

The Adult Education & Literacy Network asks the General Assembly to please support **Scenario 1** in the legislative report: [Recommendations for Adult Education & Literacy Funding in Vermont](#).

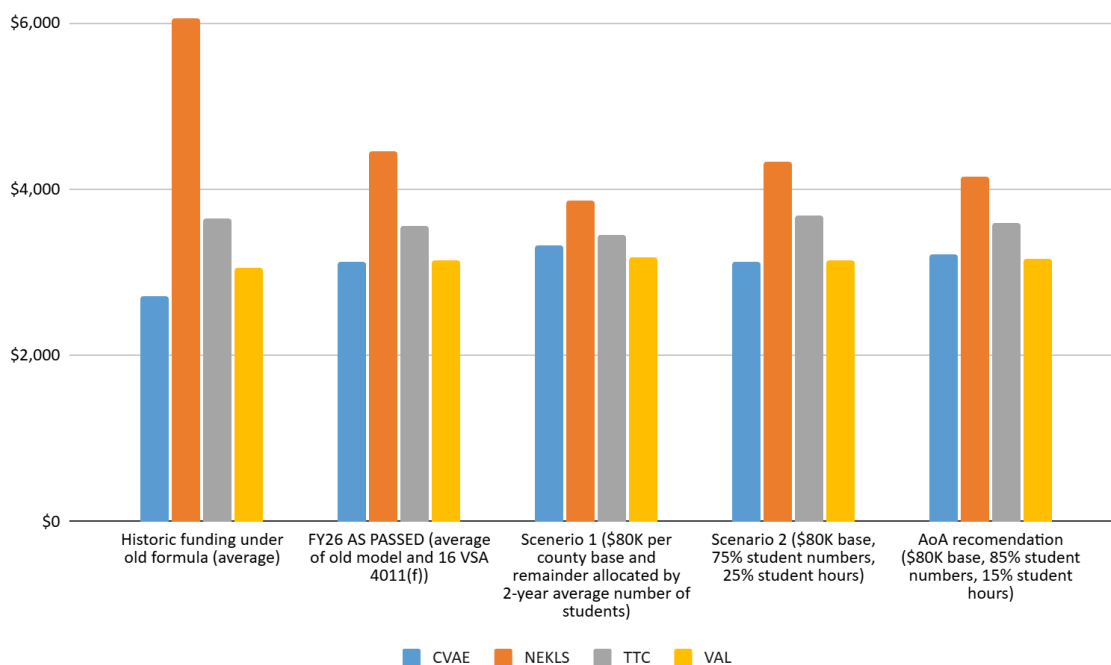
- ★ Scenario 1 represents a **fair, simple, sustainable, and predictable** solution to adult education funding
- ★ Scenario 1 represents the solution that is the **most equitable for AEL students across the State**

We do not want to back track on progress by further complicating AEL funding with additional metrics that do not serve AEL staff or students. AEL providers serve Vermont's most vulnerable populations across the State. Whether it is Afghan refugees in Bennington, New Americans in Central Vermont, or adults who never went to high school in Burlington, the majority of AEL students statewide live in poverty and/or face significant barriers in life, regardless of where they live. To best serve all adult education students, we need to move toward **greater** equity in funding per student.

Funding per Student for Vermont's AEL Providers under Different Scenarios

Provider	Historic funding under old formula (average)	FY26 Funding per student	AEL Report, Scenario 1	AEL Report, Scenario 2	AOA Recommendation
NEKLS	\$6,059	\$4,676	\$3,869	\$4,334	\$4,148
CVABE	\$2,703	\$2,999	\$3,329	\$3,124	\$3,206
VAL	\$3,049	\$3,171	\$3,177	\$3,147	\$3,159
TTC	\$3,649	\$3,471	\$3,452	\$3,673	\$3,585

Recommendations for Adult Education & Literacy Funding in Vermont
Funding per student (2-year average)



The AEL Network sincerely thanks the Vermont General Assembly for their attention to this issue.

Vermont's AEL providers generally do not support the Agency of Education's recommendation to continue to study the problem. **We can implement a fair solution, now.**