

BCY2026 RESEA Subsequent Meetings Pilot Funding Discussion Paper

Background

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, amendments to the Social Security Act permanently authorized the RESEA program and implemented a series of requirements intended to increase the use and availability of evidence-based reemployment interventions and strategies. The Department of Labor (DOL) has increased the percentage of the RESEA base grant funds that states must dedicate to proven interventions from 30% to 40% for FY 2025 and FY 2026. States are required to use a percentage of their grant funds for interventions with strong causal evidence demonstrating a capacity to improve employment and earnings outcomes for program participants.

To meet the evaluation set-aside requirement, Texas is utilizing evidence from another state's evaluation, which has proven with a high causality rating that two or more RESEA meetings improve employment outcomes and reduce UI duration. Additionally, Texas has implemented two RESEA Subsequent Meetings Pilots (Phase I and Phase II).

The Phase I pilot requires UI claimants to attend the Initial RESEA appointment and two Subsequent Meetings with Workforce Solutions Office staff. A total of 12 Boards volunteered to participate, and the pilot launched in March 2024.

The Phase II Pilot is a random control trial that commenced in April 2025 and includes nine Boards. RESEA customers are randomly placed into different treatment groups offering different levels of service.

Issue

In the Commission Meeting held on December 17, 2024, TWC's three-member Commission approved a resource and staffing model to distribute \$2,916,000 and \$3,540,000 to Pilots Phase I and II, respectively, for Board Contract Year (BCY) 2025. The methodology approved in 2024 is based on the following factors:

- a base distribution of \$36,000 to cover resources, overhead, equipment, and facilities;
- distribution of \$30,000 to offset travel and operational costs for Boards that are providing remote and offsite services to rural areas; and
- a staffing distribution based on the Board's request and the service provider scheduling model, with a salary of \$66,000 per year for each full-time equivalent.

Decision Point

Staff recommends distributing funds for the RESEA Subsequent Meetings Pilot Phase I, Year Three in the amount of \$2,916,000 and Subsequent Meetings Pilot Phase II, Year Two in the amount of \$3,540,000 to participating Boards, based on the distribution methodology described in this paper and in distribution amounts as outlined in the table below.

Subsequent Meetings Pilot Distribution Phase I, Year Three					
LDW A No.	LDWA Name	Resource Equal Base Distribution	Mobile Service/Rural Distribution	Staffing Distribution	BCY2026 Total Pilot Funding
3	North Texas	\$36,000	30,000	\$99,000	\$165,000
4	North Central	\$36,000		\$528,000	\$564,000
8	East Texas	\$36,000	30,000	\$297,000	\$363,000
9	West Central	\$36,000	30,000	\$99,000	\$165,000
10	Borderplex	\$36,000	30,000	\$330,000	\$396,000
11	Permian Basin	\$36,000	30,000	\$99,000	\$165,000
17	Deep East	\$36,000		\$99,000	\$135,000
19	Golden Crescent	\$36,000	30,000	\$99,000	\$165,000
21	South Texas	\$36,000		\$99,000	\$135,000
22	Coastal Bend	\$36,000	30,000	\$198,000	\$264,000
25	Texoma	\$36,000		\$99,000	\$135,000
26	Central Texas	\$36,000	30,000	\$198,000	\$264,000
LDWA Totals		\$432,000	240,000	\$2,244,000	\$2,916,000
Subsequent Meetings Pilot Distribution Phase II, Year Two					
LDW A No.	LDWA Name	Resource Equal Base Distribution	Mobile Service/Rural Distribution	Staffing Distribution	BCY2026 Total Pilot Funding
1	Panhandle	\$36,000	30,000	\$99,000	\$165,000
5	Tarrant	\$36,000		\$462,000	\$594,000
6	Greater Dallas	\$36,000		\$726,000	\$762,000
13	Heart of Texas	\$36,000	30,000	\$165,000	\$231,000
14	Capital	\$36,000		\$297,000	\$333,000
15	Rural Capital	\$36,000	30,000	\$264,000	\$330,000
16	Brazos Valley	\$36,000		\$99,000	\$135,000
20	Alamo	\$36,000	30,000	\$462,000	\$528,000
23	Lower Rio	\$36,000	30,000	\$396,000	\$462,000
LDWA Totals		\$324,000	150,000	\$2,970,000	\$3,540,000