

Notes from Kay Tracy/John Olson/Youth Team update -- Job Seeker Services Meeting on 1/27/21:

WIOA Youth

1. **DOL Issued PY21 WIOA Planning Estimates on 1/14/21:** DOL released TEN 14-20 which provides ***estimated*** state-level WIOA allocations for PY2021 - see link to [Training and Employment Notice 14-20](#). Minnesota's PY21 WIOA Youth allocation is projected by DOL to increase to \$10.7 million. Minnesota is one of 9 states projected to see a 30% increase in PY2021 WIOA Youth funding. This is the maximum increase that could be provided to any state given the "hold harmless." Sixteen states projected to take a 10% decrease in PY21 WIOA Youth funds (the maximum decrease that any state can sustain).
2. **When will WDA-level planning estimates for PY21 be available?** DEED's LMI Director (Oriane Casale) will provide Youth Team with "updated" Areas of Substantial Unemployment (ASU) data. The ASU data calculated at the WDA level required to update the youth (and adult) allocation models. When Youth Team receives the updated ASU data from Oriane (estimated early February), we can then provide WDA-level planning estimates for PY21 WIOA Youth.
3. **Preliminary PY2020 WIOA Youth Performance Data:** Youth Team released preliminary PY20 WIOA Youth performance data on 1/13/20. The data looks good, including the Measurable Skills Gain (MSG) measure. Note: beginning to see impact of Covid-19 emergency on "wage" data.
4. **Calculating Work Experience Expenditure Rate:** Be sure to include staff time involved in setting up work sites, including virtual/remote worksites, when WDA reports WE expenditures on the WIOA Youth Fiscal Reports.
5. **WIOA Youth-Specific Waivers Approved by DOL for SFY21:** Same Youth-specific waivers approved by DOL/available for SFY21 WIOA Youth Program. WDAs may include in their Local Youth Plan Updates for SFY21 WIOA Youth: 1) Option to reduce OSY expenditure rate to 60% if serving ISY who meet DOL definition of homeless/foster youth; 2) Option to use ITAs for ISY.
6. **Narrative updates of Local Youth Plans are due on Friday, April 2, 2021.** WDAs not required to submit BUDGET SUMMARY until final allocations released for SFY21 WIOA Youth and SFY22 MYP. Early submittal of narrative updates for PY21 WIOA Youth and SFY22 MYP expedites process of getting new funds out to the WDA level.
7. **Waiver to 20% Carry Over Limit for PY20 WIOA Youth - Due to Covid-19 emergency:** WDAs who will not expend 80% of their PY20 WIOA Youth funding by June 30, 2021, may submit a waiver request. The waiver may be submitted along with the Local Youth Plan updates in April or can be submitted earlier.

Youth at Work Opportunity Grants

SFY22-23 Youth at Work Request for Proposals (RFP) is posted on DEED's Competitive Grants website, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/open-rfp.jsp>

Direct questions via e-mail to: Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us. Youth Team will post Q and A's on the website. Proposals due on April 9, 2021. Funding amounts to be determined by Minnesota Legislature.

2020-21 TANF Youth Projects

- 1. 2020-21 TANF Youth Progress Report:** reminder to please submit a progress report on the activities of your 2020-21 TANF Youth Project by January 29, 2021 to Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us. Please contact Lynn with any questions or if you need a copy of the report template.
- 2. TANF Youth webpage:** the TANF Youth webpage has been updated with the local plans and other relevant documents: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/special/tanf/>.

JSPB 6% RFP – MN Economic Recovery Job Training Grant Awards to be announced very soon -- \$3.14 million in funding requests received on December 18; \$950,000 available (7-county metro only).

Thank you for your cooperation. If questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact me at Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or John.R.Olson@state.mn.us or any member of the Youth Services Team.

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