

1 **TX-32 Disaster—Hurricane Harvey New Funding Requests**
2 **Discussion Paper**
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4 **Background**

5 On August 27, 2017, Hurricane Harvey made landfall on the Texas coast. In response, the US
6 Department of Labor (DOL) awarded \$30 million in Disaster Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG)
7 funds to expedite disaster relief services in 41 Texas counties that were declared federal disaster
8 areas.
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10 To date, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has approved and awarded grants totaling
11 \$26,750,024 to the eight Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) whose local workforce
12 development areas (workforce areas) include counties that were approved for federal public and
13 individual assistance. TWC continues to work closely with these workforce areas on Hurricane
14 Harvey rebuilding efforts.
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16 **Issues**

17 TWC and Boards have been in frequent contact throughout the grant period to determine when
18 additional funds might be needed to continue providing services. A modification to request
19 additional funds in the amount of \$5,000,000 was completed and submitted to DOL.
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21 TWC received the grant modification from DOL for the additional \$5,000,000 and the requested
22 period of performance extension through December 31, 2019.
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24 **Decision Point**

25 Staff seeks direction on approving additional funds for the four (4) most impacted Board areas
26 including \$1,500,000 for Coastal Bend, \$352,000 for Golden Crescent, \$2,538,000 for Gulf
27 Coast, and \$610,000 for Southeast Texas.
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