

Notes from Kay Tracy/Youth Team update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on 4/21/21:

Federal Programs.

- 1. Approved Local Youth Plans as of 4/21: all 16 WDAs have tentative approval of Local Youth Plans (narrative sections only) for activities funded under PY21 WIOA Youth and SFY22 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP).** WDAs are not required to submit Budgets until final allocations are released. **Full approval of the Local Youth Plans will be provided pending receipt/approval of the Budget Information Summaries. Final Local Youth Plans/Budgets will be posted on DEED's website.**
- 2. Youthbuild RFP/Governor's Reserve Funds:** new Youthbuild RFP released on 4/16/21. To view the RFP see DEED's competitive grants webpage: <https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/open-rfp.jsp>. The funding source is surplus WIOA Youth Governor's Reserve Funds. Youth Team worked with DOL on waiver to 75% OSY expenditure requirement (the waiver is included with the RFP). Proposals are due on May 17, 2021.
- 3. Estimated Timeline for Release of PY2021 WIOA Allocations?** DOL predicting release of final PY2021 WIOA allocations **THIS WEEK or not later than April 28.** DEED's LMI Office provided Youth Team with new sub-state ASU data which will be used in updating the allocation formulas (Youth and Adult). LMI Director (Oriane) did 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 PY21 WIOA allocations from DOL. **Blank Budget Forms will be attached to the final WDA-level PY21 allocations.**
- 4. Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL) updated:** new LLSIL guidelines published in the Federal Register on April 9, 2021. Workforce One, Chapter 7 of the WIOA Youth Policy Manual and Youth Eligibility Handbook have all been updated and are available on the website, see: https://mn.gov/deed/assets/wioa-chapter7_tcm1045-134289.docx.
- 5. DOL/ETA posted PY2019 WIOA Annual Reports for all states last week. Minnesota's PY2019 report is attached. To view PY19 WIOA annual reports from other states, see:** <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/performance/results>.
- 6. Reminder: Cut-Off Date for making changes in PY2020 WIOA Data is July 9, 2021. This data will be used to prepare the PY20 WIOA Annual Report for Minnesota.**
- 7. 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. **Also, please update participant enrollment, activity, and expenditure data in Workforce One through 3/31/21 as soon as possible if you have not already done so.** Additional information on the TANF Youth project can be found on the webpage: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/special/tanf/>. Questions on the TANF Youth project can be directed to Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us.

State Programs.

- 8. SFY22-SFY23 Youth at Work RFP:** Over \$17.7 million in funding requests (60 proposals) received by Youth Team on April 9, 2021, for SFY22-23 Youth at Work competitive funds. Legislature will determine final dollar amount of Youth at Work funds available for SFY22-23. Current funding level is \$3.8 million per year (level funding included in Senate Jobs Bill).

- 9. SFY22-23 Minnesota Youth Program, Youthbuild, Youth at Work and Support Services:** Senate Jobs Bill recommends level funding for MYP, Youthbuild, Youth at Work and Support Services grants. The House and Senate have until May 17 to reach a compromise on the Jobs Bill (e.g. regular Legislative Session ends on May 17). A Special Session may be required to hammer out differences between the Senate and House Jobs Bills. We will keep you posted.

Please do not hesitate to contact kay.tracy@state.mn.us or john.r.olson@state.mn.us or Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us or any member of the Youth Team if questions arise as we await issuance of final federal and state allocations.

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