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Deadline Approaching for Indiana Adult Promise Grant on September 9

Commission for Higher Education seeking organizations focusing on adult learners

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is accepting applications for the second Indiana Adult Promise Grant, but the September 9 deadline is swiftly approaching.

The grants, funded by the Lumina Foundation, are designed to pilot, expand and enhance promising practices for supporting adult learners at Indiana's colleges and universities.

The goal of the Indiana Adult Promise Grant is to significantly increase the number of adult Hoosiers with a postsecondary credential by developing easy-to-use resources and sharing best practices to serve adult learners. In determining the organizations or institutions potentially receiving the grant, preference will be given to providers who are participating in the state's "adult promise" financial aid program, the Workforce Ready Grant.

"The Indiana Adult Promise Grant is one way we can help move the state closer to reaching Indiana's big goal of 60 percent of Hoosiers with a quality postsecondary degree or credential by 2025," said Teresa Lubbers, Indiana's Commissioner for Higher Education. "We cannot reach that goal without focusing on Indiana's population of credential-seeking adult learners as part of our efforts."

Proposals will be accepted from organizations intending to develop or expand new or existing programs and services that address the needs of adult learners on Indiana's postsecondary campuses. Eligible organizations include Indiana institutions that administer state financial aid and community-based organizations focused on educational attainment.

The maximum award amount is \$50,000 and the grant period will end March 2020.

See the Request for Proposal and full details <u>here</u>.

About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is a 14-member public body created in 1971 to define the missions of Indiana's colleges and universities, plan and coordinate the state's postsecondary education system, and ensure that Indiana's higher education system is aligned to meet the needs of students and the state. The Commission includes representatives from each Congressional district, three at-large members, a college faculty representative and a college student representative. Learn more about the Commission's *Reaching Higher, Delivering Value* strategic plan at www.in.gov/che/.