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## **Program Guidance**

# **Adult Education Block Grant**

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## **A. Introduction**

California has the opportunity to re-envision and redesign the adult educational system. The California Department of Education and the California Community College Chancellor's Office are working together to establish linkages for students across their systems that provide adults with the academic and career skills needed to enhance student success. To this end, the legislature and Governor have put in place unprecedented indicators of California's commitment to improve adult education in the state.

The legislature has committed funds to regional consortia composed of K-12 districts, community college districts, County Offices of Education (COE), and joint power authorities (JPAs) to collaborate regionally for the purpose of expanding and improving adult education services by creating linkages between the educational systems. Regional collaboration provides capacity for consortia members to find common ground and cross-geographical and cultural boundaries in order to provide seamless transitions for students. In some areas of the state, there is a rich history of collaboration and a range of partnerships in place that have a regional perspective on policies and programs. Regional collaboration will manifest itself differently in each consortium. In some cases, it may involve a few partners and in others, many partners.

## **B. Assembly Bill 104 (AB104) Overview**

On June 24, 2015, Governor Jerry Brown signed AB104 into law; the major education trailer bill that accompanied the state's 2015-16 state budget. This measure includes a section that defines the state's expectations for the new Adult Education Block Grant program.

This document provides a roadmap for understanding both, the provisions of AB104 and the initial expectations for the three-year implementation plan. AB104 includes a segment on the enactment of the Adult Education Block Grant that represents the actualization of the planning that began with the passage of Assembly Bill 86 in 2013. AB86 provided \$25 million to 70 consortia statewide to support the development of regional adult education consortium plans that focus on expanding and improving opportunities for education and workforce services for adults.

From July 1, 2013 - July 1, 2015, AB86 consortia, consisting of k-12 school districts, community college districts, and other partners developed regional education and workforce service plans for adults. AB86 also included the commitment from the state legislature to dedicate funding to adult education at the conclusion of the planning period, June 30, 2015.

The 2015-16 year represents the transition period from the planning that took place with AB86 to the actualization of the Adult Education Block Grant program, addressed in AB104. The state of California has dedicated \$500 million in ongoing support for this program, more than any other state in the nation.

Moving forward into the implementation phase of the AEBG funding, the Governor allocated \$500M (for each fiscal year) for 16-17, and 17-18. The language from the Governor’s 17-18 budget states, “the Adult Education Block Grant Program coordinates representatives from local educational agencies, community colleges, and other regional education, workforce, and industry partners to promote the educational opportunities offered to students and adult learners. Through this program, students and adult learners can access courses to complete their high school diplomas or general education equivalent, English as a Second Language courses, and pathways courses that lead to additional career opportunities. The Budget includes \$500 million ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund to support the Adult Education Block Grant Program”.

### C. Adult Education Block Grant Funding

This document contains general instructions, procedures, formats, timelines, and reporting requirements for the Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG) Program. AEBG-related language is rather prescriptive. Hence, these guidelines offer mostly context, interpretation and clarification of the legislation’s directives, rather than new information. The regional consortia are made up of K-12 school districts, county offices of education (COE), community college districts, and joint power authorities (JPAs) encompassing all 58 California Counties to implement plans to better serve the educational needs of adults.

<b>Title:</b>	AB104, Section 39, Article 9, Adult Education Block Grant
<b>Funding Source:</b>	AB104, Section 39, Article 9
<b>17/18 Funding Period:</b>	July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 (11 installments)
<b>Total Funds Available:</b>	\$500,000,000 in regional consortia allocations
<b>Spending Period:</b>	AEBG 17/18 funds must be spent between July 1, 2017, and December 31, 2019. Final expenditure and progress reports are due by January 31, 2020, with a close out due by February 17, 2020.
<b>Required Match:</b>	No match required

<b>Number of Awards:</b>	71 (regional consortia funding allocations based upon formula – with two regions combining).
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The Adult Education Block Grant Program is established under the administration of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Chancellor and the Superintendent are the state officials responsible for identifying and understanding the educational needs of adults in the state.

## **D. Adult Education Block Grant Program Guidance**

### **1. Adult Education Enrollment Age Requirements**

The AB104 legislation specifically states that Adult Education Block Grant Program is to serve adults, and an adult is defined as “a person 18 years of age or older”. See section 84901 (a) of the AB104 legislation.

84901. For purposes of this article, the following definitions shall apply, unless otherwise specified: (a) “Adult” means a person 18 years of age or older.

AEBG funding can only be used to serve adults as described in the AB104 legislation. If a district / member would like to serve students under 18 years of age, they are permitted to do so if the district/member uses another fund source that allows minors under the age of 18 years to be served, and the district/member follows existing education code pertaining to serving minors.

### **2. State Level Governance**

AB104 legislation Section 84900. 84902 (a), establishes that the chancellor and the Superintendent are the state officials responsible for identifying and understanding the educational needs of adults in the state. (b) The chancellor and the Superintendent shall use the powers provided by this article to support the effective provision of services that address the educational needs of adults in all regions of the state. (c) In performing duties under this article, the chancellor and the Superintendent shall seek advice from, and coordinate with, other state officials responsible for programs for adults.

### **3. State Level Requirements for Regional Consortia**

Existing law establishes the Adult Education Block Grant Program, under the administration of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Under this program, the chancellor and the

Superintendent, with the advice of the Executive Director of the State Board of Education, are required to divide the state into adult education regions and approve one adult education consortium in each adult education region, as specified. Existing law requires the chancellor and the Superintendent, with the advice of the executive director, to approve, for each consortium, rules and procedures that adhere to prescribed conditions. Existing law also requires, as a condition for the receipt of an apportionment of funds from this program for a fiscal year, that members of a consortium approve an adult education plan, as specified.

**Determining factors for regional consortia:**

- (1) Economic and demographic factors, including the locations of regional labor markets.
- (2) The boundaries of regions used to distribute funds for other state programs.
- (3) The presence of adult education providers that have demonstrated **effectiveness** in meeting the educational needs of adults.

**4. State Level Requirements for Consortium Membership**

The AB104 legislation states that any community college district, school district, or county office of education, or any joint powers authority consisting of community college districts, school districts, county offices of education, or a combination of these, located within the boundaries of the adult education region shall be a member of a consortium pursuant to this article if it receives funds from any of the following programs or allocations:

- (a) The Adults in Correctional Facilities program.
- (b) The federal Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (Title II of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act).
- (c) The federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (Public Law 109-270).
- (d) Local Control Funding Formula apportionments received for students who are 19 years of age or older.
- (e) Community college apportionments received for providing instruction in courses in the areas listed in subdivision (a) of Section 84913.
- (f) State funds for remedial education and job training services for participants in the CalWORKs program

**Members in Multiple Consortia**

If a school district, county offices of education, or any joint powers authority consisting of community college districts, school districts, county offices of education, or a combination of these, is located within the boundaries of *more than one* adult education regional consortium and it receives funds from any of the following programs or allocations (see above or 84916 (a-f)) than it can be a member of each consortium

where the local district, county offices education, or joint powers authority is located. The member would have to follow each consortium's governance plan, by-laws, and abide by AB104 legislative member requirements (84905, 84906, 84914, 84916, 84917, and 84920). Consortium membership alone does not guarantee funding.

### **Members offering classes in another district within the Regional Consortium**

Whenever the governing board of a school district, county offices of education, joint powers authority, or community college district that maintains an adult education program (for adults) is unable to maintain the program, school or classes within the district because of the lack of facilities, or its inability to secure a teacher or teachers, the board may with the approval of its respective governing bodies (County Superintendent, College District President, and State Agencies) maintain the school or classes of the district elsewhere than within the district or contract with the governing board of another district for the instruction of students in such a school or classes. (For K-12 districts, the governing bodies would be the county superintendent of schools and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. For community college districts, it would be governing boards from the affected districts.)

## **5. Regional Consortia and Member Requirements**

A regional consortia member must follow their consortium's governance plan, by-laws, and abide by AB104 legislative member requirements (84905, 84906, 84917, and 84920). Consortium membership alone does not guarantee funding.

List of Consortia and Member Requirements (from AB104 Legislation):

1. A member shall commit to reporting any funds available to that member for the purposes of education and workforce services for adults and the uses of those funds. (84905 (b)).
2. A member of the consortium shall be represented only by an official designated by the governing board of the member (84905 (c)).
3. As a condition for the receipt of an apportionment of funds from this program for a fiscal year, that members of a consortium approve an adult education plan (*the AEBG 3 year plan*) (84906 (a)).
4. The members of a consortium shall approve an adult education plan (*the AEBG 3 year plan*) at least once every three years. The plan shall be updated at least once each year based on available data.
5. All members of the consortium shall participate in any decision made by the consortium (84905 (d) (1) (a)).
6. A proposed decision is considered at an open, properly noticed public meeting of the consortium at which members of the public may comment (84905 (d) (1) (b)).
7. The consortium has provided the public with adequate notice of a proposed decision and considered any comments submitted by members of the public, and

- any comments submitted by members of the public have been distributed publicly (84905 (d) (1) (c)).
8. The consortium has requested comments regarding a proposed decision from other entities located in the adult education region that provide education and workforce services for adults (84905 (d) (1) (d) (i)).
  9. The consortium has considered and responded to any comments submitted by entities pursuant to clause (i) (84905 (d) (1) (d) (ii)) which includes entities that provide education and workforce services to adults include, but are not necessarily limited to, local public agencies, departments, and offices, particularly those with responsibility for local public safety and social services; workforce investment boards; libraries; and community-based organizations (84905 (d) (1) (d) (iii)).
  10. The consortium has considered input provided by pupils, teachers employed by local educational agencies, community college faculty, principals, administrators, classified staff, and the local bargaining units of the school districts and community college districts before it makes a decision (84905 (d) (1) (e)).
  11. A decision is final (84905 (d) (1) (f)) – meaning a consortium decision cannot be held up because an official member failed to attend the meeting.
  12. The members of the consortium may decide to designate a member to serve as the fund administrator to receive and distribute funds from the program. (84905 (d) (2) (e)). The members of the consortium also have the option of selecting direct funding which would result in the consortium not having a fund administrator. In that case, the consortium would decide how funds are certified internally.
  13. As a condition of receipt of an apportionment from the program, a consortium shall approve a distribution schedule (*CFAD*) that includes both of the following: (1) The amount of funds to be distributed to each member of the consortium for that fiscal year. (2) A narrative (*the AEBG annual plan*) justifying how the planned allocations are consistent with the adult education plan. (84914 (a) (1) and (2)).
  14. The chancellor and the Superintendent may require a consortium, as a condition of receipt of an apportionment, to submit any reports or data necessary to produce the report described in subdivision (84917 (b) (1) (a)).
  15. The chancellor and the Superintendent shall identify common measures for determining the effectiveness of members of each consortium in meeting the educational needs of adults. See list of required data elements and effectiveness measures required to be collected, tracked, and reported by each consortium and their members (Section 40, 84920, (c)).
  16. Consortia and their members must agree to adhere to the general assurances listed as part of the annual planning process. For the purposes of evaluating Consortia and Consortium Member effectiveness, the California Department of Education and California Community College Chancellor's Office establish annual indicators of compliance. Failure to meet the requirements listed in the 2017-18 AEBG General Assurances Document may result in a determination of non-compliance and lead to partial or complete loss of Consortium and/or Member funding. (See annual plan general assurances).

## **6. Requirements for Reducing a Member's Funding (84914 (b))**



For any fiscal year for which the chancellor and the Superintendent allocate an amount of funds to the consortium **greater than** the amount allocated in the prior fiscal year, the amount of funds to be distributed to a member of that consortium shall be equal to or greater than the amount distributed in the prior fiscal year, unless the consortium makes at least one of the following findings related to the member for which the distribution would be reduced:

- (A) The member no longer wishes to provide services consistent with the adult education plan.
- (B) The member cannot provide services that address the needs identified in the adult education plan.
- (C) The member has been consistently ineffective in providing services that address the needs identified in the adult education plan and reasonable interventions have not resulted in improvements.

For any year for which the chancellor and the Superintendent allocate an amount of funds to the consortium **less than** the amount allocated in the prior year, the amount of funds to be distributed to a member of that consortium shall not be reduced by a percentage greater than the percentage by which the total amount of funds allocated to the consortium decreased, unless the consortium makes at least one of the following findings related to the member for which the distribution would be reduced further:

- (A) The member no longer wishes to provide services consistent with the adult education plan.
- (B) The member cannot provide services that address the needs identified in the adult education plan.
- (C) The member has been ineffective in providing services that address the needs identified in the adult education plan and reasonable interventions have not resulted in improvements.

For any fiscal year for which the chancellor and the Superintendent allocate an amount of funds to the consortium **that is the same** amount allocated in the prior fiscal year, the amount of funds to be distributed to a member of that consortium shall be equal to the amount distributed in the prior fiscal year, unless the consortium makes at least one of the following findings related to the member for which the distribution would be reduced:

- (A) The member no longer wishes to provide services consistent with the adult education plan.
- (B) The member cannot provide services that address the needs identified in the adult education plan.
- (C) The member has been consistently ineffective in providing services that address the needs identified in the adult education plan and reasonable interventions have not resulted in improvements.

Consortia can increase or decrease member allocations regardless of funding levels as long as there is unanimous agreement on the allocation change. If the consortium members cannot unanimously agree, then the consortium must follow AB104 legislation referenced in 84914 (b).

## **Members Leaving a Consortium**

Consortia will follow their governance plan (#14 - How will members join, leave, or be dismissed from the consortium) and any additional language in their agreed upon by-laws regarding terminating membership. For new members, in addition to the governance plan, and by-laws, consortia will follow existing requirements in AB104 legislation (84905, 84906, 84914, 84916, 84917, and 84920).

## **7. Regional Consortia and Member Required Plans**

### **Three-Year Plan (84906 (a) (b) (c) (d))**

As a condition of receipt of an apportionment of funds from this program for a fiscal year, the members of a consortium shall have approved an adult education plan that addresses that fiscal year. The members of a consortium shall approve an adult education plan at least once every three years. The plan shall be updated at least once each year based on available data. For the 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18 fiscal years, a regional plan (*AEBG 3-year plan*) developed shall satisfy the requirements of the legislation in 84906.

An adult education plan shall include all of the following:

- (1) An evaluation of the educational needs of adults in the region.
- (2) A list of the following:
  - (A) Entities that provide education and workforce services to adults in the region.
  - (B) Entities that are impacted by, or that have a fundamental interest in, the provision of those services.
- (3) A description of the services provided by entities listed pursuant to (#2).
- (4) An evaluation of current levels and types of education and workforce services for adults in the region.
- (5) An evaluation of the funds available to the members of the consortium and the entities listed pursuant to (#2), including funds other than those apportioned (see list of fund sources for members under Section 4 of this document).
- (6) Actions that the members of the consortium will take to address the educational needs identified pursuant to (#1).
- (7) Actions that the members of the consortium will take to improve the effectiveness of their services.
- (8) Actions that the members of the consortium, the entities listed pursuant to (#2), and other interested parties will take to improve integration of services and to improve

transitions into postsecondary education and the workforce, including actions related to all of the following:

- (A) Placement of adults seeking education and workforce services into adult education programs.
  - (B) Alignment of academic standards and curricula for programs across entities that provide education and workforce services to adults.
  - (C) Qualifications of instructors, including common standards across entities that provide education and workforce services to adults.
  - (D) Collection and availability of data.
- (9) A description of the alignment of adult education services supported by this program with those described in other education and workforce plans guiding services in the region, including plans pertaining to the building of career pathways and the employment of workforce sector strategies and those required pursuant to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Public Law 113-128).
- (10) A description of the ways in which each of the entities identified in (#2) contributed to the development of the plan.

### **Consortium Fiscal Administrative Declaration (CFAD) (84914 (a) (1))**

As a condition of receipt of an apportionment from the program, a consortium shall approve a distribution schedule known as the Consortium Fiscal Administrative Declaration (*CFAD*) that includes the amount of funds to be distributed to each member of the consortium for that fiscal year.

### **Annual Plan Report (84914 (a) (2))**

As a condition of receipt of an apportionment from the program, a consortium shall approve a narrative (the AEBG Annual Plan) justifying how the planned allocations are consistent with the adult education plan. The AEBG Annual Plan asks Consortia to consider key accomplishments and challenges from the prior year, as well as outline goals and activities for following funding year. This require a review of the 3-year plan and if necessary, an update of the 3-year planning data to reflect the most current information.

### **Governance Plan Template (84905 (a to d))**

The State requires that all consortia download, complete, and submit the Governance Plan template in order to comply with the following rules and procedures for their governance compliance. The chancellor and the Superintendent, with the advice of the executive director, shall approve, for each consortium, rules and procedures (Governance Plan Template). Consortia may add additional requirements via by-laws, and may update their governance plan template (and by-laws) throughout the year. The following is a list of items from AB104 legislation that are covered in the governance plan and should be referenced in consortium by-laws.

- Consortium membership
- Reporting any funds available to that member for the purposes of education and workforce services for adults and the uses of those funds.

- A member of the consortium shall be represented only by an official designated by the governing board of the member.
- Decision-making procedures are specified that ensure that all of the following conditions are satisfied (see 84905 (d) (1) (a-f).
- Any consortia and member requirements from section 5 of this document (Regional Consortia and Member Requirements).
- Any items listed in the Annual Plan General Assurances document for consortia and/or members.
- Reduction or loss of consortium funding by a member (84914 (b) (1) (a-c) and (b) (2) (a-c).
- Process for a consortium member to leave or terminate their membership.

### Planning Amendment Submission Process

If a consortium wishes to amend any of the submitted documentation, you must take the following steps:

- Discuss at a properly noticed public meeting
- Obtain member input and public comment
- Involve all members in the final decision on the amendment
- Publish the minutes of the decision for public viewing
- Use the State system for updating/uploading amended documents

The window period for submitting amendments to the State is July 1 through May 15 of each program year.

### Calendar of Required Plans Submittal

Year 1      **3-year plan** is submitted

Annual Processing (during the program year)

January	Governor's Budget is submitted
February	AEBG preliminary allocations are released
March	<b>CFAD</b> is open for input of member allocations
May	<b>CFAD</b> is due
May	<b>Amendments</b> are due
July	Budget is enacted
July	AEBG final allocations are released
August	<b>Annual Plan</b> is due
August	AEBG funds are disbursed per the allocation schedule

## 8. AEBG Program Areas (84913)

For program reporting purposes, **starting in 2017-18**, adult education includes all people receiving support services from AEBG consortium members or enrolled in K12 adult education or **noncredit community college coursework** in the program areas listed in AB104 (see below): elementary and secondary basic skills, English as a second language, short-term career and technical education, entry/re-entry into the workforce, pre-apprenticeship, adults with disabilities, and adults training to support child school success. For information on how to report adult education students, please refer to the program guidance for reporting in Section # of this document.

Funds apportioned for the AEBG program shall be used only for support of the following:

- (1) Programs in elementary and secondary basic skills, including programs leading to a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate.
- (2) Programs for immigrants eligible for educational services in citizenship, English as a second language, and workforce preparation.
- (3) Programs for adults, including, but not limited to, older adults, that are primarily related to entry or reentry into the workforce.
- (4) Programs for adults, including, but not limited to, older adults, that are primarily designed to develop knowledge and skills to assist elementary and secondary school children to succeed academically in school.
- (5) Programs for adults with disabilities.
- (6) Programs in career technical education that are short term in nature and have high employment potential.
- (7) Programs offering pre-apprenticeship training activities conducted in coordination with one or more apprenticeship programs approved by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards for the occupation and geographic area.

***The program definitions have been further described by the State to be restricted to the following areas:***

### **Program Definitions (as of 8/1/17)**

AB104 defines program areas that are a mix of instructional programs and services to populations. For AEBG, the four primary programs include:

1. English as a Second Language (ESL): provides instruction in the English language to adult, non-native English speakers with varied academic, vocational, citizenship, and personal goals.
2. Adult Basic Education (ABE): provides instruction in foundational academic skills, such as reading, writing, and basic mathematics, as well as learning skills and

study skills. These programs include courses that are below Low Adult Secondary Education/9th grade level.

Adult Secondary Education (ASE): provides instruction in foundational academic skills, such as reading, writing, and basic mathematics, as well as learning skills and study skills. These programs include courses that are at the Low Adult Secondary Education/9th grade level and above, and/or leading to a high school diploma, GED, or high school equivalency certificate.

3. Short Term Career and Technical Education (CTE): prepares adult learners to enter the workforce in approximately a year or less.

In addition to the four primary programs, AEBG will provide information on enrollments and/or outcomes for several additional program areas:

4. Adults with Disabilities (AWD): Because AWD can be flagged as either a population or a program, separate disaggregation will be provided for programs specifically designed to meet the needs of adults with disabilities, and for people with disabilities who are enrolled in other adult education program areas. To ensure that data is reported accurately, adults with disabilities should be identified as follows:

- TE: Use the AWD program flag only if the participant is enrolled in a specialized program designed specifically and exclusively for adults with disabilities. For AWD participants who are enrolling in other adult education programs, use the “disabled” barriers to employment flag in combination with the appropriate program flag.
- MIS: Flag courses in specialized AWD programs using CB22 code E for “courses for persons with substantial disabilities.” Use DSPS enrollment flags to identify AWD participants enrolled in other noncredit community college programs.

5. Workforce Entry/Re-Entry: AEBG defines this program area as populations with systemic barriers to economic success who enroll in CTE programs. AEBG will extract data using population flags that are aligned with the WIOA “barriers to employment” categories including:

- ✓ Displaced homemaker
- ✓ Ex-offender
- ✓ Foster care youth
- ✓ Homeless
- ✓ Low income-economically disadvantaged
- ✓ Long term unemployed
- ✓ Migrant farmworker

- ✓ Seasonal farmworker
- ✓ Single parent
- ✓ No TANF within 2 years

In addition, this program area will include participants who are 55 years or older, based on their date of birth.

To ensure that this program area can be populated, all adult education providers should pay special attention to capturing barriers to employment status and date of birth at intake or at the time of the participants' first course enrollment. MIS will be adding population flags for missing characteristics in the 2018-2019 program year, which will also be used to pull data on for-credit adult education students for the supplemental report.

6. Pre-Apprenticeship: AEBG has aligned this program with definitions used by the Department of Labor and the California Apprenticeship Initiative, which specify that pre-apprenticeship is a “program or set of strategies designed to prepare individuals to enter and succeed in a registered apprenticeship program and has a documented partnership with at least one, if not more, registered apprenticeship programs,” and includes:

- Approved training and curriculum based on industry standards and approved by a documented registered apprenticeship partner.
- Recruitment, educational, and pre-vocational strategies that prepare under-represented, disadvantaged, or low-income individuals to meet the entry requirements of one or more registered apprenticeship programs.
- Access to appropriate support services.
- Meaningful hands-on training that does not displace existing paid employees.
- Formal direct entry or articulation agreements with its registered apprenticeship partners.

Adult education providers should only use the pre-apprenticeship program flag in TE if participants are enrolled in programs that meet these criteria, including ensuring that that courses are offered in coordination with one or more apprenticeship programs approved by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards through an MOU or formal agreement. MIS will include a course flag for pre-apprenticeship courses that meet these criteria in 2018-2019.

7. Adults Training to Support Child School Success: AEBG defines this program as providing education and training to adults, typically parents and-or community members, to help school-aged children succeed in school. Use the “adults supporting K12 student success” program flag in TE or the CB22 “parenting” course flag in MIS to track this program area.

## **Other Adult Education Related Programs**

Integrated Education and Training (IET): Under WIOA, integrated education and training (IET) means a service approach that provides adult education and literacy activities concurrently and contextually with workforce preparation activities and workforce training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster for educational and career advancement. IET programs are considered integrated if they:

- Balance instruction across the three components (foundational skills, workforce preparation, and workforce training).
- IET training activities occur simultaneously.
- They use occupationally relevant materials for basic skills as well as workforce training activities.

Participants in IET programs will be grouped under the CTE category for reporting to the state. Adult education providers should only use the IET program flag in TE if participants are enrolled in programs that meet these criteria. Starting in 2018-19, colleges should use the Career Advancement Academy (CAA) flag to indicate students who are participating in an IET program.

## **Use of Funds in non-AEBG Program Areas**

Funds apportioned for the AEBG program shall be used only for support of AEBG program areas as described in this section. If a consortia or member would like to offer programs outside of the AEBG defined program areas, it may do so with another fund source (if it is allowed by that fund source). Existing education code list (see below) has many adult education program areas; however, using AEBG funds is restricted to the seven areas listed in this section.

## **9. Course Approval Process**

**All courses in the seven AEBG program areas must be approved using the existing state agency and local governing board course approval process. There are no exceptions, as all AEBG members must use their respective course approval process.**

Please see the appropriate education code and regulations that govern your system's course approval process.

### **K-12/COE**

A course of study in each adult school is subject to the approval of the CDE (EC 51056). The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall establish course approval criteria



and procedures for securing course and program approvals (EC 52506). For course approval all adult schools are required annually to submit to the CDE a list of titles of classes to be offered in the authorized program areas. The CDE's approval of the list is required; authorized apportionment course titles are listed in the Adult Education Course Approval System (A-22).

The governing board of every school district shall prepare and keep on file for public inspection the courses of study prescribed for the schools under its jurisdiction (EC 51040). Any revised educational program shall conform to the legal requirements (EC 51041). The governing board of every school district shall evaluate its educational program and shall make revisions, as it deems necessary (EC 51041). Classes for adults shall conform to any course of study and graduation requirements otherwise imposed by law or under the authority of law (EC 52504). A course of study for each adult school shall be prepared under the direction of the governing board of the district maintaining the adult school and shall be subject to approval of the CDE (EC 51056).

### **Community Colleges**

The local curriculum committee approves all noncredit courses and programs. The local curriculum committee conducting the review has been established by the mutual agreement of the college and/or district administration and the academic senate. The committee is either a committee of the academic senate or a committee that includes faculty and is otherwise comprised in a way that is mutually agreeable to the college and/or district administration and academic senate. All courses shall be submitted to the Chancellor's Office on forms provided by the Chancellor's Office. A clear description of the course must be published in the general catalog and/or addenda to the catalog and in the college's schedule.

Education code referenced: Title 5 55002(c)(1)&(2), 55002(a)(1), 55100, 58102, and 58104.

## **10. State Reporting Requirements**

84917. (a) To inform actions taken by the Governor and the Legislature related to adult education, the chancellor and the Superintendent shall submit to the Director of Finance, to the State Board of Education, and, in conformity with Section 9795 of the Government Code, to the Legislature, by ~~September 30~~ **October 30** following any fiscal year for which funds are appropriated for the program, a report about the use of these funds and outcomes for adults statewide and in each adult education region. The report shall include at least all of the following:

- (1) A summary of the adult education plan operative for each consortium.
- (2) The distribution schedule for each consortium.
- (3) The types and levels of services provided by each consortium.
- (4) The effectiveness of each consortium in meeting the educational needs of adults in its respective region.
- (5) Any recommendations related to delivery of education and workforce services for

adults, including recommendations related to improved alignment of state programs.

(b) (2) The chancellor and the Superintendent shall align the data used to produce the report described in subdivision (a) with data reported by local educational agencies for other purposes, such as data used for purposes of the federal Workforce Opportunity and Innovation Act (Public Law 113-128). (3) The Employment Development Department and the California Workforce Investment Board shall provide any assistance needed to align delivery of services across state and regional workforce, education, and job service programs.

The chancellor and the Superintendent shall provide preliminary reports on or before **October 30** following each fiscal year for which funds are appropriated for the program and final reports on or before **February 1** of the following year. Each report shall be based on all data available at the time of its submission.

## **11. Consortia and Member Data and Accountability Reporting Requirements**

SEC. 40. Section 84920 (c) The chancellor and the Superintendent shall identify, no later than January 1, 2016, the measures for assessing the effectiveness of consortia that will be used in the report that, pursuant to Section 84917, is to be submitted by September 30, 2016. These measures shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, all of the following:

- (1) How many adults are served by members of the consortium.
- (2) How many adults served by members of the consortium have demonstrated the following:
  - (A) Improved literacy skills.
  - (B) Completion of high school diplomas or their recognized equivalents.
  - (C) Completion of postsecondary certificates, degrees, or training programs.
  - (D) Placement into jobs.
  - (E) Improved wages.
  - (F) Transition to Post-Secondary (added by the State)**

The chancellor and the Superintendent shall provide any guidance to the consortia necessary to support the sharing of data included in systems established by consortia pursuant to this section across consortia.

EC 78402 (b) The department and the chancellor's office, as a part of the report and recommendations required pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (f) of Section 84830, shall jointly develop and issue policy recommendations to the Legislature regarding a comprehensive accountability system for adult education courses offered pursuant to Section 84830 and paragraphs (2) to (6), inclusive, of subdivision (a) of Section 84757. The department and the chancellor's office shall develop recommendations for all adult education-funded providers for assessment, evaluation, and data collection to document

participant outcomes and placement, and other performance measures they deem appropriate. Accountability measures may include receipt of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, placement in a postsecondary educational institution, training, and employment. All funded programs shall be required to annually submit demographic and other student-level outcome information to the department or the chancellor's office, as appropriate.

**Note: For recent reporting changes for program year 17/18, please see the Adult Education Data and Accountability Report: Guidance to Reporting Systems, Populations, Programs, and Core Metrics.**

**AEBG Fiscal Guidance and Allowable Activities – see separate guidance document.**