

See below for notes from Kay Tracy/Lynn Douma/Youth Team Update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on June 16:

#### Federal Programs.

- 1. Final PY2021 WIOA Youth Budgets/Local Youth Plans:** 15 WDAs have approved PY21 WIOA Youth Budgets which will be included with the Local Youth Plans and posted on DEED's website. WDAs with approved PY21 WIOA Youth Budgets have been entered into DEED's Procure It system/funds are fully encumbered. **Notice of Funding Availability (NOA) for PY21 WIOA Youth funds issued by WIOA Grants Officer (National Office) on 6/11; received by DEED on 6/14 . Youth Team in process of releasing PY21 WIOA Youth funds under the Master Agreements.**
- 2. 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 determines a waiver is needed 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) requesting the waiver and including the justification (e.g. spending slowed due to the Covid-19 emergency).
- 3. PY2020 WIOA Youth Preliminary Performance Data (updated data for June available shortly):** 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 a crucial part of meeting/exceeding PY20-21 WIOA Youth performance goals. **DOL scheduled a DATA VALIDATION SUMMIT for state staff on July 14, 2021.** Youth Team added Data Validation worksheet to the PY21 WIOA Youth Monitoring Guide (draft will be routed for local comment pending feedback from DOL).
- 4. Please submit fiscal reports no later than June 20, 2021: this date very important for all state and federal grantees.**
- 5. Cut-Off Date for making changes in WF1 for PY2020 WIOA Data: July 9, 2021.** It is important to capture all WIOA Youth enrollments, activities and outcomes in WorkForce One. Please remind staff to enter data into WF1 on all new participants who received any WIOA Youth Services on or before June 30, 2021.
- 6. Youth Team provided Youthbuild Funding recommendations to DEED Leadership on 6/7:** funding source is \$250,000 of surplus Governor's Reserve Funds/WIOA Youth Set-aside funds. Youth Team received over \$828,000 of funding requests. DOL approved waiver to provide additional flexibility for projects providing direct services with Governor's Reserve Funds. Grant awards should be announced soon.
- 7. DOL Announced \$89 million in federal Youthbuild awards last week in 31 states:** Congratulations to Tree Trust on their \$1.5 million federal Youthbuild grant serving North Minneapolis.
- 8. 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. **Please contact Lynn Douma if you believe you will have unexpended funds from your**

**2021 allocation. We do have one WDA that has reached out requesting additional funds if available.** 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.

Conference Committee working on the Omnibus Jobs Bill. The Legislature returned for Special Session the week of 6/14 (call of the Governor), 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. We will keep you posted.

### **Important to submit Fiscal Reports by June 20<sup>th</sup> for state-funded grantees.**

**SFY22 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP):** Youth Team will issue final SFY22 MYP allocations (including blank budget form) as soon as the Legislature finishes its work on the Omnibus Jobs Bill. The current funding level is \$ 4 million per year. **Please make it a priority to capture all SFY21 MYP enrollments, activities and outcomes in WorkForce 1. It is important that case managers stay up to date on SFY21 MYP data entry.**

**SFY22 Youthbuild:** Youth Team set to release SFY22 Youthbuild funds as soon as the Omnibus Jobs Bill is passed/signed by Governor. The current funding level is \$ 1 million per year.

**SFY22-23 Youth at Work:** Youth Team received over \$17.7 million in funding requests (60 proposals). Funding recommendations will go to DEED Leadership as soon as compromise reached on the Omnibus Jobs Bill. **The current funding level is for Youth at Work Grants is \$3.8 million per year. Youth at Work grantees: please make certain that all case managers are up to date on SFY21 Youth at Work data entry.**

Please do not hesitate to contact [Kay.tracy@state.mn.us](mailto:Kay.tracy@state.mn.us) or [John.r.olson@state.mn.us](mailto:John.r.olson@state.mn.us) or [Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us](mailto:Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us) if questions arise as we await issuance of final state allocations.

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