



Our Mission: Inspiring Educators so Adults Succeed and Communities Thrive

FUNDING ADULT ED

WIOA: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014

The vehicle for federal funding of adult education in the United States is the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014* (WIOA).

TITLE II FUNDS SERVICE PROVIDERS IN COMMUNITIES

WIOA Title II (Adult Education and Family Literacy Act) aims to help adults acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to obtain employment, become full partners in the educational development of their children, improve economic opportunities for their family, and aid in the transition to postsecondary education and training.

Title II includes funding for grants that help states and localities offer services. It also includes national leadership activities.

AN INCREASING NEED

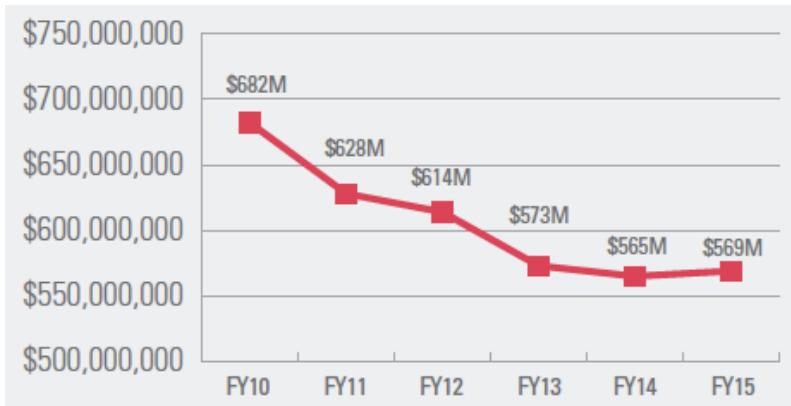
- There are 36 million adults in the United States with limited English, reading, or math skills – but federally funded adult education programs serve only 1.5 million of them.
- In the highest enrollment year of 2002, 2.8 million adult students were served.
- Today, waiting lists exist in almost every state.

STATE GRANTS FROZEN

- Adult Education State Grants have declined by nearly 25% since 2002, when adjusted for inflation.
- The president's proposed budget for FY 2017 would freeze state grants at the already low level of \$582 million.

FUNDING FEARS: MONEY DECLINING

Federal Funds Declining – Despite the Need Rising



Source: NSC analysis for federal appropriations, FY 2010-2015.
Figures adjusted for inflation

In a bipartisan vote in 2015, Congress authorized \$635 million for Title II funding. However, the president's FY 2017 proposed budget requests only \$606 million for grants and national leadership activities.

The funding difference between the authorized funds and those in the president's budget could educate more than 36,000 adults.