# Redistribution of Program Year 2023–2024 Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Funds Discussion Paper

## Background

Each year, the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) three-member Commission (Commission) approves the annual allocation of Adult Education and Family Literacy Act funds to the statewide Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) provider network. Currently, there is approximately \$1.2 million additional funds available for distribution due to grant closeouts that were not part of the original allocation. Several AEL providers have petitioned TWC for additional funds citing they have more interest in services and can serve more students. Staff are seeking opportunity to distribute the available funds to entities that meet criteria as outlined in TWC Rule §800.80.

### **Issue 1: Redistribution of Available Funds**

To ensure the effective and equitable distribution of funds, it is crucial to consider the relative percentages of the original allocation for programs. By reallocating the available funds in accordance with current rules, we can optimize the allocation of resources to be responsive to grant recipients' funding needs and ensure that funds are redistributed to entities that will best use the funds to serve more students. Staff recommends that recaptured funds be redistributed proportionately based on the allocation methodology described in TWC Chapter 800 General Administration rule §800.68. Table 1 outlines the recommended proportional split of available funds to AEL providers meeting criteria.

Table 1: Redistribution of AEL Funds

LWDA Name	Potential Distribution Amount		
Literacy Council of Tyler	\$632,085		
Brazos Valley Council of Governments	\$299,897		
Victoria College	\$221,464		
Totals	\$1,153,446		

#### Issue 2: Adjustment of Program Year 2023–2024 Performance Targets

TWC Chapter 802 Integrity of the Texas Workforce System rule §802.102(a) states that the Commission annually approves individual AEL grant recipient performance targets, which may be adjusted. Due to the redistribution of funds, staff proposes adjusting the PY'23–'24 targets to appropriately reflect the proportional amount of additional funding received by each grant recipient. Table 2 shows the revised performance targets due to redistributed funds.

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AEL Grantee	Intensive Service	IET	ELC	ELC- IET	Total
Literacy Council of Tyler	179	236	169	30	2008
Brazos Valley Council of Governments	67	85	134	23	813
Victoria College	54	69	127	16	667

### **Decision Point**

Staff seeks direction on:

- accepting the plan to redistribute \$1,153,446 of recaptured funds to AEL grant recipients as shown in Table 1; and
- adjusting the PY'23-'24 performance targets for AEL grantees receiving redistributed funds

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