

TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION LETTER

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To: Local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors
Commission Executive Offices
Integrated Service Area Managers
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From: Reagan Miller, Director, Workforce Development Division

Subject: **Fiscal Year 2014 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Employment and Training: Supplemental Allocations of 100%
Federal Funds**

PURPOSE:

To provide Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) with Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 supplemental allocations of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) 100% federal funds.

BACKGROUND:

On April 29, 2014, the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) three-member Commission approved a supplemental allocation of SNAP E&T 100% federal funds, pending approval of the amounts by the US Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service. The additional allocations were determined in the same relative proportion for each local workforce development area (workforce area) as the original FY 2014 SNAP E&T allocations, adjusted for the removal of two workforce areas. Both workforce areas have voluntarily opted out of this supplemental allocation to focus on using currently allocated funds and performance as planned for the remainder of the year.

PROCEDURES:

Boards must be aware of the following:

- The supplemental allocations of FY 2014 SNAP E&T funds are available at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/customers/cwp/financial-grant-information.html>.
- TWC will issue contract amendments reflecting the supplemental allocation to each workforce area.

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Boards must use the supplemental allocations of FY 2014 SNAP E&T 100% federal funds to provide allowable SNAP E&T services.

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When funding SNAP E&T expenditures, Boards must apply the following order of use, giving priority to unexpended balances of prior-year SNAP E&T funds when such balances exist. Boards must give priority to:

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- federal funds when allowable fund uses permit funding decisions about the use of SNAP E&T federal funds for a particular expenditure; and
- use of federal Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs)–Only funds over SNAP E&T General Population funds (i.e., SNAP E&T 100% federal funds), as provided in WD Letter 31-12, and subsequent updates, when funding expenditures to serve ABAWDs.

INQUIRIES:

Direct inquiries regarding this WD Letter to Chris Nelson, Director of Financial Operations, at (512) 463-1829 or Fiscal.TA@twc.state.tx.us.

RESCISSIONS:

None

REFERENCE:

Texas Workforce Commission General Administration Rules: 40 TAC §800.54

WD Letter 32-13, issued September 24, 2013, and entitled “Cash Draw and Expenditure Reporting System Instructions”

WD Letter 31-12, issued September 21, 2012, and entitled “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training: Fiscal Year 2013 Supplemental Allocations of 50/50 Funds”

FLEXIBILITY RATINGS:

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.”