

See below for notes from Kay Tracy/John Olson/Youth Team update for the Job Seeker Services Meeting on 3/24/21:

#### Federal Programs.

- 1. Local Youth Plan Updates Due April 2 (narrative sections only):** for activities funded under PY21 WIOA Youth and SFY22 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP). WDAs not required to submit Budget Form until DOL releases the TEGL with final PY21 WIOA Youth allocations. Final SFY22-23 MYP Budgets due when the Legislature passes and Governor signs the Jobs Bill. **To date, three WDAs have tentative approval of Local Youth Plans: Washington County, Career Solutions (Stearns-Benton), South Central. Review of Northeast's Plan is in process.**
- 2. Youthbuild RFP/Governor's Reserve Funds:** DEED Leadership asked Youth Team to release a Youthbuild RFP – funding source is surplus WIOA Governor's Reserve Funds (\$250,000). A webinar for interested parties will be announced as soon as we secure DOL's comments on the RFP (webinar will be recorded and posted on DEED's website). Youth Team working with DOL to secure waiver to the 75% Out of School Youth Expenditure Requirement for projects providing direct services using Governor's Reserve Funds. Youth Team securing DOL's comments on the draft RFP and proposed waiver. We will keep you posted.
- 3. Estimated Timeline for Release of PY2021 WIOA Allocations?** DOL predicting April release of final PY2021 WIOA allocations. DEED's LMI Office provided Youth Team with sub-state ASU data which will be used in the allocation formulas (Youth and Adult). LMI Director (Oriane) scheduled to do presentation on new ASU data for MAWB Operations Committee on March 25. Youth Team all set to release WDA-level allocations pending receipt of final TEGL from DOL.
- 4. Where can I find sample Local Youth Plans and Shared Vision for Youth Blueprints?** For new WDA staff/youth practitioners working on updates to Local Youth Plans, plans from last year are posted on DEED's website, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/about/what-we-do/objectives-plans/wioa.jsp#5> (under the Local Plans tab). We can also forward sample plans already approved this year – plans that address the shift to virtual services as a result of the Covid-19 emergency.
- 5. 2020-21 TANF Youth Innovation Projects:** Reminder that funds carried over from 2020 must be expended by 6/30/21. They can be used on any participant, not only those enrolled prior to 12/31/20. Additional information on the TANF Youth project can be found on the webpage: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/special/tanf/>

#### State Programs.

- 6. SFY22-SFY23 Youth at Work RFP:** Reminder that April 9, 2021 is due date for SFY22-23 Youth at Work proposals. (Submit proposals to the attention of: [Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us](mailto:Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us)).
- 7. SFY22-23 Minnesota Youth Program and Youthbuild and Youth Support Services:** Governor's Budget recommended level funding. Separate House and Senate Jobs Bills available soon.

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