

1 **Fiscal Year 2025 Teacher Externship Additional Funds**
2 **Discussion Paper**
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4 **Background**

5 Externships for Teachers is a competitive grant program available to Texas Local Workforce
6 Development Boards (Boards) and Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) to provide teachers
7 with an externship that gives them an opportunity to engage in industry-related activities and
8 learn how classroom content is applied in the real world. During the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025
9 application cycle, \$1.4 million in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) statewide
10 funds were made available for the program, allowing the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)
11 to fully fund the 10 highest scoring eligible applications.
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13 **Issue**

14 On February 4, 2024, TWC’s three-member Commission directed staff to develop a discussion
15 paper with a proposal to fund additional qualifying applications.
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17 **Decision Point**

18 Staff recommends an additional \$970,169 in WIOA statewide funding be added to the total funds
19 available for the Externships for Teachers program in FY 2025, allowing an additional 9
20 applications to be fully funded, for a total of 19 awards for FY 2025.