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The South Shore Workforce Investment Board is pleased to announce two funding opportunities for programs in the region that help adults obtain a high school diploma and improve their English language skills. Both RFPs are issued by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The first RFP is the FY2013 – FY2017 Multi-Year Open and Competitive Request for Proposal for Adult Basic Education. This is a grant provides funding to Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs and Adult English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programs. There are currently five programs in the South Shore Workforce Region that offer these services funded through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

A second RFP has been issued for Adult Career Pathways, Fund Codes 540/541. Organizations that apply for and are approved for the Multi-Year Open and Competitive RFPs are eligible to apply for and receive funds for the Adult Career Pathways Grant. The purpose of this grant is to support eligible adult students' career-related goals and strengthen their preparation for employment opportunities and/or occupationally specific education and training programs. The priority is to support additional instruction that has been identified by the regional workforce system to help adults obtain needed academic skills and career information needed to gain access to career pathways.

Interested potential applicants for all grants should connect to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website for additional information and the RFP's at:  
<http://www.doe.mass.edu/acls>.