

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

**PURPOSE:** 2011-2013 Literacy Zone Initiative: WIA Title II Federal Adult Education and Family Literacy Act

Literacy Zone is a reform initiative to close the achievement gap in urban and rural communities of concentrated poverty and high concentrations of families and adults with limited literacy skills or English language proficiency. Literacy Zones are intended to provide a systemic focus in communities to meet the literacy needs of adults and families. Applicants must coordinate with other types of organizations in the Literacy Zone such as: Education (early childhood through adult); Business and Labor; Workforce Development and Local Economic Development.

**AWARDING AGENCY/FUNDING SOURCE:** New York State Education Department

**AWARD AMOUNT:** \$325,000 each New York City and Long Island (10 awards); \$250,000 each Rest of State (7 awards)

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Public school districts, Boards of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES), community-based organizations, educational opportunity centers, literacy volunteer agencies, institutions of higher education, libraries, public housing authorities, not-for-profits and Consortiums of such agencies.

**DUE DATE:** October 15, 2010

**ANTICIPATED AWARD DATE:** Project period is March 1, 2011 – February 28, 2013

**OTHER:**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/funding/2011-13litzone/home.html>

**DIVISIONS WITH POTENTIAL INTEREST:**