Fiscal Year 2024 Planning Estimates for Apprenticeship Training Programs
Discussion Paper

Background

Texas Education Code (TEC) §133.006 requires that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) adopt forms, formulas, and administrative procedures for distributing available funds to apprenticeship training programs. Additionally, TWC Apprenticeship Training Program rule §837.21 states that after TWC receives recommendations from the Texas Workforce Investment Council (TWIC), TWC is required to provide public notice of the amount of funds that will be available to support apprenticeship training programs.

In March 2023, TWIC made the following recommendations to TWC regarding Fiscal Year 2024 (FY'24) funding for apprenticeship training programs:

- A contact-hour rate not to exceed $4.25
- A 5 percent reserve fund for new programs or established programs not currently receiving funds

TWC estimates that under Chapter 133, a total of $5,532,785—which includes $3,732,785 in General Revenue, $1,650,000 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Statewide (WIOA SW), and $150,000 in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Non-Custodial Parent (TANF-NCP) funds—will be available for Registered Apprenticeship training programs, pending approval of the FY'24 operating budget.

Under §837.25, funds for apprenticeship training classes are distributed based on the following types of instruction, listed in order of priority, unless otherwise determined by the Commission:

1. Related instruction or apprenticeship
2. Supplementary instruction or journey worker experience
3. Preparatory instruction or pre-apprenticeship training

Decision Point

Staff seeks direction on the following:

- A planning estimate of $3,732,785 in General Revenue, $1,650,000 in WIOA SW, and $150,000 in TANF-NCP funds for FY'24 Registered Apprenticeship funds, contingent on adoption of TWC's FY'24 operating budget
- An FY'24 contact-hour rate not to exceed $4.25
- A 5 percent reserve of planning estimate funds for new or established Registered Apprenticeship training programs that did not receive Chapter 133 funds in FY'23