

1 **Work Session Briefing Paper**
2 **Adult Education and Literacy Strategic Planning Funds**
3 **in Program Year 2021–2022**
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5 On May 4, 2021, the Texas Workforce Commission’s (TWC) three-member Commission
6 (Commission) conducted a work session to discuss the 2021 and 2022 Workforce Awards. In
7 this work session, the Commission decided to cancel the 2021 Workforce Awards and instead
8 recognize all Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) and Adult Education and Literacy
9 (AEL) grantees for their innovations in service delivery during the COVID-19 pandemic. The
10 Commission requested that TWC staff present:

- 11 • a plan to recognize Boards, employers, and AEL grantees during the 2021 Workforce
12 Conference for their use of innovative practices during the pandemic; and
- 13 • a discussion paper on using Workforce Award funds for an innovation fund to allow Boards
14 and AEL grantees to continue practices that evolved during the pandemic and created
15 positive impacts within their respective local workforce development areas.

16 A total of \$300,000 of the Board Year 2021 (BY’21)/AEL Program Year 2020–2021 (PY’20–
17 ’21) state leadership reserve balance had previously been dedicated to the AEL Performance
18 Quality Improvement Awards. The work session provides an opportunity for Commissioners to
19 discuss, recognize and consider future innovations.

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