

# FY2025-26 Adult Education & English Language Learning Leadership Grant Guidelines

## Purpose

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) invites Wisconsin Technical Colleges to apply for a one-time leadership grant to support the work of providing adult education and English Language learning to more individuals within college districts.

The goal of this grant is to:

- Serve more English Language Learners and remove/reduce waitlist times
- Increase measurable skill gains for adult education/ESL learners
- Ensuring all courses meet WTCS course content standards and WTCS Adult Education ELL policy

## Suggested Activities

All funding activities must be supportive of in alignment with stated grant goals. Some suggested activities include but are not limited to:

- Staff/Faculty professional development
- Provide additional course sections
- Hiring faculty/staff (instruction, transition, navigators, etc.)
- Evaluate course modalities for effectiveness
- Reorganizing the AE/ESL orientation process for effectiveness and student centeredness
- Technology assistance (laptop rentals, hotspots, etc.)
- Addressing the needs of students in lower NRS levels
- Ensuring alignment to course content standards and the WTCS Course Clarification Guidance
- Transition to updated NRS assessments
- Building capacity for correctional education
- Credential evaluation costs for internationally trained professionals
- Scaling distance education
- Scaling contextualized instruction

## Funds Available and Additional Limitations

- \$75,000 will be a base funding amount for all colleges. Additional funds will be provided based upon district census data related to ABE/ELL population.
- Grant projects will be funded for one year (FY2025-26).
- Building and remodeling costs are not allowed.
- Activities must be supportive of overall grant goals.

- Colleges need to identify desired outcomes and indicate data that will be measured to determine funding success.
- Colleges participating will be required to attend two virtual check-ins to share progress and seek feedback.
- These funds should supplement and not supplant AE/ELL programming.
- Grant applications are due June 6, 2025.

## Grant Reporting

- If grant funds are being used to provide client services, then an S4 Grant Activity Record should be submitted to the client reporting system for each client.
- An end of year grant report will be required for this leadership grant.

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