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**IDAHO AWARDED GRANT TO SUPPORT ADULT LEARNERS,
VETERANS AND UNDERSERVED AREAS**

Idaho will receive a \$400,000 grant to raise awareness about the newly created [Opportunity Scholarship for Adult Learners](#), help create state policies to ensure military veterans receive college credit for experience learned while in uniform, and bring educational services to underserved areas of Idaho.

Idaho is one of six states that was awarded a grant from Lumina Foundation, a private foundation in Indianapolis that is committed to making opportunities for learning beyond high school available to all through its Adult Promise initiative. The Idaho State Board of Education applied for the grant on behalf of the state and will administer it.

Idaho's senior U.S. Senator Mike Crapo made reference to the grant earlier this week during remarks delivered at the Idaho Statehouse about the newly formed Veterans Education and Workforce Development Coalition. The coalition will work to increase veterans' opportunities for jobs and education in Idaho. Funds from the Lumina grant will be used to develop state policies that provide clear and consistent guidance for awarding college credit for prior learning and military experience.

“I congratulate the Idaho State Board of Education for receiving this grant and their continued dedication to serve adult learners and veterans in Idaho.” Crapo said. “The Board’s involvement in the Veterans Education and Workforce Development Coalition is integral to increasing education opportunities for veterans across the state, reinforcing Idaho’s strong commitment to ensuring our veterans have the resources necessary for success when they leave the service.”

“This grant will also go a long way in helping us inform and assist adults and veterans about opportunities we have in place to help them earn a degree or certificate,” State Board President Dr. Linda Clark said. “It will help us to provide more higher education resources, including student advising, through collaboration with community libraries in 10 underserved counties in our state.”

The counties planned for the pilot outreach program include Shoshone, Clearwater, Lewis, Idaho, Adams, Lemhi, Boise, Custer, Gem, and Camas.

Besides Idaho, other states selected to receive a Lumina Adult Promise grant include California, Hawaii, Kentucky, North Carolina and Ohio. States were selected through a highly competitive grant process that involved 25 applications from 22 states.

Here’s a link to Lumina Foundation’s press release announcing the grants:

<https://www.luminafoundation.org/news-and-views/lumina-announces-new-round-of-adult-promise-states>

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