

Texas Workforce Commission

Initiative for Ending the Middle Skills Gap

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Group A: \$9.0 Million of WIOA and TANF Funding Authorized by Commissioners	Career Progression	1	Career Pathways Mobile Application		\$ 1,500,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 1,275,000	\$ 1,275,000		
	Career Connections	2	Career Coaching		\$ 1,500,000		\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000		
	Career Preparedness	3	Certifications for Metrix Users	8/17/2021	\$ 1,100,000		\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,100,000		
		4	Training and certifications to upskill claimants in the technological and advanced skills ¹		\$ 3,800,000		\$ 3,800,000	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 1,900,000	
	Career Progression	5	Credential Tracker/Wallet mobile application		\$ 750,000		\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000		
Totals					\$ 8,650,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 8,425,000	\$ 6,525,000	\$ 1,900,000	\$ -
Balance Remaining (Comm. Authorized)							\$ 575,000			
Amount of WIOA/TANF/AEL Authorized							\$ 9,000,000			

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Group B: \$6.0 Million of WIOA and TANF Funding Authorized by Commissioners	Career Information	6	Virtual Reality Technology for Career Exploration	6/30/2021	\$ 2,000,000		\$ 2,000,000		\$ 2,000,000	
	Career Preparedness	7	Short Term Training for Parents of Children in TWC-Funded Child Care	6/30/2021	\$ 2,000,000		\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000		
	Career Information	8	Jobs Y'all and Outreach Initiative	6/30/2021	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 1,780,000	\$ 1,780,000		
Totals					\$ 6,000,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 5,780,000	\$ 3,780,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -
Balance Remaining (Comm. Authorized)							\$ 220,000			
Amount of WIOA/TANF/AEL Authorized							\$ 6,000,000			

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Group C: \$3.45 Million Adult Education & Literacy Statewide Funding Authorized by Commissioners	Career Preparedness	9	Curriculum Development for Construction Trades	6/30/2021	\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000			\$ 500,000
		10	IET in Corrections	6/30/2021	\$ 750,000		\$ 750,000			\$ 750,000
		11	Pre-Apprenticeship Bridge	8/17/2021	\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000			\$ 500,000
		12	Family Literacy Math Assistance Call Center ²		\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000			\$ 500,000
		13	Employer engagement	8/17/2021	\$ 1,200,000		\$ 1,200,000			\$ 1,200,000
Totals					\$ 3,450,000	\$ -	\$ 3,450,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,450,000
Balance Remaining (Comm. Authorized)							\$ 250,000			
Amount of WIOA/TANF/AEL Authorized							\$ 3,700,000			

Recap of Available FY2021 Funds	FY2021 Available Balances for WIOA/TANF/AEL						\$ 18,735,492	\$ 9,350,178	\$ 5,685,314	\$ 3,700,000	
	FY2022 Additional WIOA/TANF						\$ 1,900,000	\$ 950,000	\$ 950,000		
	Total for WIOA/TANF/AEL from above (FY2021 Funding)					\$ 18,100,000	\$ 445,000	\$ 17,655,000	\$ 10,305,000	\$ 3,900,000	\$ 3,450,000
	FY2021 WIOA/TANF/AEL Balances Remaining							\$ (4,822)	\$ 2,735,314	\$ 250,000	

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Group D: Additional Staff Recommended Items, PY 22 WIOA Funds	Career Progression	14	Credential Library		\$ 525,000	\$ 78,750	\$ 446,250	\$ 446,250		
		15	Staff support for credential library and tri-agency projects (Project Manager salary of \$65,400 plus benefits for one year)		\$ 98,185		\$ 98,185	\$ 98,185		
Totals					\$ 623,185	\$ 78,750	\$ 544,435	\$ 544,435	\$ -	\$ -

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Notes:

¹ Funded over two-year period. Online learning platform will provide training in these and other industries.

² Includes Family Literacy Math Call Center, to be presented October 2021 Commission meeting (Note: Requiring additional research)

Comments on variances in staff recommendations from June 30 Commission directive:

- Career Pathways application – originally approved with WIOA funding, but will include VR funds in anticipation of programs and customer benefit
- Training and Certifications in high tech and manufacturing/ advances trades – online platform will provide training for these industries and others, as industry standard seems to be partnering to provide training in multiple topics/ industries
- Outreach Campaign/ Job’s Yall – initially approved with WIOA funding, however VR funds will be included given priorities and customer benefit
- Family Literacy Math Assistance Call Center – required continued research, will be brought for consideration at an October meeting
- Credential Library was not approved on June 30. This is a staff recommendation, with WIOA and VR funding included.