

TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION LETTER

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Effective:	Immediately

To: Local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors
Adult Education and Literacy Fiscal Agents
Adult Education and Literacy Grantees
Commission Executive Offices
Integrated Service Area Managers



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Subject: **Fiscal Year 2019/Program Year 2018 Allocations, Distributions, and Planning Estimates**

PURPOSE:

To provide Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) and Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) fiscal agents and grantees (AEL entities) with Fiscal Year 2019 (FY'19)/Program Year 2018 (PY'18) local workforce development area (workforce area) allocations, distributions, and planning estimates for the following:

- For Boards:
 - Child Care allocations
 - Choices allocations
 - Wagner-Peyser Employment Service allocations
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) allocations
 - SNAP E&T Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) Only planning estimates
 - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I allocations for adult, dislocated worker, and youth activities
 - WIOA Rapid Response distribution
 - Additional federal program funding distribution for the smallest workforce areas
- For AEL entities:
 - Planning estimates for WIOA Title II funds
 - Estimates for additional funding for AEL professional development

RESCISSIONS:

None

BACKGROUND:

On June 14, 2018, the three-member Commission (Commission) approved the allocations and distributions listed above. These amounts are available under Annual Allocations at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/agency/texas-workforce-commission-financial-grant-information>.

The following amounts, which the Commission approved on April 24, 2018, are included with the allocations and distributions listed above, but are unchanged by the June 14, 2018, Commission action:

- SNAP E&T ABAWD Only planning estimates
- Planning estimates for WIOA Title II funds
- Estimates for additional funding for AEL professional development

The amounts approved on April 24, 2018, were provided by WD Letter 03-18, issued May 8, 2018, and entitled “Fiscal Year 2019/Program Year 2018 Planning Estimates.” The Commission will take action on WIOA Title II allocations and distributions of additional funding for AEL professional development at a later date. The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) will allocate SNAP E&T ABAWD Only funds in the same relative proportions as the SNAP E&T allocations after the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) announces actual funding levels for ABAWD Only funds.

PROCEDURES:

No Local Flexibility (NLF): This rating indicates that Boards and AEL entities must comply with the federal and state laws, rules, policies, and required procedures set forth in this WD Letter and have no local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to comply. All information with an NLF rating is indicated by “must” or “shall.”

Local Flexibility (LF): This rating indicates that Boards and AEL entities have local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to implement guidance or recommended practices set forth in this WD Letter. All information with an LF rating is indicated by “may” or “recommend.”

NLF: Boards must use the FY’19/PY’18 allocations and distributions to:

- plan the delivery of workforce services that meet the needs of employers and job seekers; and
- develop strategies for meeting or exceeding contractual performance targets.

NLF: Boards must continue to use the FY’19/PY’18 SNAP E&T ABAWD Only planning estimates to assist in planning workforce services until USDA FNS announces actual funding levels and TWC distributes the funds to Boards.

NLF: AEL entities must continue to use the FY’19/PY’18 planning estimates to assist in planning workforce services until the Commission approves FY’19/PY’18 allocations for WIOA Title II and distributions of additional funding for AEL professional development.

INQUIRIES:

Send inquiries regarding this WD Letter to fiscal.ta@twc.state.tx.us.

REFERENCES:

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014

US Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 16-17, issued May 21, 2018, and entitled “Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Activities Program Allotments for Program Year (PY) 2018; Final PY 2018 Allotments for the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES) Program Allotments; and the Allotments of Workforce Information Grants to States for PY 2018”

Texas Labor Code §302.062

Texas Labor Code, Chapter 315, Adult Education and Literacy Programs

Texas Workforce Commission General Administration Rules: 40 TAC, Chapter 800, Subchapter B

WD Letter 03-18, issued May 8, 2018, and entitled “Fiscal Year 2019/Program Year 2018 Planning Estimates”