

**Adult Education and Literacy  
State Leadership Funds  
Discussion Paper**

**Background**

Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) state leadership reserve funds that are provided under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), as outlined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) §223, must be used to develop or enhance the AEL program as prescribed by AEFLA. State leadership activities authorized under WIOA §223 are designated as either required activities, which state agencies must implement using these funds, or permissible activities.

Due to required changes to our statewide procurement per Office of Career Technical and Adult Education, the state will need to prepare for the results of the upcoming Request for Applications (RFA). It is anticipated that the changes made to the state’s competitive procurement will mean more grant awards and, as such, more technical assistance support from TWC staff to maintain an innovative yet compliant approach to grant management. For this reason, staff have identified a need to increase funding for a required activity, as outlined in WIOA §223(C).

**Issue**

TWC’s three-member Commission approved ongoing state leadership initiatives and budgets for FY ‘24 on June 13, 2023. After careful analysis and the anticipated increase in grant awards resulting from AEL RFA 32024-00017, staff are recommending an increase in budget for a state initiative, Career Pathway Professional Development Center (CPPDC), to expand the scope of work to include technical assistance. This request serves two purposes 1) to ensure TWC’s AEL program is in compliance with meeting required activities outlined in WIO §223(C) and 2) to ensure the program can continue to supply quality technical assistance in anticipation of an increase in grant awards.

*Table 1*

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>New Budget</b>
Career Pathway PDC	\$750,000	\$1,000,000

**Decision Point**

Staff seeks direction on increasing funding for the CPPDC as outlined in Table 1.