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TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION Workforce Development Letter

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To: Local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors
Commission Executive Offices
Integrated Service Area Managers



From: Courtney Arbour, Director, Workforce Development Division

Subject: **Updated Fiscal Year 2019/Program Year 2018 Allocations for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training, Including Planning Estimates for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents Only**

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this WD Letter is to provide Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) with information on the funds for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) to be allocated to local workforce development areas (workforce areas) in Fiscal Year 2019 (FY'19)/Program Year 2018 (PY'18). This WD Letter also includes information on the planning estimates for SNAP E&T Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents Only (ABAWD Only) to be used by workforce areas in FY'19/PY'18.

RESCISSIONS:

None

BACKGROUND:

For FY'19/PY'18, Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) staff prepared the SNAP E&T allocations using a need-based formula to meet state and federal requirements.

ABAWD Only funding is historically made available by the US Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) after the beginning of the program year. Any additional ABAWD Only federal funds made available are not reflected in the allocation amounts for FY'19.

On June 14, 2018, TWC's three-member Commission (Commission) approved the SNAP E&T allocations and ABAWD Only planning estimates. The amounts were included in WD Letter 09-18, issued July 3, 2018, and entitled "Fiscal Year 2019/Program Year 2018 Allocations, Distributions, and Planning Estimates." On September 11, 2018, the Commission approved updated SNAP E&T allocations, including ABAWD Only planning estimates.

The SNAP E&T allocations are contingent on FNS approval of TWC's SNAP Employment and Training Plan, Federal Fiscal Year 2019 (State Plan). TWC will allocate ABAWD Only funds in the same relative proportions as the SNAP E&T allocations after FNS announces the actual funding levels for ABAWD Only funds.

All approved allocations will be available on TWC's [Financial and Grant Information](#) web page, under Annual Allocations.

PROCEDURES:

No Local Flexibility (NLF): This rating indicates that Boards 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 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 SNAP E&T allocations for FY'19/PY'18 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 use the ABAWD Only planning estimates for FY'19/PY'18 to plan their workforce services until FNS announces the actual funding levels and TWC distributes the funds to the Boards.

INQUIRIES:

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

REFERENCES:

Texas Labor Code §302.062

Texas Workforce Commission Chapter 800 General Administration Rule §800.54

WD Letter 09-18, issued July 3, 2018, and entitled "Fiscal Year 2019/Program Year 2018 Allocations, Distributions, and Planning Estimates"