Externship for Teachers Program—Additional Distribution
Discussion Paper

Background

After 24 consecutive months of job growth in Texas, the need to connect skilled workers with good jobs is a high priority for educators and employers. The Externships for Teachers program allows middle and high school teachers to engage in different industry activities to develop curriculum based on that industry. This curriculum helps students understand and develop the academic and technical skills required to enter the workforce. TWC funds teacher externship programs each year through the 28 Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards).

Issue

TWC staff has been notified of opportunities for additional externship grants in various parts of the state. Staff proposes to distribute Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Statewide Initiative funds to Boards that need the funding. These funds will support both additional externships in existing programs and new externship programs.

Decision Point

Staff recommends distributing $1,000,000 in WIOA funding to Boards that have a need and are able to establish and administer programs during the summer of 2023.