

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

March 27, 2018

SUBJECT:

Submission of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA): Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) Programs Federal Grant– FY 19-21

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In order to continue providing adult education and literacy services to the area, the Department of Adult Education requests to submit a grant for \$225,257.25 through the 2018-2021 WIOA Adults Education and Family Literacy Act Programs Competitive Subgrant. Adult Education provides diploma, GED, WorkKeys, ABE, and ESL services to all of Aiken County, and each year the program serves approximately 750 individuals. To support local workforce needs, the program aligns with the Lower Savannah Work Force Investment Area and coordinates academic and career education efforts with SC Works and Aiken Technical College. Current secondary education levels in the area are lower than the national average (U.S. Census Bureau, 2016b). Consequently, a significant portion of the population lacks access to skilled jobs and post-secondary educational opportunities.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Division of Instruction has evaluated the goals and objectives and finds them to be consistent with district educational goals.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the submission of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA): Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) Programs Federal grant for Adult Education, and receipt of funds, if awarded.

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