that must be addressed in the grant applications and items that PDE must take into consideration when awarding grants. In addition, section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act requires applicants to describe the steps they will take to ensure equitable access to, and participation in, the grant-funded program. This RGA and the questions in the grant narrative are designed to ensure that all necessary information is included. The Division of Adult Education strongly encourages applicants to refer to *Programs and Activities Authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (Title II of the WIOA)* — *Final Rule* §463.20 and §463.22 when completing the grant application.

Grant Terms and Conditions

Multi-Year Contracts

Successful grant applications will be approved for a three-year grant cycle. Grant funds for the second and third years be awarded through a notification of funding contingent on the availability of funds. Each year's renewal option, grant conditions, and grant amounts will be based on the following criteria:

- 1. Contract compliance, including success in meeting contracted enrollment and providing the contracted services:
- 2. Evidence of sufficient progress in meeting the targets proposed in the grant application and finalized through negotiation with PDE;
- 3. Evidence of continuous program improvement;
- 4. Compliance with fiscal and programmatic policies and guidelines; and

5. The amount of the appropriation.

Programs that fail to sufficiently address the above criteria or any additional conditions imposed on individual grants may be terminated prior to the end of the grant cycle.

Program Funding Requests

Programs should apply for those funds necessary to meet the grant requirements, provide the proposed services to the number of students they can serve based on need and interest in the service area, and meet the proposed targets. This can include the costs associated with the development and implementation of the integrated education and training activity. PDE will consider higher costs per student for applicants providing greater intensity of instruction in a larger service area. PDE requires programs to provide a 25 percent match, and applicants should consider that requirement when determining funding requests. PDE reserves the right to adjust the actual grant award amount and contracted enrollment of successful applicants during the grant contract approval process to be appropriate for the proposed activities.

Grant Application Components

The Section 243 Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Program grant application consists of three sections: Narrative, Agency Information, and Budget. A document explaining how to create the grant application in eGrants will be posted on the Division of Adult Education Grant Competitions webpage.

Narrative

The narrative addresses the seven required items and 13 considerations required by WIOA, plus PDE requirements, section 427 of GEPA, and how the applicant will use the grant funds to support the proposed activities. The narrative is the basis for analysis of the applicant's ability to provide the required activities and services. Online contextual help is available for each question in the application narrative by clicking on the **Help icons** in eGrants.

Agency Information

The Agency Information section provides detailed information regarding proposed integrated English literacy and civics education and integrated education and training activity outcome targets, staff qualifications, program sites and schedule, proposed contracted enrollment and participation, assurances, and program contact information. The information provided in this section will be rated for its alignment with and support of the information provided in the narrative. Online contextual help is available by clicking on the **Help icons** in eGrants.

Budget

The budget demonstrates fiscally sound allocation of funds to successfully provide services. Applicants should ensure that their budget proposal accurately and fully supports the proposed work and activities in the grant. Online contextual help is available for each question in the renewal application budget by clicking on the **Help icons** in eGrants.

When completing the budget, refer to the *Adult Education and Family Literacy Guidelines* Section 600 for fiscal guidance and information on grant limitations, cost functions and object codes, and local match. Applicants should also refer to the *Adult Education and Family Literacy Guidelines* Appendix E for guidance on administrative costs and the process to negotiate administrative costs greater than 5 percent, as allowed by WIOA. PDE, Division of Adult Education will conduct negotiations regarding administrative costs with successful applicants during the grant contract approval process.

Application Review

All Section 243 Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Program applications will be reviewed except those disqualified for one or more of the following reasons:

- 1. Entity submitting the application does not meet the definition of Eligible Applicants.
- 2. Application is incomplete.
- 3. Applications not completed by the application deadline. Completion will be determined by the time the eGrants system records that the program completed the application by marking all sections complete and clicking the "Complete" button.

Grant applications will be reviewed and scored by teams of at least three individuals comprised of staff from PDE, other commonwealth agencies, and/or peer reviewers. Peer reviewers will be non-applicants who have experience in related activities. Reviewers will be screened for conflicts of interest and will not benefit financially from grant awards. Depending on the number of applications received, a single team or multiple teams will review and score all applications. Analyses will be done to account for scoring differences among the teams. To ensure compliance with WIOA statute 107(d)(11)(B)(i) and WIOA regulations §463.21, after receiving the grant applications through eGrants, PDE will submit all applications for funds under Title II of WIOA to the appropriate local workforce boards for review for consistency with the local plans. PDE will take the results of the review and any recommendations to promote alignment into consideration when making grant awards.

Grant Award Selection and Notification Process

Reviewers will use an application review guide to review and score applications. Applications will be funded from highest scoring to lowest scoring based on the following criteria:

- 1. A minimum score of 138, and
- 2. Availability of funds.

Applications with a score of less than 138 will not be funded regardless of availability of funds. The Division of Adult Education will notify each applicant of the outcome of the review process and whether its application will be funded. Applications that are selected for award as a result of the application review and scoring process may require revisions or submission of additional information during the contract review and approval process.

Appeal Process

If an eligible provider disputes the funding decision, it has a right to appeal the decision to the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education. The appeal will be considered in accordance with the procedural rules set forth under 34 C.F.R. § 76.401(d) and 1 Pa. Code § 35.1 et seq., the General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure. A final decision of the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education may be appealed to the U.S. Secretary of Education under 34 C.F.R. § 76.401. The appeal of this decision must be received by the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education within 30 days of the mailing date of this decision at the following address:

Khalid N. Mumin, Ed.D. Acting Secretary of Education Pennsylvania Department of Education 333 Market Street, 10th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333

3. GRANT REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Grant applications will be submitted through the eGrants system.
- 2. For access to the eGrants system and the related grant opportunities, prospective applicants should send an email to ra-able@pa.gov with the subject line "Division of Adult Education grant competition." In the body of the email, prospective applicants should state the agency name and the agency's intent to apply for a Section 243 Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Program grant. Prior to sending the email, the applicant should search for the agency record in the PDE Education Names and Addresses (EdNA) database.
 - Agencies found in EdNA should include in their email their Administrative Unit Number (AUN) and contact information for the individual at the agency who will create and complete the grant application.
 - b. Agencies not listed in EdNA should indicate in the email that they are not in the state database and provide contact information for the agency administrator who will work with division staff to establish a listing and be assigned an AUN.
 - c. Under extraordinary circumstances affecting an agency's access to the eGrants system, the requirement to submit the grant application via eGrants may be waived. Eligible applicants who believe they have such circumstances should contact the Division of Adult Education at ra-able@pa.gov prior to the application due date to discuss an alternative submission process. Please note that the application deadline in bullet 5 below applies to any alternative submission process.
- 3. For the purpose of planning, writing, and submitting applications, this document should be used in conjunction with information presented during the grant bidders' webinar. Applicants should also review this information in conjunction with the division guidelines and policies and the eGrants application to develop a complete understanding of the intent and requirements of the application process.
- 4. Questions regarding the Section 243 Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Program grant application process must be sent to ra-able@pa.gov. Division of Adult Education staff will periodically post responses to submitted questions on the Department of Education website for all applicants to review.
- 5. Application Deadline: Eligible applicants must submit their proposal to PDE by April 14, 2023, at 2:00 PM. All sections must be marked complete (evidenced by a check mark next to each section) and the complete button must be chosen.

4. GRANT TIMELINE

Dates	Activity	
February 24, 2023	Grant Application Guidelines Available	
February 27, 2023	Sec. 243 IELCE Grant Applications Available (open)	
April 14, 2023, 2:00 PM	Sec. 243 IELCE Grant Completion Deadline (close)	

5. AWARD WINNERS

To complete the grant award process, applicants under consideration for acceptance are required to provide proper signatures to the grant agreement, plus complete the Funding Accountability and Transparency form located in the grant in eGrants to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act.

All contract components are produced by eGrants. Each will be accessed at the <u>eGrants</u> <u>website</u> and will consist of the following:

1. Grant Agreement Signature Page;

- 2. Appendix A Special Program Terms;
- 3. Appendix B Grantee's Program Narrative(s) and Budget(s); and
- 4. Appendix C Payment Terms, Responsibilities, and Contact Information.

Grant Agreement

- 1. The Grant Agreement is a binding agreement between PDE and the eligible grant award recipient. The beginning and ending date of the project, total amount of funds, and project number will appear on the grant agreement.
- 2. There must be an electronic signature or a manual signature in blue ink on the original copy of the Grant Agreement. Stamped signatures are not acceptable on the original copy.
- 3. Agencies approved for eSignature can electronically sign the Grant Agreement. The authorized signatory must be in the eGrants system in order to electronically sign contracts.
- 4. Agencies not approved for electronic signatures must print the first page of the grant agreement from eGrants, have it signed in blue ink by the authorized representative(s) and mail it to the division. The signature page should arrive no later than ten business days after the grant is submitted. All manually signed grant agreement signature pages should be mailed to:

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5. The authorized signer(s) must be (an) authorized representative(s) of the agency as described below:

Agency	One Authorized Representative	Two Authorized Representatives
School District	Superintendent	
Intermediate Unit	Executive Director	
Career & Technical School	Director	
Charter School	Chief Executive Officer	
University, College, or Community College	President	
Public Library	Director	
Community-Based Organizations and Corporations		President or Vice-President AND Secretary or Treasurer

- 6. Changes to the grant agreement language will require review and approval by PDE, Office of Chief Counsel, the Office of General Counsel, and the Attorney General's office and will cause delays in approving the agreement.
- 7. Per Management Directive 215.9, amended October 15, 2015, staff of the division will determine whether the applicant has delinquent tax debt or other conditions as specified in the State Contractor Responsibility Program. Any related issues must be resolved before the grant agreement will be reviewed and approved.
- 8. Applications recommended by division staff for approval are then reviewed by the Deputy Secretary, the Office of Chief Counsel, and the Comptroller's Office. Upon approval from the Comptroller's Office, the contract is considered fully executed. The fully executed contract with supporting documentation is uploaded to the Treasury website and to the final reporting section of the grant in eGrants. The status of an application can be verified in the eGrants system. The status will change to "Completed" once the grant is fully executed.

9. After complete review and approval by PDE and the Comptroller's Office, an approved and fully executed grant agreement will be available in eGrants.

Funding Accountability and Transparency

Grantees must complete the Funding Accountability and Transparency form located in eGrants.

- Grantee must maintain current registration in the <u>System for Award Management</u> (SAM) at all times during which they have active federal awards funded pursuant to this agreement. A Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number is required for registration in SAM.
- The applicant must complete the FAAT form that is located in eGrants.
- The following information is required on the FAAT form: UEI number; city, state and zip code +4 digit extension of the primary location; county where the greatest amount of the grant award will be expended; and compensation of officers is necessary if grantee received more than 80 percent of federal funds in the preceding fiscal year.
- The commonwealth will not process a grant until the grantee provides this information.

Program Planning Documents

Successful applicants will be required to upload a technology/equipment inventory. No grant will be approved until the applicant has submitted documentation that meets division approval.

General Program and Fiscal Requirements

Award winners are subject to all applicable state and federal administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements, which are incorporated into each grant award by reference.

Such requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Adult Education and Family Literacy Guidelines
- All Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education, Division of Adult Education policies
- eData Manual and Glossary
- PDE Master Standard Terms and Conditions
- <u>Education Department General Administrative Regulations</u> (EDGAR) 34 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Parts 75, 76, 77, 79, 81, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98, and 99 as amended on December 19, 2014
- <u>Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal</u> Awards

APPENDIX A

Scoring Summary

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Minimum acceptable score = 138