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Dear Adult Educators:

**WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)
AWARD CALCULATIONS: PROGRAM YEAR 2023–24**

The purpose of this letter is to explain the approach used when calculating awards and the Payment Point amounts reflected on the Grant Award Notifications (GAN).

Nation-wide performance in adult education is steadily improving after suffering dramatic impacts during the global pandemic. Despite increased effort and strong gains across our state, performance data has not yet stabilized. It would be customary for the Adult Education Office (AEO) to calculate Program Year (PY) 2023–24 award amounts for continuing agencies solely based on the performance data from PY 2021–22. However, the AEO has chosen to adjust award calculations for PY 2023–24 with a different model in order to address several issues which include but are not limited to:

- An increase in federal funding;
- An increase in previously unspent funding (also known as carryover);
- Stabilization of future performance data;
- Re-balance the value of payment points and minimize future adjustments;
- Fund 22 new agencies (10 percent);
- Subsidize agencies and activities hardest hit by the pandemic;
- Align Section 243 Integrated Education and Training (IET) activities.

For continuing agencies who received funding in PY 2022–23: Payment point totals for all program focus areas, except for Resource Code 3913, Section 231-Adult Secondary Education (ASE), were combined to reflect two years of performance, using points earned in PY 2020–21 and PY 2021–22, instead of a single year. This will show as one value for each applied row on the GAN.

For agencies new to this grant cycle and continuing agencies in new program areas: Payment Points for new program areas reflect adjusted projected enrollment multiplied by the state aggregated average of students achieving payment points.

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While several models were considered, using the chosen method, approximately 42 percent of agencies will see higher payment points amounts on their GAN when compared against last years amounts.

Additionally, subsidies were issued to 21 percent of agencies at the discretion of the state. These subsidies ensure a threshold of at least 70 percent of last year's award. While an additional 26 percent of agency awards fell between 70 and 100 percent of last year's award levels, additional funding was not available to provide further subsidies.

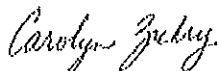
Please note that carryover funding is not yet available for distribution. Additional funding is expected to be released in the second quarter. A significant number of agencies will likely see an increase in award amount between 10 and 20 percent. This increase is not a guarantee and is at the discretion of the state. A delay in distributing carryover was unavoidable in order to ensure initial funding was distributed timely.

Additionally, this year's award notifications include:

- Funding for positive gains in Employment and Earnings outcomes;
- One-time funding for Exit Reporting in Employment and Earnings where a Social Security Number was available for data matching;
- A minimum level of funding for grantees offering Section 243 IET activities;
- An increase in WIOA funding to California.

If you have any questions regarding your GAN, please contact your AEO Fiscal Analyst by email, or the AEO by email at adulthoodeducation@cde.ca.gov or by phone at 916-322-2175.

Sincerely,



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