

REVISED NOTES from Kay Tracy/John Olson/Youth Team update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on 4/26/23.

WIOA Youth Program

1. PY23 WIOA State Allocations were released by DOL in TEGL 15-22 (dated 4/21/23). See: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/tegl-15-22>. Minnesota's PY23 WIOA Youth Allocation is \$ 9,597,650, a DECREASE of 8.57% compared to PY22. Note: DEED's LMI Office reported that 12 Minnesota WDAs did not have Areas of Substantial Unemployment (ASU) in PY23. WDA-level allocations released in a separate message.
2. PY21 WIOA Youth Program is 98.2% expended or obligated statewide. PY22 WIOA Youth Program is 55.1% expended or obligated statewide. **Reminder: WDAs asked to spend down the oldest WIOA Youth funds FIRST before expending new funds.** If you need to carry over more than 20% of PY22 WIOA Youth funds beyond 6/30/23, please send an email to [Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us](mailto:Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us) with request for a waiver to the 20% limit and justification. Waivers have already been approved for the following WDAs: CMJTS, Southwest, Hennepin-Carver, Ramsey County, Washington County, and Winona County.
3. Local Youth Plan Narrative Updates: **All 16 Minnesota WDAs have "tentative approval" of Local Youth Plans/Narrative Sections for activities funded under PY23 WIOA Youth and SFY24 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP).** Full approval of the Local Youth Plans will be provided pending receipt/approval of completed Budget Forms. To date, final PY23 WIOA Youth Budgets been approved for: **Southeast WDI and Northwest WDA.**
4. Preliminary PY22 WIOA Youth Performance Data Summary: issued by the Youth Team in message on 4/18 (data in WorkForce 1 as of 4/11/23). URGENT: The Measurable Skills Gain (MSG) measure is the only real-time performance measure. Please be certain that your WDA/youth service providers collect report cards and transcripts and enter that data into WorkForce 1 as soon as practical.
5. 2023 Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL): These are usually updated in early to mid-April, should be available soon from DOL. When they are published, we will update Workforce One and release to local partners. More info at: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/lisil>.
6. Save the Date - May 10 (2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.) DOL Cross Regional Training Session for State and Local Youth Practitioners: Youth Team will forward save the date/weblink to TEAMS Meeting set up by DOL. More to follow: focus is on new "mental health" provisions in TEGL 09-22 (issued 3/2/23). Ohio State grantee staff will talk about mental health approaches, resources and tools. There will also be an introduction to the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) staff.

Minnesota Youth Program (MYP):

7. SFY24 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP): Final SFY24 MYP allocations will be issued SOON pending action by a Conference Committee which will negotiate differences between the House Omnibus Jobs Bill and the Senate Omnibus Jobs Bill. Both the Senate and the House Bills include supplemental funding for the SFY24/25 MYP, as follows:

Senate: \$4,511,000 (GF) and \$4,050,000 WDF per year

House: \$4,427,000 (GF) and \$4,050,000 WDF per year

Youth Competitive Grants:

**8. SFY24-SFY25 Youth at Work Request for Proposals (RFP) closed on March 31, 2023:** Youth Team received 80 proposals – over \$25 million in Youth at Work funding requests for SFY24/SFY25. Final grant awards will be announced when the House/Senate Conference Committee completes its work and the Governor approves the DEED Appropriations Bill. Both the Senate and the House Omnibus Jobs Bills include increased funding for the SFY24/25 Youth at Work competitive grants, as follows:

**Senate: \$5,230,000 GF and \$3,348,000 WDF per year**

**House: \$4,102,000 GF and \$4,476,000 WDF per year**

**9. SFY24-SFY25 Youth Support Services Request for Proposals (RFP) closed on Friday, April 21, 2023.** Youth Team received 65 proposals – over \$5.7 million in funding requests (12 times the amount of funding available in the RFP). Funding awards will be announced when the Legislature completes its work on the DEED Appropriations Bill.

**10. SFY24-SFY25 Youthbuild:** Both the House and the Senate Omnibus Jobs Bills include supplemental funding for the SFY24/25 Youthbuild Program, as follows:

**Senate: \$2,093,000 WDF per year**

**House: \$1,093,000 GF and \$1,000,000 WDF per year**

**TANF Youth Project:**

**11. 2023 First Quarter Data:** thanks to those WDAs/service providers who have already entered data into WF1 for the 1/1/23-3/31/23 period. For those providers who have not yet done so, please enter your data (enrollments, activity updates, case notes, expenditures, etc.) as soon as possible. If questions on TANF Youth Projects, please contact [Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us](mailto:Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us).

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**Thank you for your cooperation --**

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