

## TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION LETTER

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<b>Effective:</b>	Immediately

**To:** Local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors  
Adult Education and Literacy Fiscal Agents  
Adult Education and Literacy Grantees  
Commission Executive Offices  
Integrated Service Area Managers  
*Bob Gear for*

**From:** Reagan Miller, Director, Workforce Development Division

**Subject:** **Fiscal Year 2016/Program Year 2015 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title I and Title II Formula Allocations; Additional WIOA Title II Professional Development Funds; Fiscal Year 2016/Program Year 2015 Child Care, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Choices, Employment Service, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Formula Allocations; and Additional Funding for the Smallest Local Workforce Development Areas**

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### **PURPOSE:**

This WD Letter provides:

- Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) with:
  - Fiscal Year 2016 (FY 2016)/Program Year 2015 (PY 2015) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I formula allocations for adults, dislocated workers, and youth;
  - FY 2016/ PY 2015 formula allocations for:
    - Child Care;
    - Choices;
    - Wagner-Peyser Employment Service (ES); and
    - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T);
  - FY 2016/PY 2015 Rapid Response funding; and
  - FY 2016/PY 2015 additional funding for the smallest local workforce development areas (workforce areas); and

- Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) fiscal agents and grantees (AEL entities) with:
  - FY 2016/PY 2015 WIOA Title II formula allocations; and
  - additional WIOA Title II funding for professional development.

**BACKGROUND:**

On August 11, 2015, the Texas Workforce Commission’s three-member Commission (Commission) approved allocations and planning estimates for the programs listed above. The approved allocations and planning estimates are available at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/partners/texas-workforce-commission-financial-grant-information>.

Additionally, the Commission approved additional program funding in TANF/Choices, ES, SNAP E&T, and WIOA to reflect its dedication to provide workforce areas with the 20 percent smallest allocations and planning estimates in an amount equal to, but not less than, the average of the smallest 20 percent for those funding streams.

**PROCEDURES:**

**NLF:** Boards must use:

- FY 2016/PY 2015 allocations 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; and
- Rapid Response funding as described in Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 26-14, issued April 14, 2015, and entitled “Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Transition Authority for Flexible Use of State Rapid Response Funds.”

**NLF:** AEL entities must use the FY 2016/PY 2015 WIOA Title II allocations and additional funding to:

- plan and deliver instructional and professional development services as outlined in the grant agreements; and
- develop and execute strategies for meeting or exceeding contractual performance targets.

**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](mailto:Fiscal.TA@twc.state.tx.us).

**RESCISSIONS:**

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**REFERENCE:**

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act  
Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 26-14, issued April 14, 2015, and entitled  
“Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Transition Authority for Flexible Use of State  
Rapid Response Funds”  
Texas Labor Code §302.062  
Texas Labor Code, Chapter 315, Adult Education and Literacy Programs  
Texas Workforce Commission General Administration Rules: 40 TAC, Chapter 800,  
Subchapter B

**FLEXIBILITY RATINGS:**

**No Local Flexibility (NLF):** This rating indicates that Boards and AEL entities 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 and AEL entities 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.”