

1 **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Employment and Training (SNAP E&T)**
2 **Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Supplemental Allocation**
3 **Discussion Paper**
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5 **Background**

- 6 • The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment & Training (SNAP E&T)
7 program promotes long-term self-sufficiency and independence by preparing SNAP
8 recipients for employment through work-related education and training activities.

- 9 • The goal of SNAP E&T is to assist SNAP recipients in obtaining employment, including
10 provision of work opportunities for 18- to 50-year-old Able-Bodied Adults Without
11 Dependents (ABAWDs) through participation in work programs and education and
12 training activities.

- 13 • A revised SNAP E&T allocation was approved by the Commission on September 11,
14 2018 in the amount \$12,978,170 along with an ABAWD planning estimate of
15 \$3,771,930. The estimated FY 2019 ABAWD funding was based on the prior year
16 funding level.

- 17 • The final approved FY 2019 ABAWD funding amount of \$4,867,925 has been made
18 available to TWC. The allocation for each Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA)
19 is determined using the need-based formula based on the number of mandatory work
20 registrants receiving SNAP benefits as set forth in TWC Rule Sec. 800.54(b) once the
21 final approved ABAWD funding amount is provide to TWC.

22 **Issues**

- 23 • TWC was notified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service
24 on February 26, 2019 that an additional \$905,673 in 100% Federal SNAP E&T funds is
25 now available for allocation to LWDA's in FY 2019.

- 26 • TWC Finance staff has also determined an additional \$1,489,901 in SNAP E&T funds
27 could be made available for allocation to Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards)
28 in FY 2019 to support the delivery of SNAP E&T services.

29 **Decision Point**

30 Staff seeks direction on approval for:

- 31 • Allocating an additional \$2,395,574 in SNAP E&T funds to Boards in FY 2019.