

See below for Notes from Kay Tracy/John Olson/Youth Team Update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on 5/26/21:

#### Federal Programs.

- 1. Final PY2021 WIOA Youth Allocations Released:** TEGL 19-20 issued by DOL on 4/27/21, see weblink: [https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr\\_doc.cfm?DOCN=4427](https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=4427). Minnesota's PY21 WIOA Youth allocation at the state level increased by 30.81% compared to PY20. **ALL 16 WDAs have approved narrative sections of the Local Youth Plans. To date, nine WDAs have approved PY21 WIOA Youth Budgets: Southwest WDA, Washington County, city of Minneapolis, Rural CEP, Dakota-Scott, Career Solutions (Stearns-Benton ETC), Anoka County, Winona County and Northeast Office of Job Training.**
- 2. PY21 WIOA Youth Budget Forms:** Two versions of Budget Forms: 1) Form for WDAs following WIOA Youth requirement that at least 75% percent of PY21 WIOA Youth funds be expended on Out-of-School Youth (OSY). 2) Form for WDAs requesting waiver to reduce OSY expenditure requirement to 60%, by serving In-School Youth (ISY) who meet DOL's definition of homeless and/or foster youth. **Note revision compared to last year: Youth Team requesting a 2-year budget.**
- 3. SF424 for PY21 WIOA Youth submitted to DOL by DEED on 5/6/21:** Next steps? DOL will release the Notice of Funding Availability to the states. MN's FPO is checking on timeline for release. Pending receipt of the Notice of Funding Availability, Youth Team will issue PY21 WIOA Youth funding to the WDAs under the Master Agreements. WDAs are encouraged to submit the PY21 WIOA Youth Budget Form as soon as possible to facilitate entry of the WDA's budget into Procure It System before the end of the SFY.
- 4. Waiver to 20% Carryover Limit on PY20 WIOA Youth Funds: WDAs have until June 30, 2021, to expend or obligate 80% of PY20 WIOA Youth funds.** If the WDA needs a waiver to the 20% limit on carryover funds for PY2020 WIOA Youth, please forward e-mail to [Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us](mailto:Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us) (cc to [John.R.Olson@state.mn.us](mailto:John.R.Olson@state.mn.us) and [Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us](mailto:Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us)) requesting the waiver and including the justification (e.g. spending slowed due to the Covid-19 emergency).
- 5. PY2020 WIOA Youth Preliminary Performance Data (in MN Performs as of 5/1/21): issued by Youth Team on 5/20/21.** We know from past years that Youth Measurable Skill Gains (MSG) are primarily collected between now and June 30. Please be certain that your staff collect transcripts or report cards for In-School Youth and record that data in WorkForce One. The COVID-19 emergency is impacting PY20 WIOA performance in Minnesota and nationwide. Staying current on follow-up with former participants is crucial part of meeting/exceeding PY20-21 WIOA Youth performance goals. DOL remains silent on whether/how they plan to "adjust" performance goals due to the COVID-19 emergency for PY20-21. Minnesota and other Region V states continue to put that question forward for consideration of the Biden Administration.
- 6. SAMPLE Youth Support Services Policy:** We encourage WDAs to review/update local Youth Support Services policies; see sample attached from Local Youth Plan for Washington

County. We've also attached DOL's Support Services FACT Sheet. Youth Team will post all Local Youth Plans on DEED's website as they are finalized/budget forms are added.

7. **New DOL Webinar on June 3, 2021: Topic: What Counts Towards the WIOA Youth Program Work Experience Requirement? Sponsored by DOL National Office.** Announcement forwarded by Youth Team 5/21.
8. **Youthbuild RFP/Governor's Reserve Funds:** Proposals due on May 17, 2021; total of \$828,324 funding requests received. The funding source is \$250,000 of surplus WIOA Youth Governor's Reserve Funds (federal set-aside funds). Youth Team worked with DOL on waiver to 75% OSY expenditure requirement.
9. **Cut-Off Date for making changes in WF1 for PY2020 WIOA Data: July 9, 2021.**
10. **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/>. Questions on the TANF Youth project can be directed to [Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us](mailto:Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us).

#### **State Programs.**

New Budget targets agreed to by the Governor and Legislative leaders. Conference Committee working on the Omnibus Jobs Bill. The Legislature returns for Special Session on June 14, where they are expected to pass compromise Omnibus Bills using new spending targets.

The new spending target for the Workforce/Omnibus Jobs Bill is \$169 million. All funding for Youth Programs (MYP, YB, Youth at Work, Youth Support Services) in the Omnibus Jobs Bill.

#### **New deadlines:**

- a) **Committee spreadsheets due on Friday, May 28**
- b) **Committee policy language due: June 4**

11. **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.
12. **SFY22-23 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) and Youthbuild (YB):** Legislature will determine the final dollar amount of MYP and YB funds available for SFY22-23. Current MYP funding level is \$4 million per year. Current YB funding level is \$1 million per year.

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