

1 **WIOA Statewide Reserve Distribution**  
2 **Discussion Paper**

3 **Background**

4 The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) establishes a priority requirement with respect  
5 to funds allocated to a local workforce development area for employment and training activities. WIOA-  
6 Adult funds provide individualized career services and training services, with priority given to recipients  
7 of public assistance, other low-income individuals, and individuals who are basic skills deficient. Under  
8 WIOA, priority must be implemented regardless of the amount of funds available to provide services in  
9 the local area. In addition, veterans receive priority of service in all DOL-funded employment programs.

10 **Issue:**

11 Increased demand for the employment and training activities funded through WIOA-Adult monies has  
12 created an environment in which multiple Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) projected to  
13 exhaust their WIOA-Adult allocation for Program Year (PY) 2021. As the 2021 WIOA grant cycle draws to  
14 a close, staff have identified the following LWDBs in such a position: Central Texas, Coastal Bend,  
15 Cameron County and Texoma. All of the listed Boards are within 90% of exhausting their PY21 WIOA  
16 Allocation and have requested additional funds for training purposes.

LWDA Name	Total Requested	Number of Individuals to be Trained
Central Texas	\$100,000	50
Coastal Bend	\$230,000	46
Cameron County	\$180,000	40
Texoma	\$150,000	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$660,000</b>	<b>167</b>

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18 **Decision Point:**

19 Staff recommends approval to distribute \$660,000 of the available WIOA statewide reserve balance for  
20 the four Boards listed above to provide training to an additional 167 individuals.