

# Annual ABE Grant Application Workshop (Spring Regionals 2020)

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## ABE Grants and Applications



**5-year narratives**

* 2020 narratives due June 1, 2020
* 2021 narrative writing consortia must participate in review:
	+ Narrative Review Session on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at MDE
	+ Narrative Writers Workshop on Tuesday, Sept 29, 2020 at MDE

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* Current grantees are in year 1 of 3 year grant
* Current grantees will submit an annual report due July 30
* Next competition will be Spring 2022.

**Federal competitive application**

* Next competition will be Spring 2022 (no 5-year narratives that year)
* In that competition **all ABE providers** (not just fiscal agent or consortium as a whole) will be required to “demonstrate effectiveness” by providing performance data on:
	+ Improving participants’ academic skills
	+ Participant outcomes with diplomas, transitions to post-secondary and employers
* Tips to be prepared:
	+ Make sure SiD is organized so data can be pulled for each provider separately
	+ Consider how to track information not currently required in SiD, such as students getting jobs and students accepted into college

**Annual ABE application**

* CHANGE THIS YEAR: Grant application documents only be available to individuals with an EDIAM (Education Identity and Access Management) account. Watch for additional guidance on this from the MDE-ABE office when the application documents are posted in April.
* Annual application process:
	1. Download documents from MDE website
	2. Complete two documents:
		1. Application (Microsoft Word)
		2. Tables A, 7, 13, B (Excel)
			+ NOTE: You must type data from SiD into Microsoft Excel document
	3. Upload into SERVS
	4. Authorized signer must (virtually) sign by June 1 deadline
		+ Typically superintendent or executive director
* Application due June 1, 2020 at 3:30 pm in SERVS
* Be sure your authorized signer is aware of this due date and their role in submitting the application.

## ABE Finance

**State and Federal ABE Funding:**

Remember that unspent federal ABE funding rolls back into the statewide pot of funding for the following year, while unspent state funding is lost to our system. *For this reason it’s better to leave federal funds unspent than state funds.*

**For discussion with your business office:**

* Are expenditures on track with the budget?
* How much state and federal funds are remaining?
* Will all those funds be spent by the end of the fiscal year?
* If all funds can’t be spent, how can we make sure state funds are spent down first, to avoid losing them?