

1 **FY25 Planning Estimate for Child Care Professional Development Scholarships**
2 **Discussion Paper**
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4 **Background**

5 On June 13, 2023, the Texas Workforce Commission’s (TWC) three-member Commission (Commission)
6 considered the [FY24 Statewide Initiatives Budget](#), including the [FY24 Child Care Statewide Initiatives](#).
7 Included within these initiatives was the Professional Development Scholarships project (Track 76013),
8 which was increased from \$750,000 to \$3 million. This initiative helps support TWC’s implementation
9 of the [Child Care Workforce Strategic Plan](#).

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11 Previously, the Commission had approved the agency’s biennial Legislative Appropriations Request,
12 which included funding estimates for FY24 and FY25 for statewide initiatives. When the LAR was
13 approved, the Commission estimated that \$750,000 would be available in both FY24 and in FY25 for this
14 project.

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16 **Issue**

17 TWC staff are in the process of issuing a new procurement to select a grantee to operate the Professional
18 Development Scholarships project. Staff would like to issue an RFA that covers a two-year project
19 period. Based upon the existing Commission actions, the budget for the project was approved for FY24 at
20 \$3 million and is estimated for FY25 at \$750,000.

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22 Staff recommends that the Commission approve an FY25 planning estimate of \$3.5 million for the
23 Professional Development Scholarships project. This FY25 planning estimate would be used in lieu of
24 the approved FY25 LAR amount that the Commission previously approved. The final FY25 budget will
25 be approved when the Commission approves the FY24 Statewide Initiative budget.

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27 **Decision Point**

28 Staff recommends that the Commission approved an FY25 planning estimate for the Professional
29 Development Scholarships project (Track 76013) of \$3.5 million.