

Dislocated Worker, Adult Career Pathways, and Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Updates

MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, September 23, 2020

Adult Programs Communication

- Partner Express monthly newsletter – email deed.taa@state.mn.us if you would like to subscribe

Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs

Performance:

- Performance Negotiations completed
- MAWB Operations meeting update 09/24

Monitoring:

- The Monitors are concluding their PY19 monitoring engagements and have already started sending out communications for monitoring of the PY20 grants. Please look out for a communication from either Linda Skogen or Kokulo Supuwood.

MJSP Supplemental Funding Request:

- Supplemental Funding request due 9/28 (email sent on 9/17). Please use the updated form included in the email.
- MJSP Board Meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2020

Senior Community Service Employment Program:

- DOL approved 20% Admin request (15% for providers)

CLIMB:

- Thanks to those who took the time to complete the CLIMB feedback survey in the September Partner Express newsletter. The link is still open if you didn't get a chance and would like to complete.

PY20FY21 Contracts:

- Thanks to everyone for the great work (quick response) with the PY20FY21 contracts. With your help we were able to complete in record time. We appreciate your partnership.

PY18 Reallocated Funds:

- To be announced in the upcoming weeks.

WIOA Second Allotment:

- NOA pending. Information will be shared as soon as DOL releases the NOA.

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Adult Career Pathways Programs

SFY18-19 P2P Grants

- The SFY18-19 Pathways to Prosperity Grants expired June 30, 2020. The Adult Career Pathways team is in the process of receiving final invoices and reports to evaluate the success of the program. The MJSP Board has decided to apply their unused funds to other grant.

SFY20-21 Grants

- The 83 grants that funded 65 providers for SFY21 have been executed and began July 1, 2020. These contracts will run concurrent with the SFY20 contracts as many of the SFY20 were extended through December 31, 2020.
- Just a reminder that 2 monthly RPRs will be required to be submitted each month, SFY20 and SFY21, through the end of your SFY20 contract.

SNAP E&T 50/50

- Three of DEED's previous SNAP E&T 50% Reimbursement grantees submitted applications and were approved to continue into SFY21; August 1, 2020- September 30, 2021.
- DEED sent applications to ACP Competitive Grantees, not currently contracted through DHS, on August 24th to add up to seven more SNAP E&T 50/50 grantees for contracts October 1, 2020- September 30, 2021.
 - An informational webinar was held on 9/4; the Q&A was posted to the ACP website
 - Applications were due by 4:00pm Friday Sept 18th.

Displaced Homemaker Program

- Effective August 1, 2020, the Displaced Homemaker Program will officially be known as the *Minnesota Family Resiliency Program*.
- The Adult Career Pathways team is in the process of updating forms to reflect the new name.

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

Program

- Save the Date: Virtual Fall Roundtables: October 20-22; 1 hour sessions at 10:00am and 1:00pm each day.
- Final Rule/ TAA new regulations implementation: Minnesota is prioritizing two implementations immediately – TAA expects more changes coming as well. The Fall Roundtables will have a section covering changes from the Final Rule.
 - Transportation calculation for new customers traveling to training: only mileage that exceeds the 15 mile (one way) commuting area radius gets reimbursed
 - Notification to workers: For petition certifications on or after 9/21/20, TAA will mail letters to customers, and:
 - Publish the information in the newspaper (electronic or printed)
 - Include a Babel notice in the mailing
 - Use at least one method of modern electronic communication

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- Please refer TAA-eligible customers (or new DW Counselors) to the online TAA informational session <https://www.careerforcemn.com/taa-info-sessions>

Petitions

- TAA/Rapid Response staff are researching two (2) companies for possible trade-impacted layoffs
- Pending Department of Labor (DOL) determination: 17 petitions
- Certified: Bluestem Brands, Inc.; Sonova and the on-site leased workers from Robert Half; GGI Solutions; Dell Technologies, Inc.; Henkel Corp/Boyd; McNeilus Companies; Seagate, Shakopee; Tenneco/Federal Mogul; Woodcraft Industries
- Denied: Seagate Bloomington; Gerdau Ameristeel; U.S. Steel (Mountain Iron Range)