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Dear Colleagues:

The U. S. Department of Education has released the following information on the proposed budget for 2019:

Adult Education

(BA in millions)	2017	2018 Annualized CR	2019
			Request
Adult Education State Grants.....	\$582.0	\$578.0	\$485.8
National Leadership Activities.....	13.7	13.6	13.7
Total	595.7	591.6	499.6

The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act was reauthorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which promotes alignment of the Adult Education programs with Federal job training programs and the postsecondary education system. The request provides \$485.8 million for Adult Education State Grants, \$92.2 million below the fiscal year 2018 annualized Continuing Resolution level. The request reflects the tough decisions needed to achieve the President's goal of increasing support for national security and public safety without adding to the Federal budget deficit. States and providers across the country are still working to implement changes in adult education requirements made as a result of the enactment of WIOA in July 2014; future decisions regarding the program will be informed by the statutorily required program evaluation and performance data based on the full implementation of WIOA. The program assists adults without a high school diploma or the equivalent to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for postsecondary education, employment, and economic self-sufficiency. Funds proposed for National Leadership Activities would continue to support efforts to increase the literacy and workforce skills of adults.

While this is a proposal, increased amounts are possible in the final budget. Should this proposal become final, there would be a \$92.2 million cut to state grants. Please stay tuned for further news.

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