

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title II Adult Education Update

Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB) Job Seeker Services Meeting

April 21, 2020

Racial Equity in Adult Education Supplemental Services Grant Opportunity:

- A new grant opportunity is available to support racial equity in Minnesota adult education. Application materials for the **Racial Equity in Adult Education Supplemental Services Grant Opportunity**, including the instructions, application, and budget documentation, is now available on Minnesota Department of Education [Competitive Grant Opportunities website](#). Applications are due on May 7, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time.
- **The term of the initial grant period is anticipated to be from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, in the amount of \$80,000.** The Minnesota Department of Education intends to fund this grant opportunity for 2 additional years after the initial award period. These additional 2 years of funding would be awarded on an annual basis, depending on funding available and grantee performance.

High School Equivalency Exams:

- Expect a public announcement in May or June on the test or tests that will be approved in Minnesota as of July 2021. The announcement cannot be made official until after contract negotiations with one or multiple test vendors is complete.

Adult Basic Education Providers Federal Competitive Grant:

- The federal competitive grant application will be in 2022. All current ABE Consortia will need to submit an application for federal ABE funds. This is also an opportunity for new providers to apply.

Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Federal Competitive Grant:

- The IELCE competitive grant application will be opened in 2022. This grant can serve professionals with degrees from other countries who need to learn the English language.