

INITIATIVE	RECOMMENDATIONS (SUMMARIZED)	RESPONSE PROVIDED BY	PRESENTER	ASSOCIATED DOCUMENT FILE NAME	ORIGINAL FUNDING REQUEST	MAXIMUM AMOUNT PROPOSED WIOA	MAXIMUM AMOUNT PROPOSED TANF
<b>1. Workforce Strategy for Rural Texas</b>	1.1. Appoint a Rural Workforce working group to focus on rural needs	OEI	Michael Treyger	Staff Responses to a Workforce Strategy for Rural Texas_FINAL	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -
	1.2. Convene a rural summit in the Fall of 2023 to further assess the situation and begin to develop long term solutions	OEI	Michael Treyger		\$ 145,000	\$ -	\$ -
	1.3. Establish a new program from WIOA statewide reserve funds to provide funding to Workforce Development Boards to use for Training Labs, short-term, turnkey training opportunities in partnership with local governments and community colleges or other approved training providers.	WF	Sandra/Leslie		\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	
	1.4. Provide priority scoring for Upskill Texas applications in municipalities with a population of less than 25,000 or in the unincorporated areas of any county of less than 200,000.	OEI	Mary York		N/A	\$ -	\$ -
	1.5. increase available funding for the High Demand Job training program, eliminate the per-board award cap, and allow training in any field on the Board's or TWC's in-demand jobs list for applications in municipalities with a population of less than 25,000 or in the unincorporated areas of any county of less than 200,000.	OEI	Mary York		\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
	1.7. Establish and increase outreach efforts for these rural initiatives	OEI	Mary York		\$ 100,000	\$ 250,000 <sup>1</sup>	\$ -
<b>2. Middle Skills Gap</b>	2.1. Invest additional WIOA Statewide funding to the Upskill Texas Initiative.	OEI	Mary York	Staff Responses to Middle Skills Gap_FINAL	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
	2.2. Invest additional WIOA Statewide funding to the Critical Occupations Apprenticeship.	WF	Kerry Ballast		\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -
	2.3. Provide WIOA Statewide and TANF funding to pay for exams and/or licensure/credential assistance.	WF	Joel/James		\$ 250,000	\$ 1,250,000 <sup>2</sup>	\$ 1,250,000 <sup>2</sup>
	2.4. Provide WIOA Statewide funding to Boards to connect jobseekers with newly acquired credentials to employers with open jobs in their local areas.	WF	Joel/James		up to \$2m		
	1.6. Establish a fund to pay for costs associated with credentials issued as a result of CTE coursework.	WF	Kerry Ballast		\$ 250,000		
<b>3. Workforce and Economic Development</b>	3.1. TWC should determine the most common and cost-effective and workforce development technology solutions and deploy those in a way all boards can access them. The focus should include the types of workforce data employers typically require when making job creation decisions.	WF	Dawn/Joel	Staff Responses to Workforce and Economic Development_FINAL	Staff to propose	\$ 500,000	
	3.2. TWC should ensure Workforce Solution partners are positioned as the leading expert about labor market insights with enhanced awareness building and employment projections.	WF	Dawn/Joel		Staff to propose		
	3.3. Implement a targeted service delivery model to focus on employers within in-demand industries and career seekers on paths to those jobs.	WF	Dawn/Joel		Staff to propose		\$ -
	3.4. TWC staff should develop an outreach plan which includes strategies to ensure employers, educational institutions and workforce boards maximize existing resources.	OEI	Mary York		Staff to propose	\$ 1,000,000 <sup>3</sup>	\$ -
<b>4. Texas Conference for Foster Youth</b>	4.1. Conference to establish a platform to provide foster youth with critical information, resources, supports, networks, and workforce training, as well as educational opportunities to drive lasting positive change. (Initial recommendation is a minimum of \$65,000 in WIOA Statewide funding)	WF	Sandra/Leslie	Staff Responses to Texas Conference for Foster Youth_FINAL	\$ 65,000	\$ 62,500 <sup>4</sup>	\$ 62,500 <sup>4</sup>

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5. Texas Foster Youth Network	5.1. Bring forward a formal initiative for a Texas Foster Youth Network initiative to support the development of a statewide network composed of organizations whose missions include providing services and support to Foster Youth and former Foster Youth, as well as the creation of opportunities to share referral and service information that will allow for coordination of services. (Initial recommendation is \$4M - funding source not specified in DP.)	WF	Sandra/Leslie	Staff Responses to Foster Youth_FINAL	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
6. Esports	9.1 Staff to recommend funding amount for a study for the world of esports; 1) how it benefits employers and 2) what jobs are in that space	WF	Sandra/Leslie	DP_Esports_FINAL	Staff to propose	\$ -	\$ 800,000 <sup>5</sup>
7. Second Chance	10.1 Staff to recommend funding amount and ways TWC might support future Grace Conferences (sponsorship or partnership).	OEI	Mary York	DP_Second Chance Hiring_Final	Staff to propose	\$ 30,000	\$ -
8. Small Business	11.1 Add elements to existing program to continue to build an environment where entrepreneurs have the freedom to aspire, grow, and prosper.	WF	Sandra/Leslie	DP_Governor's Small Business Initiative_Final	N/A	\$ 75,000 <sup>6</sup>	\$ -
9. Internships Unite	TWC will work in partnership with other stakeholders on hosting an in-person internship conference for Texas employers, high school students, college students, and University students focused on internship opportunities and work-based learning.	N/A	Sandra/Leslie	DP_Texas Interns Unite_Final	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -
						<b>\$ 8,462,500</b>	<b>\$ 4,112,500</b>

**Footnotes:**

- 3 options ranging from \$50,000 to \$250,000 in WIOA Statewide; captured highest amount for estimation purposes.
- Up to \$2.5m in WIOA Statewide and TANF Statewide funding; split equally between WIOA and TANF for estimation purposes.
- 3 options ranging from \$10,000 - \$1,000,000 in WIOA Statewide; captured highest amount for estimation purposes.
- Up to \$125,000 in WIOA Statewide and TANF Statewide funding; split equally between WIOA and TANF for estimation purposes.
- Up to \$800,000 in TANF Statewide funding; captured full amount for estimation purposes.
- Up to \$75,000 in WIOA Statewide funding; captured full amount for estimation purposes.

	WIOA	TANF
Reserve Balance as of 8/14/23	\$ 14,814,077	\$ 3,193,524
(Less Maximum Proposed Expenditures)	\$ (8,462,500)	\$ (4,112,500)
<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>\$ 6,351,577</b>	<b>\$ (918,976)</b>

**Summary Revisions**  
8/29/23 - split \$4,000,000 requested for Foster Youth Network equally between WIOA Statewide and TANF Statewide; WIOA Statewide Remaining Balance decreased by \$2m, TANF Statewide Remaining Balance increased by \$2m.