

1 **Adult Education and Literacy Professional Development Support for Non-Profit Adult**
2 **Literacy Organizations Request for Applications Approval**
3 **Discussion Paper**
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5 **Background**

6 The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) sought applications from Non-Profit Adult Literacy
7 Organizations, who:

- 8 • are not receiving AEL funds either directly or as a subrecipient, and
9 • will provide professional development to tutors, instructors, administrative staff, and
10 trainers of Non-Profit Adult Literacy Organizations in Texas.

11 TWC recognizes the importance of building capacity for non-profit community and volunteer-
12 based literacy providers to serve AEL students and the value these entities offer as part of the
13 Texas Workforce Solutions AEL provider network. This RFA sought professional development
14 and services integration of these valued providers within AEL and underscores TWC’s
15 commitment to support the expansion and capacity building of non-profits and volunteer-based
16 services.

17 Texas Labor Code states in section 315.007(d) “...the members of the commission [must]
18 approve the award of any funds under this chapter.”
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20 **Issue**

21 The anticipated grant start date is August 2022, and 1 winner has been recommended for a total
22 award of \$300,000. This is the full amount allocated to this initiative, as proposed on July 7th,
23 2021.

24 The following award, totaling \$300,000, awaits the approval of the Texas Workforce
25 Commission’s three-member Commission (Commission):

- 26 • One grant award, totaling \$300,000
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28 **Decision Point:**

29 Staff recommends Commission approval of one award, totaling \$300,000 as laid out above.