



MEMORANDUM

TO: Workforce Development Board Executive Committee

FROM: Daisy Fernandez

SUBJECT: Approval of Dislocated Worker to Adult Program
Funding Transfer

DATE: April 16, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Workforce Development Board (MCWDB) Executive Committee approves staff to submit a request to the State Employment Development Department (EDD) to transfer \$900,000 of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker program funding to the WIOA Adult program.

BACKGROUND:

To maximize customer service and provide local workforce development boards with greater flexibility to respond to changes in the local labor markets, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) allows the transfer of up to 100% of funds between the Adult and Dislocated Worker programs. EDD has the authority to approve transfer requests on behalf of the Governor.

DISCUSSION:

Due to the low utilization of Dislocated Worker funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025–26 and the growing demand for training and employment services through the Adult program, MCWDB is requesting a reallocation of resources to better align with program needs.

As of February 28, 2026, the Adult program has expended \$1,013,522.83 and has additionally obligated \$751,591.55 for case management contracts. In order to sustain this heightened level of service delivery, a transfer of \$900,000 from the Dislocated Worker program to the Adult program is recommended.

A proposed funding utilization plan is expected to be provided to the full Board in advance of the meeting, with copies available at the time of the meeting.

NEXT STEPS:

If approved, staff will submit a WIOA funding transfer request to the State EDD for its approval.