



Please Support the AEL Network’s request for an additional \$1.4million in FY2023 to address both historic underfunding and ongoing expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We, the undersigned, write to ask the Vermont Legislature to support the Adult Education & Literacy Network’s request for an additional \$1.4million in FY2023 to address both historic underfunding and ongoing expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Vermont’s four non-profit Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) service providers (Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, The Tutorial Center of Bennington County and Vermont Adult Learning) offer a broad range of services that build assets and change people’s lives. Their students are at the center of their work. Success looks different for every student, and the AEL programming and activities are specifically tailored to each student’s unique needs and goals.

Vermont’s AEL students are often the most vulnerable and underserved of our communities. We want to ensure that all people who live in Vermont have access to the free services and critical support that the AEL providers offer.

Adult Education and Literacy services help people build the assets they need to move out of poverty successfully, as well as the confidence to continue to move toward success throughout their lives. All the AEL providers work with students to improve basic skills in reading, writing and math in order for their students to further their education or get a better job. We hope you will support the AEL providers with additional funding in the FY2023 state budget. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alchemist Foundation
 Bennington Free Library
 Black River Innovation Campus
 BPAC/Oldcastle Theatre Company
 BROCC Community Action
 Capstone Community Action
 Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region
 Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity
 Community College of Vermont
 Community National Bank
 Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation
 Green Mountain United Way
 North Country Hospital
 Northwestern Counseling & Support Services
 Orleans County Restorative Justice Center

Partnerships for Literacy and Learning
 Randolph Area Community Development Corporation
 ReSOURCE A Nonprofit Community Enterprise
 Second Congregational Church, UCC
 Solomon Wright Public Library
 Southeastern VT Community Action (SEVCA)
 Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union
 The Bank of Bennington
 The Center for Restorative Justice
 United Way of Addison County
 United Way of Rutland County
 VABIR/Creative Workforce Solutions
 Vermont Adult Career and Technical Education Association
 Washington County Youth Service Bureau
 Working Communities Challenge of Lamoille