

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

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## [Staffing Update](#)

Carol Bisbee recently joined the Adult Programs team as the Administrative Support Specialist. She started working for the State of Minnesota in January 2022 at Legislative Coordinating Commission and had worked in the manufacturing industry for the prior 13 years. Her schooling and work background is in Business Office Administration.

## Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs (DWFAP)

### Formula Funds – WIOA Adult, WIOA DW and State DW:

- **PY23** WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Formula Funding:
  - TEGL 15-22 released on April 21, 2023
  - Local Area allocations and planning documents will be sent out early next week
  - *Funding Levels Analysis:*

	PY22	PY23	Difference PY22-PY23	Percent Change
<b>WIOA Adult</b>				
Local	\$ 7,536,653	\$ 6,902,601	\$ (634,052)	-8.41%
Setaside	\$ 1,329,998	\$ 1,218,106	\$ (111,891)	-8.41%
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 8,866,650</i>	<i>\$ 8,120,707</i>	<i>\$ (745,943)</i>	<i>-8.41%</i>
<b>WIOA Dislocated Worker</b>				
Local	\$ 6,635,910	\$ 6,051,330	\$ (584,580)	-8.81%
Setaside	\$ 1,421,981	\$ 1,296,714	\$ (125,267)	-8.81%
Rapid Response	\$ 1,421,981	\$ 1,296,714	\$ (125,267)	-8.81%
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 9,479,871</i>	<i>\$ 8,644,757</i>	<i>\$ (835,114)</i>	<i>-8.81%</i>

- **PY23 State DW Formula:** Preliminary allocations will be available mid to late May
- **PY22 Carry Forward Request - Providers may request a waiver to carry forward more than 20% of their allocated PY22 funds into the second year of the grant using the provided template (attached).** Providers who expend or obligate at least 80% of their PY22 formula funds by the end of the 4th quarter do not need a waiver.
  - Carry Forward Requests pertain to all formula grants: WIOA Adult, WIOA Dislocated Worker, and State Dislocated Worker
  - Submit waivers between now and June 2, 2023
- **PY21** funds must be used by June 30, 2023.
  - We may not be able to approve modifications or transfer requests for PY21.
  - Cost category adjustment is allowed on the final Reimbursement Payment Request (RPR) if the total expended does not exceed the total approved budget. However, the Admin cost category must not exceed 10% of total reimbursed.

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- Any remaining unused funds will be reallocated to Local Areas that have spent out their PY21 funds.
- **PY20 Reallocated** funds must be used by June 30, 2023.

## National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs)/ Disaster Relief Grants (COVID-19 and OMNI/Opioids):

- Both DWGs grants are winding down as we near the June 30, 2023, end date.
- COVID-19 DWG has accomplished 91% of its enrollment goal
- OMNI DWG has enrolled a total of 103 participants
- Kudos to our sub grantees for staying the course, even in the face of the challenges during the height of the pandemic, to ensure Minnesotans benefit from these funds and additional programming.

## Re-entry Pilot Grant

- Onboarding for the 13 organizations awarded Re-entry Pilot grants are ongoing; onboarding webinars are 4/26 and 4/27. Contact for [Frederick.Nah@state.mn.us](mailto:Frederick.Nah@state.mn.us) for any questions.

## Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

- Grants Performance Management System (GPMS)
  - All GPMS Training webinars, and Virtual Live Events are recorded and archived at [WorkforceGPS](#). You can also access GPMS e-newsletters, other GPMS resources and related materials at the same site. The FAQ is a great resource for questions and answers already covered, so remember to always check it out when you have a question just in case it is already answered.
  - GPMS IT Support Grant is in process (TEGL 10-22 Change 1); due dates is 5/1/2023; 3 SCSEP grantees in MN have requested the funds.

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

- DOL/ODEP Site Visit: WDI and Mayo Clinic, May 2-3, 2023
- MN RETAIN continues to scale its efforts across Minnesota. 1,100 people have enrolled!
- Do you or someone you know have an injury or illness that affects their work? Visit [mnretain.com](http://mnretain.com) to see if RETAIN could help!
- Check out MN RETAIN new [promotional video](#) about the enrollment process if you haven't already.

## Use Dislocated Worker General Email to Reach All Team Members

Please continue to email requests, reports, technical assistance questions, etc. to the Dislocated Worker Federal Adult Programs general email at [DWFAPrograms.DEED@state.mn.us](mailto:DWFAPrograms.DEED@state.mn.us).

## Adult Career Pathways Programs

The [COVID waivers](#) put in to place in 2020 will end beginning July 1, 2023. The ACP team would like to request current providers take part in a short survey regarding the reintegration of academic assessments prior to a participant enrolling in certification and/or credentialed training. The results of the survey will assist the team as we prepare for SFY24-25 programs and to provide better onboarding technical assistance to Grantees. The link to the survey is: <https://forms.office.com/g/JgH7y7Q7dS> and will be open until May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to your Coordinator if you have any questions.

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We encourage Grantees and interested organizations to check out the [DEED Competitive Grants and Contracts](#) page for SFY24-25 programs. The site posts all outgoing grants, and each solicitation includes a brief description of work and a link to its Request for Proposals (RFP). [Sign up to receive emails](#) when new opportunities are listed. Another suggestion is to watch the [legislative sessions](#) as you can see what is being proposed and if/when it gets funded.

The [ACP Provider Training List for SFY22-23](#) is now posted! Categorized by industry sector, this is a list of projects funded through DEED's Employment and Training Division, Adult Career Pathways during SFY22-23. Each provider listed is linked to their website for easy referral. Please reach out to Jenilee Drilling ([Jenilee.drilling@state.mn.us](mailto:Jenilee.drilling@state.mn.us)) if updates or changes need to be made to the list.

Marketing ACP programs? A reminder to review the [ACP Cost Category Guidance](#) for allowable marketing and outreach costs and the disclaimer that must be included on ALL marketing material.

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## [Mn Family Resiliency Partnership \(Federally known as Displaced Homemaker Program\)](#)

The MN Family Resiliency Partnership (MFRP) assists individuals who have spent a substantial number of years in the home providing homemaking services and have been dependent upon the financial support of another. For more information about the [Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership program](#) check out DEED's ACP webpage.

The ACP team encourages a collaborative approach to serving participants, when appropriate, to seamlessly meet the needs of participants and enhance a participant's career goals. Co-enrollments are allowed within organizations and between organizations including participants receiving pre-employment services through one of the six MFRP providers across the state. Participants who are eligible for the Mn Family Resiliency Partnership program are auto eligible to receive Dislocated Worker services to further their training and employment goals. And if you have a participant that may not be quite ready to employment or training, a referral an MFRP provider to receive those pre-employment/essential skills may be helpful.

## [Workforce One- ACP Programs](#)

**REMINDER:** Providers are required to enter all Workforce One data within 15 days of the occurrence. When determining past performance, it is important that each Grantee enter data in Workforce One in a timely manner. If you need further assistance with your data entry or are seeing discrepancies in your data, please reach out to your Program Coordinator.

## [Trade Adjustment Assistance \(TAA\)](#)

Please email all questions and customer applications to the Trade Adjustment Assistance general email at [deed.taa@state.mn.us](mailto:deed.taa@state.mn.us)

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## [OJT FAQs for Employers](#)

TAA is finalizing an On-the-Job Training (OJT) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) flyer geared toward employers to create broader awareness of the OJT opportunity and process. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter and on [careerforcemn.com/TAA](http://careerforcemn.com/TAA).

## [Benefits after Training](#)

Please remind customers, especially Spring graduates, about the **Job Search Allowance** and **Relocation Allowance** benefits available for interviews and relocations that are 15 miles or more from the customer's home. All applications are available on the Counselor Portal: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/dislocated-worker/counselors/forms/>

## [Program Status and Outreach Efforts](#)

The TAA program has funding and continues to serve customers. TAA must be the primary source of funding for customers who are eligible. [Previous Partner Express newsletters](#) include articles related to the phased termination that the TAA Program entered on 7/1/22. The U.S. Department of Labor recently released *TEGL 14-22 - Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Workers Program Phase-out Termination Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)*, and it has been added to the ETA Advisory database and is available at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/tegl-14-22>

TAA will perform various outreach efforts this spring and summer to ensure those who are eligible for TAA are aware of the benefits available. Contact TAA with outreach suggestions or to ask about an individual's eligibility.

## [Petitions](#)

Petitions can still be filed, but DOL's investigation is paused until program restoration or reauthorization. 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](https://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/petitioners/taa_search_form.cfm)

Filed after July 1

- Torax Medical, St Paul
- Turck, Inc., Plymouth
- Ball Corp, St Paul
- Nordson Medical, Eagan
- Banner Engineering, Huron, SD (HQ in Minnesota)