

Dislocated Worker, Adult Career Pathways, and Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Updates

MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, October 27, 2021

Adult Programs Communication

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Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs

PY21 WIOA DW and Adult

- 2nd allotment paperwork sent to all WDAs.
- Qtr. Progress Report due Oct. 30th (Jul-Sep)
- Qtr. Program Expenditures
 - Keep an eye on your expenditures to ensure alignment with work plan.

PY19 Reallocation

- Unspent WIOA DW and Adult funds will be reallocated in November. Please be on the lookout for communication from the team.

Senior Community Service Employment Program

- Previously unresolved Findings with DOL is now resolved. Several policies will be posted in November for public comment period and go live in December.
- The optional special requests submitted with PY21 application to the DOL were approved (see attached documents):
 - 20% administrative cost limitation
 - For those of you who budgeted more than 9.30% in Admin this year, this means we won't have to modify your PSP
 - Cross-Border Agreement
 - OJE Contract

Retaining Employment and Talent after Injury/Illness Network (RETAIN)

- RETAIN demonstration project tests the impact of early intervention strategies on the stay at work/return to work outcomes of workers who have recently incurred a new injury or illness, or who recently experienced an exacerbation of an existing injury/illness that affects their ability to work.
- Phase 2 RFP to provide employment and training services is now available through WDI: [RETAIN Program - Work Force \(workforcedevelopmentinc.org\)](#)

Adult Career Pathways Programs

Legislative Direct Appropriation Grants/ Competitive Grants

Providers are entering the final quarter of SFY21 contracts and programs. Please be mindful of budgets and WF1 measurable outcomes. All SFY20-21 participants must exit from WF1 within 30 days of the end of your contract.

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The Minnesota Tech Training Pilot Project Grantees will begin programming this month. This is a new program within ACP and the team is excited to provide an additional training opportunity to communities throughout the state.

Thank you for all the great submissions for the Southeast Asian Economic Relief Grant, African Immigrant Community Economic Relief Grant, On-Ramp to Career Pathways, Bridge to Career Pathways, Individual Training Pathway, WESA, and Adult Support Services RFPs. All are now closed, and we expect notification to applicants early to mid-November.

The Getting to Work and Internationally Trained Professionals RFPs are still open and accepting applications through November 10th, 2021. In addition, the Targeted Community Capital Project RFP was released on Friday October 22nd. This grant will award \$18 million to non-profits organizations and government entities within Minnesota for capital projects. Projects utilizing these funds must result in providing, increasing, and/or expanding access to economic development, education or workforce development programs or services to underserved communities or economically disadvantaged persons or groups.

If you have any questions regarding the LIVE RFPs, please visit the FAQs at:

<https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/open-rfp.jsp> .

SNAP E&T 50/50

SNAP E&T 50% Reimbursement program offers 50% reimbursement on expenses already incurred through ACP's Pathways to Prosperity and Mn Family Resiliency Partnership programs.

The SNAP E&T 50% Reimbursement Program runs on SFY and it is anticipated that other invitations to apply will follow SFY22-23 Grant awards. Please contact Ann Meyers at ann.meyers@state.mn.us if you have any questions about the program or how you may be able to take advantage of these funds.

ACP Guides

Even during these busy times, the ACP team continues to update the [Operations Guide](#) posted at [the ACP home page](#). This guide does NOT include [measures implemented in response to COVID-19](#), which are listed separately.

The ACP team continues to work on updating the ACP Workforce One Guide, Stay tuned for the updated guide to be ready soon!

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

Reversion 2021

On July 1, 2021, the TAA Program reverted to a modified version of the Trade Reform Act of 2002. Any workers covered under a Petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance filed on or after July 1, 2021, would be covered by this modified version. Current customers and people who are eligible under an older petition continue to receive the benefits under the appropriate law of their petition. Nearly all of our current customers are covered by 2015 Law and their services/benefits will not change.

One of the major changes under Reversion 2021 is that Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA) is now Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) and it's truly an "Alternative" to training.

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- Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance: Wage subsidy for up to 2 years available to workers age 50 or over who are **reemployed full-time within 26 weeks of separation** at annual wages of \$50,000 or less, and **who do not attend TAA-funded training, or receive TRA or Job Search Allowance.**
- Once a worker receives TRA or a job search allowance, or is enrolled in training (approved and to begin within 30 days), they are ineligible for ATAA.
- ATAA cannot be combined with OJT
- ATAA can be combined with Relocation Allowance

Petitions

Here's the link to check the status of petitions with U.S. Department of Labor

https://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/petitioners/taa_search_form.cfm

- TAA/Rapid Response staff are **researching** one (1) company for possible trade-impacted layoffs
- **Pending** Department of Labor (DOL) determination: two (2) petitions
- Recently **denied**: Southern Graphics System, LLC, Minneapolis
- Recently **certified**: *Rawlings Sporting Goods Company Inc., Caledonia
 - *Customers receive benefits under Reversion 2021