NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABLE GRANT

GRANT ACTIVITIES:
Adult Basic Education (ABE)

GRANT AGENCY:
Montana Office of Public Instruction

AUTHORITY:
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy Act

RELEASE DATE:
March 14, 2022

DEADLINE:
Applications are due Friday, April 15, 2022 at 5:00 PM Mountain Time

GRANT PERIOD:
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
An organization that has demonstrated effectiveness in providing ABE and literacy activities is eligible to apply for grant funds. These organizations may include, but are not limited to:

1. A local educational agency.
2. A community-based or faith-based organization.
3. A volunteer literacy organization.
4. An institution of higher education.
5. A public or private nonprofit agency.
6. A library.
7. A public housing authority.
8. A nonprofit institution that is not described in the list above (1) through (7) and has the ability to provide ABE and literacy activities to eligible individuals.
9. A consortium or coalition of the agencies, organizations, institutions, libraries, or authorities described in the list above (1) through (8).
10. Partnership between an employer and an entity described in the list above (1) through (9).
**DEFINITION OF ADULT EDUCATION:**
The definition of Adult Basic Education (ABE) refers to academic instruction and education services below the post-secondary level that increase an individual’s ability to read, write and speak in English, and perform mathematics or other activities necessary for the attainment of a secondary diploma or its recognized equivalent; transition to post-secondary education and training, and obtain employment. ABE services are available for individuals:

1. Who 16 years of age or older.
2. Who are not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school under state law.
3. Who:
   a. Are basic skills deficient.
   b. Does not have a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, and have not achieved an equivalent level of education.
   c. Are English Language Learners.

**HOW TO APPLY:**
Request for Proposal documents will be available through the Montana Acquisition and Contracting System (eMACS) on March 14, 2022. All interested applicants are encouraged to check the eMACs website frequently for additional information.