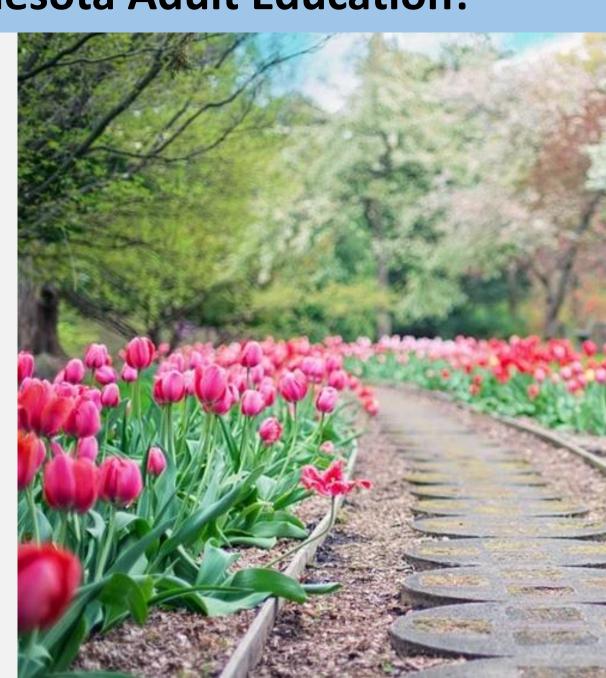
#### Welcome to WebChat with Minnesota Adult Education!

- This session is our annual grant application webinar.
- We'll begin at 1:00.
- Everyone is currently muted to reduce background noise.
- If you are having any tech issues, please chat to Wendy Her for assistance.

## Check-In Discussion (enter responses in the chat):

Share a recent success story from your program!







# WebChat with MNABE Annual ABE Grant Application Workshop







# Updates and Announcements

#### **August Reporting Submission**

Form and additional details will be sent to grantees in early June.

#### **Sections**

- Level Gains with Post-Test Report for All ABE Participants
- Annual Volunteer Information Report
- (NEW) Staff Required Training Report
- (NEW) Volunteer Required Training Report
- Effectiveness in Serving Employers
- IET Workforce Training Costs
- Consortium's one-stop (CareerForce center and system) contributions
- Verification of your consortium's FY25 state ABE aid calculation
- Career Service Costs

More discussion on the August reports at a SiD webinar in June and at the WebChat on July 10th.

#### Reminder: Tracking Required Training in SiD

- All training required by the Staff Training Policy and the Volunteer
   Training Standards Policy must be entered into SiD.
- Consortia will need to submit staff and volunteer training reports from SiD with their August data submission.
- Training reports are being finalized; watch for emails from MDE with information on how to run reports and reminders on how to enter training info in SiD.

Policies can be found at: <a href="https://www.mnabe.org/abe-law-policy/mn-abe-policies">www.mnabe.org/abe-law-policy/mn-abe-policies</a>

### **Annual Volunteer Report**

## MN Adult Education Volunteer Training Policy:

Volunteers who work with adult learners are required to receive either Foundations of Adult Education Tutoring (12 hours) or Foundations of Volunteering in the Adult Education Classroom (4 hours), depending on their role. Learn more:

www.literacymn.org/volunteerfoundations-training Webinar: Completing the Annual Volunteer Report

Thursday, June 6 2:00-4:00

Receive guidance on completing the Annual Volunteer Report, entering volunteer trainings into SiD, and running the training report.

Register now!

### Join a PD Advisory Team!

- Transitions PD Advisory Team: guides professional development for Adult Career Pathways, IET, ACES TIF, and other transitions-related work
- Administrator PD Advisory Team: guides professional development for administrators and other program leaders
- Statewide PD Committee: helps inform professional development statewide

Applications: <a href="https://atlasabe.org/applications/">https://atlasabe.org/applications/</a>

Due June 3!

**APPLY NOW** 

5/1/2024

#### Statewide Mentorship Experience

#### Interested in becoming or having a mentor?

Learn more and apply on the ATLAS website!



#### **NEXT COHORT BEGINS MAY 31st**

Deadline to be matched for this next cohort is May 6, 2024

(Accepting applications on an ongoing basis.)

#### 2024-25 CCRS Implementation Cohort

Program teams and participants learn how to plan standardsaligned lessons, evaluate and supplement instructional resources for standards-alignment, and develop a long-term CCRS implementation plan!

- ➤ Prerequisite = CCRS Foundations <u>Course</u> or Workshop
- ➤ Program application: ideal team is at least 1 administrator, 1 ELA teacher, 1 math teacher
- Institute 1 is in person, all other activities are virtual
- ➤ Support for travel costs and stipends!
- ➤ Application available on <u>ATLAS website</u>, due June 3



#### TVM (Teacher Verification Model) Refresher Webinar

Thursday, May 30, 2:30-3:30

Register: <a href="https://atlasabe.org/event/tvm-refresher-webinar/">https://atlasabe.org/event/tvm-refresher-webinar/</a>

- >review key components and requirements of the Teacher Verification Model
- ask questions and participate in a facilitated discussion with other TVM certified teachers
- > share resources and best practices

Note: This is NOT a TVM Certification Webinar; this is for TVM Certified staff

TVM Certification Info and FAQ's

#### Summer Institute

#### August 14-15 (virtual)

Registration opens today! Early-bird rates good until June 30:

- \$60 for LAN members
- \$120 for non-LAN members



#### Mark your calendars! 2024-25 PD Dates

**ABE Summer Institute** (virtual) – Aug. 15-16

Fall North Regional (Walker) - Oct. 3-4, 2024

Fall Manager Meeting (Metro area, TBD) - Oct. 30, 2024

Math Institute (virtual) – Nov. 8, 2024

**Support Services Conference** (virtual) — Nov. 14-15, 2024

MN English Learner Conference (MELED) (St. Paul) – Nov. 22-23, 2024

Language & Literacy Institute (Bloomington) - Jan. 23-24, 2025

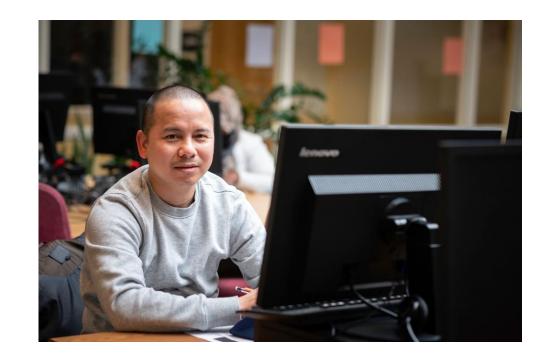
**Spring Statewide Virtual Conference** – April 11, 2025

Spring South Regional (Mankato) - May 2, 2025



#### MN ABE Computer-Based Testing Survey

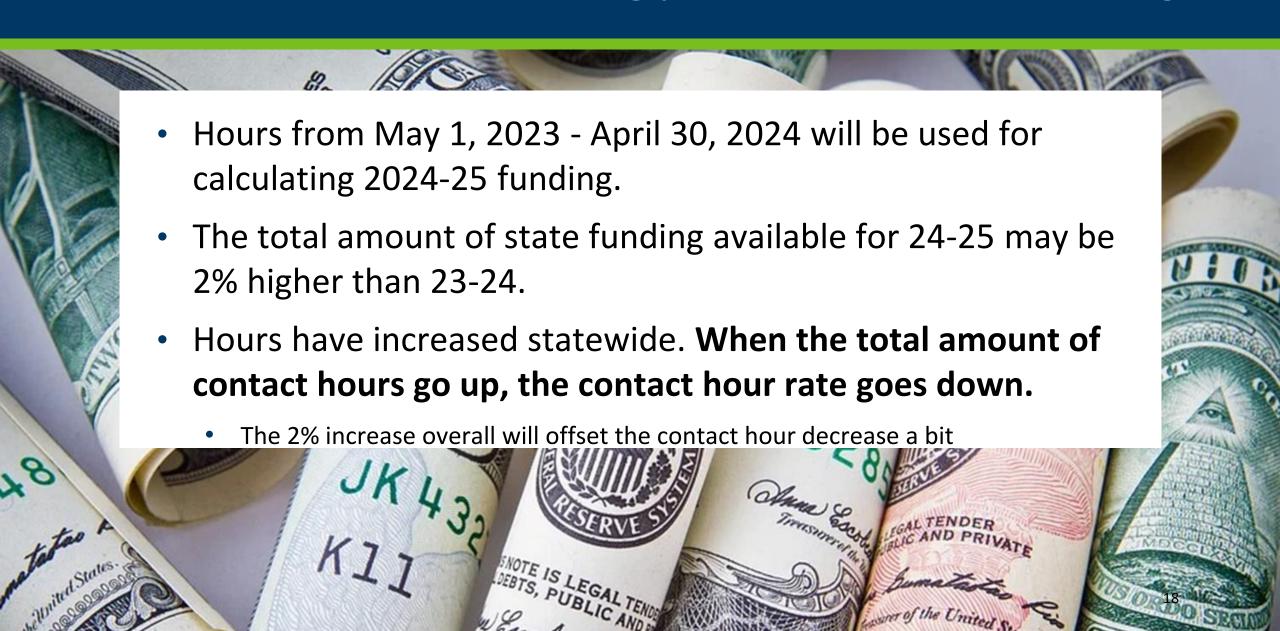
- Emailed to Consortium
   Managers on 4/18 and 4/29
- Please submit ONE response per consortium by this Friday, May 5
- Information gathered will be used to make decisions about state-purchased computerbased tests (CASAS, TABE, and BEST Plus 3.0 pilot)



## **Contact Hours and Funding for 2024-25**



#### Starting points for 2024-25 funding

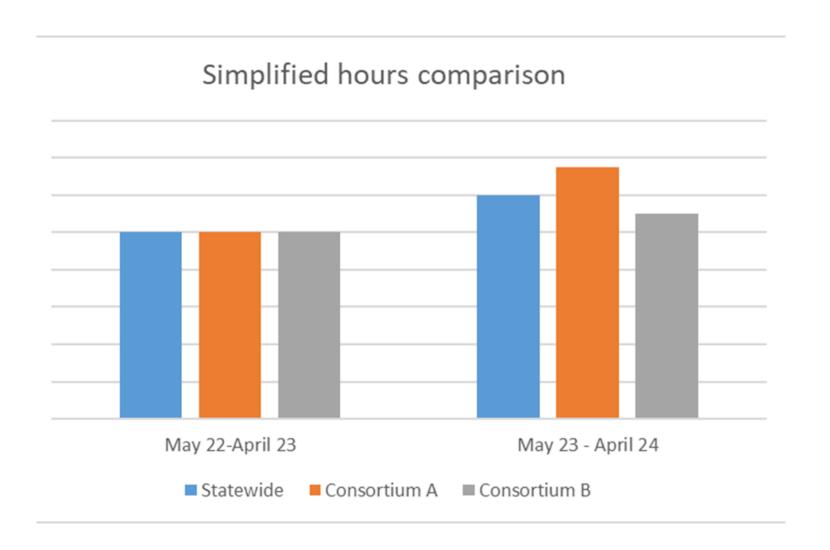


## Update on statewide contact hours

	11-month total
2022-23 Hours (not including April 2023)	3,074,691
2023-24 Hours (not including April 2024)	3,542,330

Statewide increase in hours = 15%

#### **Contact hour growth and funding**



Consortium A can predict an increase in funding.

Consortium B can predict a decrease in funding.

#### Resource on funding and budgeting



#### Webinar recording:

Administrators, Where Shall We Begin? Planning & Budgeting for the Coming Year

February 20, 2024

ATLAS staff, MDE staff and several Adult Ed managers

Link to recording: <a href="https://youtu.be/1kH2GfZ8sCA?si=7WPi">https://youtu.be/1kH2GfZ8sCA?si=7WPi</a> ipVRK2V0HSc



# Adult Education (ABE) Grants

## **Grant Applications for ABE Funding**

Application	Typical due date	Time period
Annual ABE Application (annual renewal of State and Federal ABE funds)	June 1	One year
Federal Adult Education Competition	last due March 2022 next competition Spring 2028	2022 - 2028 (six years)
IELCE (Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education) grants	last due April 2022 next competition Spring 2025	Three years
Five-Year Narrative (five-year reauthorization to receive state ABE funds)	June 1 (only once every 5-6 years)	Five years
Other grants (e.g. Pathways to Prosperity, foundation grants)	Varies	Varies

#### Federal and State Adult Education Funding

#### Federal Adult Education Funding (FIN 438)

- The Federal Competitive application is the reauthorization process for federal funding.
- 2024-25 will be the third year of the current 6-year grant cycle.
- No federal adult education grant competition this year. Next competition scheduled for Spring 2028.

#### State Adult Education Funding (FIN 322)

- The five-year narrative is the reauthorization process for state funding
- Runs on a rolling 5-year cycle
- Each year a group of 7-9 consortia are required to submit the 5-year narrative.

Current grantees must submit the annual application each year to continue receiving state and federal ABE funding.

## 2024 5-year Narrative Cohort

Consortia submitting Narratives in 2024:

**AEOA** 

Burnsville

**Dakota Prairie-Farmington** 

Lakeville

**NW Service Cooperative** 

Osseo

**South Suburban-South St. Paul** 

• June 3, 2024: Narrative due date

• Summer or Fall 2024: site visit



## 2025 5-year Narrative Cohort

#### Timeline:

- 2025 Narrative cohort staff: Read and score narratives during month of June
- Full day reviewer meeting: Tues. June 25
   (virtual)
- Narrative Writers Workshop: Wed. Oct. 9
   (virtual)



Consortia submitting Narratives in 2025:

**Alexandria** 

**Adult Options - Hopkins** 

**Detroit Lakes** 

**Duluth** 

**Hiawatha Valley - Red Wing** 

Metro East - North St. Paul

Rochester

**SW Metro** 

**West - Monticello** 



# Annual ABE Grant Application

### Who submits the annual application?

Our Minnesota Adult Education system is organized by consortia.

 Each consortium has a single fiscal agent entity (school district, CBO, correctional institution or tribal nation).

The fiscal agent entity is responsible to submit one application for the entire consortium.

#### Change from SERVS to MEGS

In previous years, the Annual ABE Grant Application was available through SERVS.

Starting this year, the application will be in Minnesota Education Grants System (MEGS).



#### **Annual Application Process**

 Complete the Contact Information, Application Narrative and Tables within MEGS

2. IOWA (Identified Official With Authority) must accept the assurances

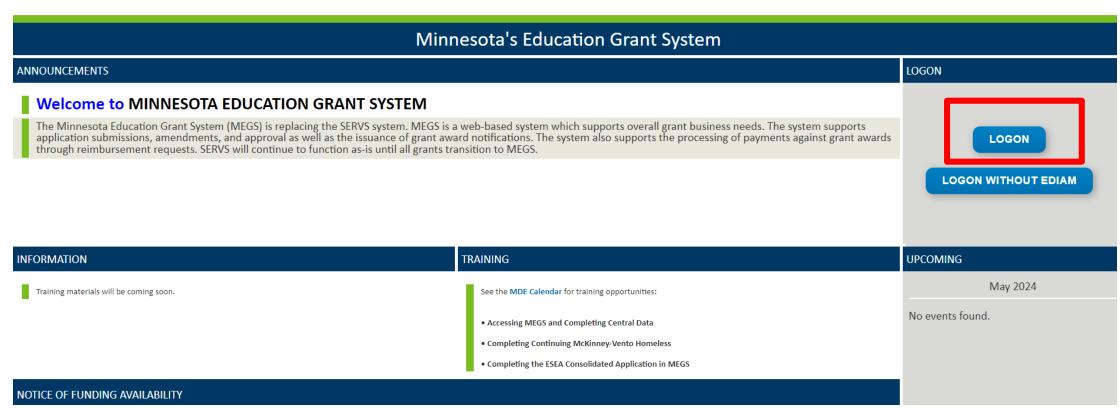
3. IOWA must (virtually) sign and submit by June 3 at 5 pm

(IOWA is typically superintendent or executive director)



#### **Accessing the Application**





MEGS link: <a href="https://mde.mtwgms.org/MEGS/logon.aspx">https://mde.mtwgms.org/MEGS/logon.aspx</a>

#### Log In

The application can only be accessed in the new Minnesota Education Grants System (MEGS). MEGS is within Education Identity & Access Management (EDIAM), which is where you previously logged into SERVs.



Education Identity & Access Management (EDIAM) User Account Login



User ID:
Password:
LOGIN
Don't have an account? Create Account
Can't access your account? Get Login Help

The system you are attempting to use is for authorized users only. This system is monitored for unauthorized access and use. Use of this system is expressed consent

#### **MEGS Access**

If you have not used EDIAM in the past, but will now need to access MEGS, you should start by creating an EDIAM account.

Once you have an EDIAM account, your IOWA (Identified Official with Authority) will have to give you access to MEGS. MDE staff cannot give you access to MEGS – you will work through your business office/IOWA to get this access.

 As in previous years, the application will need to be virtually signed, in MEGS, by the IOWA. This needs to happen on or before 5 pm on June 3, 2024.
 Please make sure your business office and IOWA are aware of this deadline!



Education Identity & Access Management (EDIAM) User Account Login



User ID:	
Password:	
LOGIN	
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#### **MEGS Landing Page**



Menu List

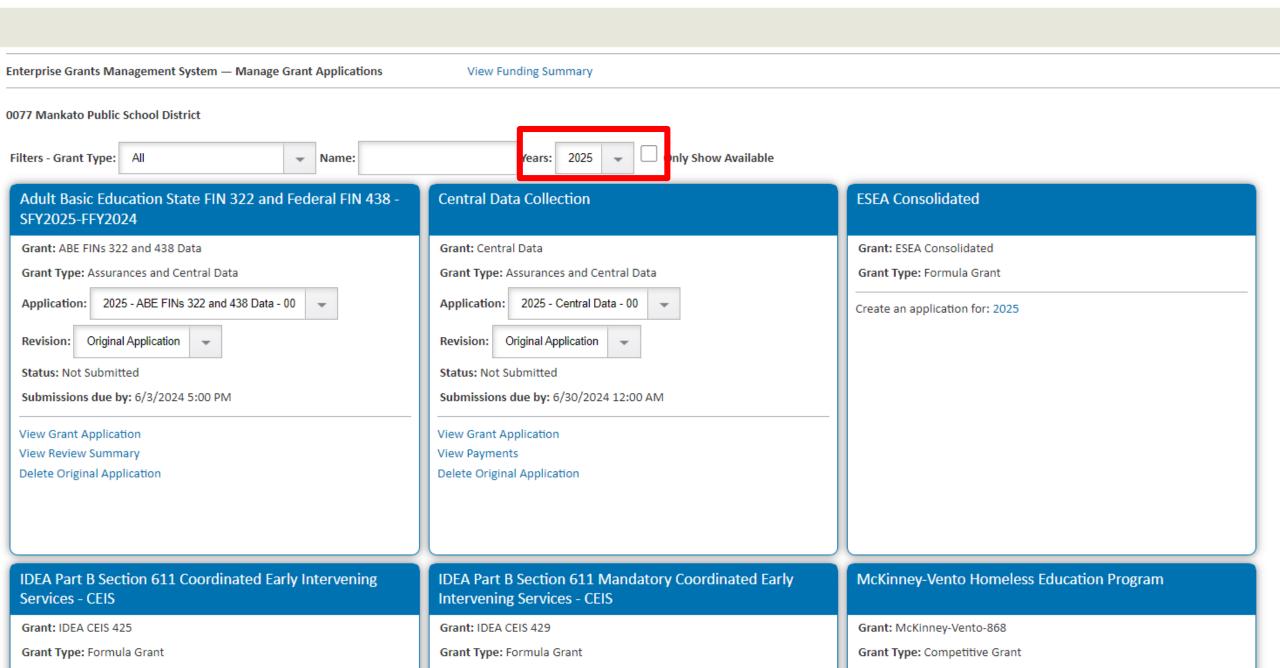
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This website is best viewed using Current Versions of Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Apple Safari

The ABE application is live as of 5/1/24, at 1:00 p.m. Users must access the ABE Application in MEGS via EDIAM. If your EDIAM account does not currently have MEGS access, first reach out to your IOWA or business office. If additional support is needed, please contact <a href="MEGS.mde@state.mn.us">MEGS.mde@state.mn.us</a>.



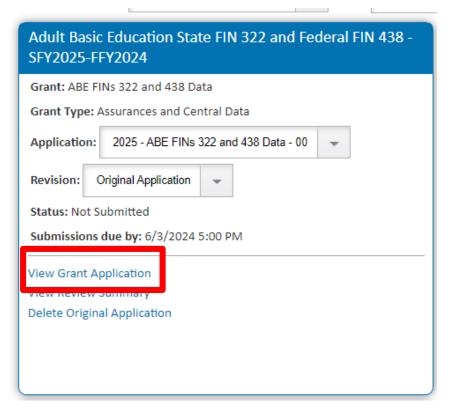


#### Getting to the Application

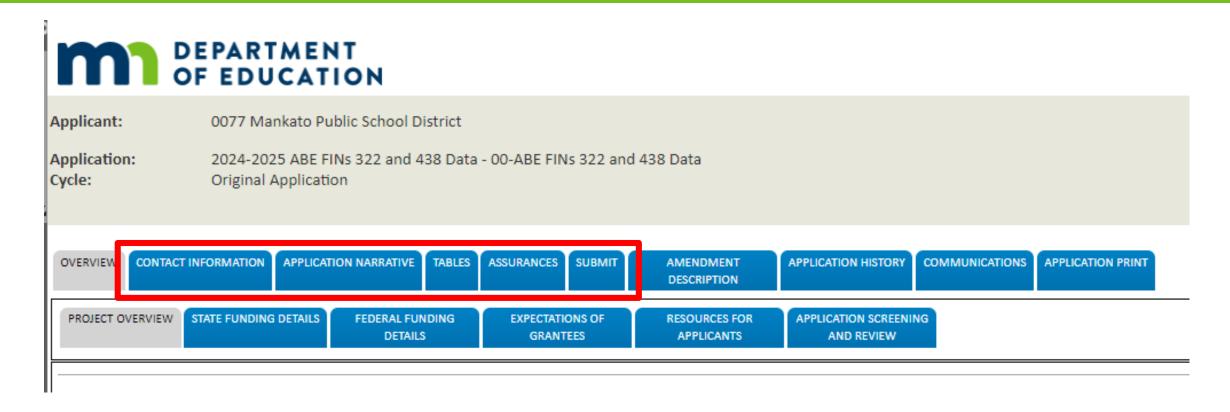
Before the application has been started, the tile will look like this:



After the application has been started, the tile will look like this:



#### Layout of MEGS



Applicants will enter information on the Contact Information, Application Narrative, Tables, Assurances, and Submit tabs

#### **MEGS Overview Tab**



#### Adult Basic Education (ABE) Grant Opportunity

Due Date: Monday, June 3, 2024, 5 p.m. Central Time

**Purpose:**The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) makes this funding available, in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for the purpose of providing adults with educational opportunities to acquire and improve the literacy skills necessary to become self-sufficient and to participate effectively as productive workers, family members and citizens.

Eligibility Criteria: Any organization that has demonstrated effectiveness in providing adult education and literacy activities for eligible individuals (as defined in CFR 463.24) seeking federal and/or state Adult Basic Education (ABE) funding, which may include:

- 1. a local educational agency;
- 2. a community-based organization or faith-based organization;
- 3. a volunteer literacy organization;
- 4. an institution of higher education;
- a public or private nonprofit agency;
- 6. a library;
- 7. a public housing authority;

#### **Contact Information**

OVERVIEW CO	ONTACT INFORMATION	APPLICATION NARRATIVE	TABLES	ASSURANCES	SUBMIT	AMENDMENT DESCRIPTION	APPLICATION HIST	ORY COMMUNIC	ATIONS APPLICATION PRINT
Contact Info	rmation								
Select t	o pull information	from Agency's Centr	al Data ap	plication					
Select t	o enter Contact Ir	formation because A	gency doe	s not have a	Central Dat	a application			
Administrati	ve Offices:								
ddress 1									
ddress 2									
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Business Ma	nager:								
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Phone				Email					

### **Application Narrative**

OVERVIEW	CONTACT INFORMATION	APPLICATION NARRATIVE	TABLES	ASSURANCES	SUBMIT	AMENDMENT DESCRIPTION	APPLICATION HISTORY	COMMUNICATIONS	APPLICATION PRINT
APPLICATI	ON NARRATIVE								
Congressio	onal District of Grant	ee Organization (usin	gaddres	s of primary	location):				
Minnesota	a County the Grantee	e Resides In:							
Wright									
Are you a	nonprofit organizatio	on reporting as a 501(	c)(3) org	ganization?					
O Yes	No No								
Grant Fun	ding Selection								
Please che	eck which type of Ad	ult Basic Education (A	BE) fund	ls the organi	zation is a	oplying: Federal and/	or state funding.		
✓ This e	entity is applying for	federal ABE funding fo	or fiscal	year 2025 (F	Y 2025) an	d was approved to r	eceive federal ABE F	Funding in March	2022.
This e	entity is applying for	state ABE funding for	fiscal ye	ar 2025 (FY	2025).				
Program S	status								
Select the	ONE condition below	w that best describes	your sta	te fiscal year	2025 (SFY	25) FIN 438/322 Gra	ant Application:		
1. Continu	ing ABE Consortium	: This consortium was	approve	ed and funde	ed for SFY	2024 and is seeking o	continuation for SFY	2025. There are i	no

2. Realigned or Restructured ABE Consortium: This consortium was approved and funded for SFY 2024 and is seeking continuation for SFY 2025 or this consortium will separate from its SFY 2024 ABE fiscal agent and is seeking approval for SFY 2025 as a separate consortium. There are some

3. New Consortium: This consortium is seeking approval as a new ABE consortium.

changes in school district membership or fiscal agency for SFY 2025.

changes in school district membership or fiscal agency for SFY 2025.



### Tables

Tables A, 7, 14, and B

5/1/2024 41

#### **Tables**

Four tables, the same as last year's application\*:

**Table A:** Enrollment & Contact Hours

**Table 7:** Adult Education Personnel

Table 14: Providers by Funding Source

**Table B:** Providers, Sites and Other Members

Split across several tabs

5/1/2024

<sup>\*</sup> except that all information must be entered into MEGS, not into an Excel document

#### Table A: Total Enrollment & Contact Hours

TABLE A TABLE 7 TABLE 14 TABLE B		

Table A (May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024)

**Total Enrollment & Contact Hours** 

Enter the number of enrollees and their total contact hours.

NOTES: The grand total number of contact hours reported in Column C will determine the grantee's contact hours for state Adult Basic Education aid.

The subtotal of lines 1 - 12 on Column C, will determine the grantee's contact hours for federal aid.

Low-Incidence Disability enrollees and hours should be entered only for students whose status has been approved through the PANDA/MDE process.

Educational Functioning Level at Entry A	Number of Enrollees (any # of hrs) B	Total Contact Hours for Enrollees C
1. ABE 1		
2. ABE 2		
3. ABE 3		
4. ABE 4		
5. ABE 5		
6. ABE 6		
7. ESL 1		
8. ESL 2		
9. ESL 3		

#### Data from SiD for Table A



Table A - Total Enrollment & Contact Hours

Sandbox: 5/1/2023 - 4/30/2024

All SubSites \*\*

All Classes

Funding Source: All Funding Sources, Grants:

Pre Test EFL	# of Distinct Students	Hours
⊕ABE Level 1	3	49.25
⊕ABE Level 2	2	62.50
<b>⊕</b> ABE Level 4	4	129.50
⊕ABE Level 6	1	13.00

#### Reminders and recommendations for Table A

- This data is crucial because it is directly tied to funding.
- The hours reported on Table A will be used in the official aid calculation for funding, NOT what is in SiD.
- Check your data carefully data entry errors can result in a loss of funding for your consortium.
- Keep a copy of your Table A report from SiD (PDF or Excel) for your own records
  - Verify that all April hours have been entered before running the report in SiD

#### Table 7:Adult Education Personnel

TABLE A	TABLE 7	TABLE 14	TABLE B

Table 7 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

#### Adult Education Personnel by Function and Job Status

Enter all personnel by function and job status.

For reporting Local-level Administrative/Supervisory/Ancillary Services, Counselors, and Paraprofessionals:

- Enter an unduplicated count of personnel by function and job status. Count the number of positions, not the number of staff who filled them.
- In Column B, count one time only each part-time position of the program administered under AEFLA who is being paid out of Federal, State, and/or local education funds.
- In Column C, count one time only each full-time position of the program administered under AEFLA who is being paid out of Federal, State, and/or local education funds.
- In Column D, report the number of volunteer positions (personnel who are not paid) who served in the program administered under AEFLA.

For reporting Local Teachers:

- Count and report the number of teachers, not the number of positions. For example, if one local part-time teaching position was filled with 3 teachers throughout program year, count and report 3 local part-time teachers.
- Report adult education experience and certification for paid teachers only, not volunteers. The total number of teachers for which experience is reported must equal the total number of teachers reported in Columns B and C.
- For certification, report all certifications a teacher has. Multiple responses are allowed. Report teachers who lack certification in the 'No Certification' category.

Adult Education	Personnel	j
Total Number of Part-time Personnel (B)	Total Number of Full-time Personnel (C)	Unpaid Volunteers (D)
	Total Number of Part-time Personnel	Total Number of Part-time Personnel Total Number of Full-time Personnel

#### Reminders and recommendations about Table 7

- Run Table 7 in SiD
- Check to make sure your staff and volunteer numbers are in the ballpark
  - If not, you may need to add end dates for old staff and volunteers
- Enter the data into MEGS

### Table 14: Providers and Funding

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TABLE A	TABLE 7	TABLE 14	TABLE B

Table 14 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

**Local Providers by Funding Source** 

Enter the type of fiscal agent entity, number of each type of additional provider receiving state and federal ABE funds, number of each type of IELCE grantee, and the amount of state and federal (including IELCE) ABE funding received.

Provider Agency (A)	Fiscal Agency Entity (B)	Number of Additional Providers (C)	Number of IELCE Grantees (D)	Federal Funding (including IELCE) Amount (E)	Federal Funding cluding IELCE) % of Total (F)	State Funding Amount (G)	Sta	te Funding % of 1 (H)	Total
Local Education Agencies (school districts)				\$	0 %	\$		0	%
Public or Private Nonprofit Agencies									
Community-based Organizations				\$	0 %	\$		0	%
Faith-based Organizations				\$	0 %	\$		0	%
Libraries				\$	0 %	\$		0	%
Institutions of Higher Education									
Community or Technical Colleges				\$	0 %	\$		0	%
Four-year Colleges or Universities				\$	0 %	\$		0	%
Other Institutions of Higher Education				\$	0 %	\$		0	%
Other Agencies									
Correctional Institutions				\$	0 %	\$		0	%
Other Institutions (non-correctional)				\$	0 %	\$		0	%
Tribal Government or Organization				\$	0 %	\$		0	%
					0.4				0,

#### Reminders and recommendations for Table 14

Include on Table 14: State (FIN 322) and federal (FIN 438) ABE funds *plus* IELCE funds (FIN 801)

Column E: Federal funds total

 Total should match total federal ABE award amount plus IELCE award amount for all providers in the consortium

Column G: State funds

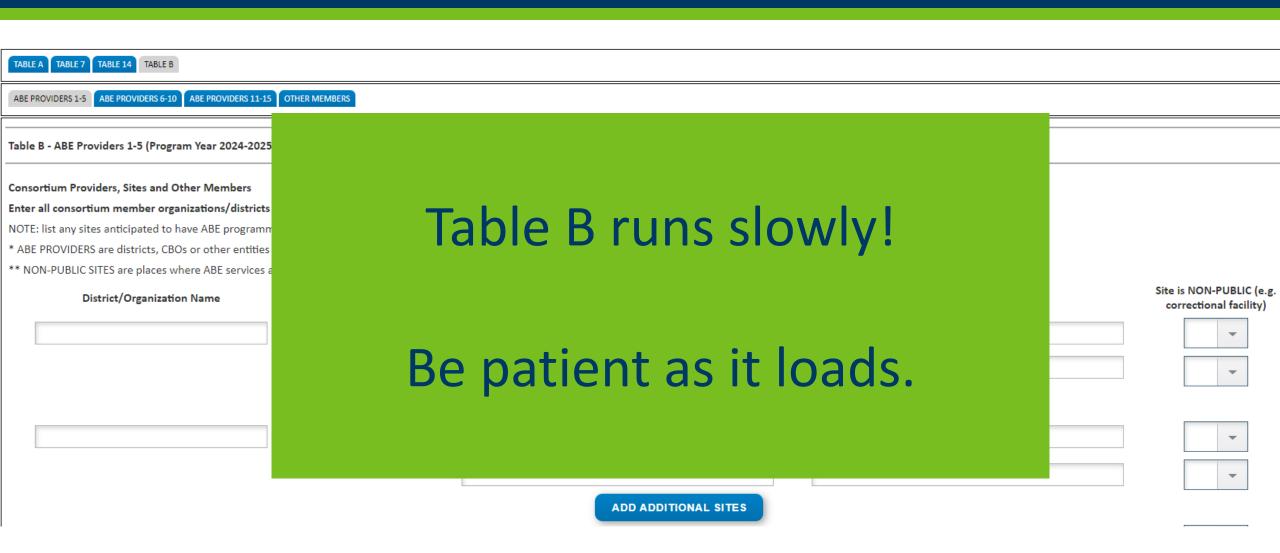
Total should match state ABE award amount

Change: New row added for "Tribal Government or Organization"

#### Table B – Providers and Sites

TABLE A TABLE 7 TABLE 14 TABLE B						
ABE PROVIDERS 1-5 ABE PROVIDERS 6-10 ABE PROVIDERS 11-15 O	OTHER MEMBERS					
Table B - ABE Providers 1-5 (Program Year 2024-2025)						
Consortium Providers, Sites and Other Members						
Enter all consortium member organizations/districts tha	at are ABE PROVIDERS* and the regular	programming sites they staff and operate. Indicate which sites	are NON-PUBLIC**.			
NOTE: list any sites anticipated to have ABE programming	g within the 24-25 program year (July 202	24 - June 2025).				
* ABE PROVIDERS are districts, CBOs or other entities that	t use ABE funds to hire at least one ABE	instructor.				
** NON-PUBLIC SITES are places where ABE services are of	delivered only to a specific group of peop	ole, such as employees of that company or people incarcerated a	at that facility.			
District/Organization Name	District number (if applicable)	Programming Site	Programming Site Address	Site is NON-PUBLIC (e., correctional facility)		
				-		
		ADD ADDITIONAL SITES				
				-		
		ADD ADDITIONAL SITES				

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE: Table B**



#### Reminders for Table B Providers and Sites

Any entity that pays for one or more ABE instructors is an ABE PROVIDER and should be listed in first section

Programming Site should be name of building as known by the public

Use complete, mappable address (including Zip code)

Format: 123 Main St, City, MN 55555

#### Table B – Other Members

TABLE A TABLE 7 TABLE 14 TABLE B	
ABE PROVIDERS 1-5 ABE PROVIDERS 6-10 ABE PROVIDER	RS 11-15 OTHER MEMBERS
Table B - Other Members (Program Year 2024-2	2025)
Enter all other member organizations/districts	that are not ABE PROVIDERS*.
District/Organization Name	District number (if applicable)

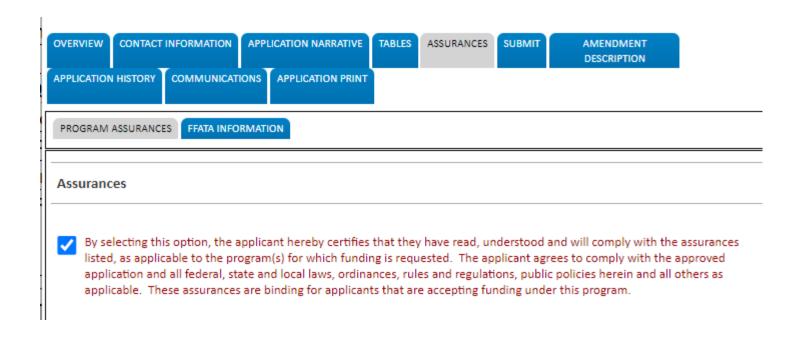
List all consortium members that are NOT ABE providers (they do not hire ABE teachers).



### Questions about Tables?

#### **IOWA Signs Assurances**

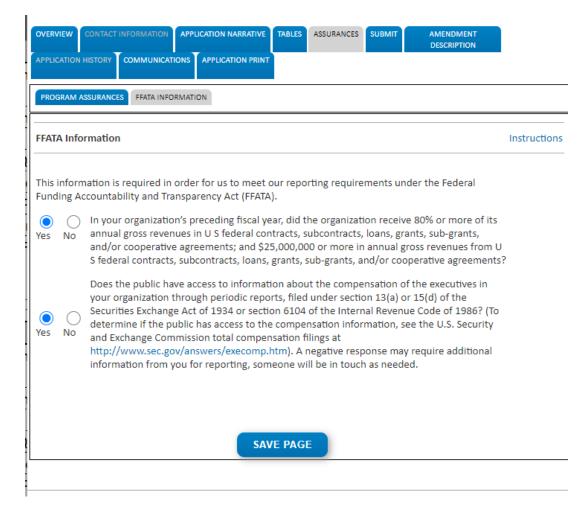
The IOWA must accept the assurances before submitting, they can do so at any time in the process, it does not need to be the final step before submitting.





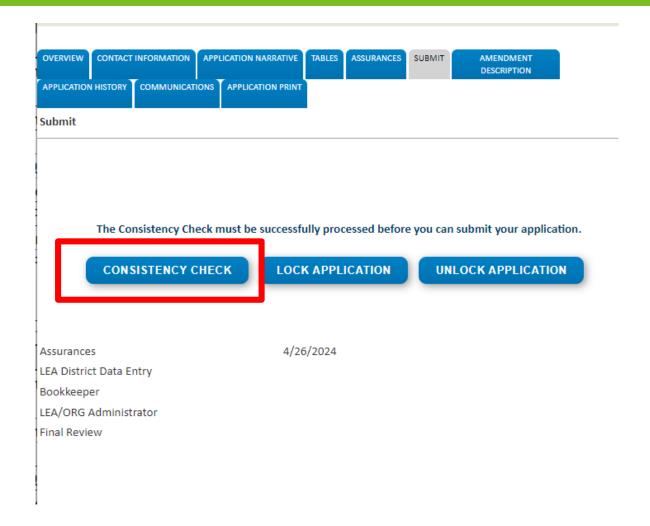
#### **IOWA Completes FFATA**

The IOWA must answer two questions in regards to the **Federal Funding** Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) before submitting. These questions can be answered at any time in the process, it does not need to be the final step before submitting.



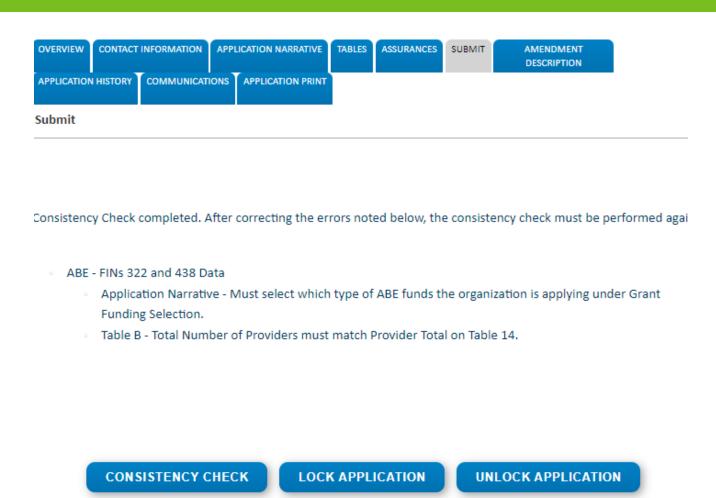
#### **IOWA Submits**

Ready to submit? First run a consistency check. This will check the application to ensure all information has been collected.



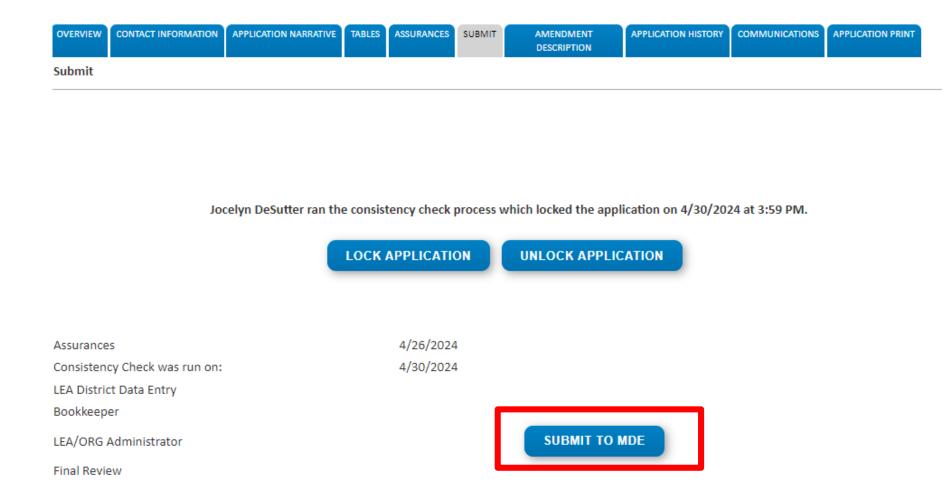
#### **Consistency Check Errors**

In this example, the applicant didn't indicate which type of funds are being applied for, and there is an error between tables B and 14. The applicant can return to these tabs and make updates.



#### Submit to MDE

Once the consistency check has been run and there are no errors, the IOWA can submit!



#### Submitted

OVERVIEW CONTACT INFORMATION APPLICATION NARRATIVE TABLES ASSURANCES SUBMIT AMENDMENT DESCRIPTION APPLICATION HISTORY COMMUNICATIONS APPLICATION PRINT Submit

The application has been submitted for review.

Assurances 4/26/2024

Consistency Check was run on: 4/30/2024

LEA District Data Entry

Bookkeeper

LEA/ORG Administrator submitted the application to MDE on: 4/30/2024

Final Review

### Demo

Let's do it!

#### For MEGS support

MEGS issues: MEGS.MDE@state.mn.us



# Questions

For MDE Adult Education, Grants, or MEGS staff/developers?

### Materials



The recording, slides and handouts will be posted on the Literacy Action Network website and the MNABE state presentations website.

## Next WebChat



Wednesday, July 10, 2024 1-2:30pm



## Thank you!

Questions?

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