

Texas Workforce Commission Order
Fiscal Year 2019 Block Grant Allocations Revisions for
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I Adult and Youth

WHEREAS, Sections 301.001 and 302.002, Texas Labor Code, establish the Texas Workforce Commission (Commission or TWC) to operate an integrated workforce development system in this state, and require TWC, to the extent feasible under federal law, to consolidate the administrative and programmatic functions of the programs under the authority of the Commission to achieve an efficient and effective delivery of services; and

WHEREAS, Section 302.062(a), Texas Labor Code, provides that TWC shall provide to the local workforce development areas in which local workforce boards have been certified and local plans approved by the Governor, through a block grant process, funds available for workforce training and employment services, unless superseded by federal law; and

WHEREAS, Section 302.062(b), Texas Labor Code, mandates that, in the case of funds that are allocated to Texas or regions of Texas through the application of established formulas, the Commission shall allocate amounts across the state using the same formula that was used to provide the funds to the state or that region; and

WHEREAS, the General Appropriations Act appropriates funds to support TWC's mission to promote and support a workforce system that offers individuals, employers, and communities the opportunity to achieve and sustain economic prosperity including funds to provide block grant allocations for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I (Adult and Youth); and

WHEREAS, these block grant allocations (together with additional amounts as specified) are awarded in concert with the requirements of associated state and federal statutes, program regulations and rules, and TWC contract provisions and requirements; and

WHEREAS, informational references to TWC rules provisions and additional pertinent details are included throughout the block grant allocation package of materials before the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 16-17, Change 2 restores funding set-aside for federal program integrity purposes and makes the funding available to the states and TWC is revising its allocations to ensure that no more than fifteen percent of the Adult and Youth allotment is reserved by the state in accordance with Section 128, WIOA.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Texas Workforce Commission that the Fiscal Year 2019 block grant allocations are revised, for the period beginning July 1, 2018 and as set forth in the block grant allocation package of materials before the Commission, are adopted for the WIOA Title I (Adult and Youth) program, identified above, and the Acting Executive Director is hereby ordered to administer these block grant allocations in the most feasible and economical manner and within all guidelines prescribed by the General Appropriations Act, and consistent with federal and state program requirements.

Adopted on June 25, 2019:

Ruth R. Hughs, Chair and Commissioner Representing Employers

Julian Alvarez, Commissioner Representing Labor