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## Staffing Update

Meng Moua has been named the new Eligible Training Provider List Administrator effective 5/24/2023.

His last day with the ACP team was May 23<sup>rd</sup>. He sent all his Grantees and email with their new Coordinator contact information. Please let Ann know if you did not receive that [ann.meyers@state.mn.us](mailto:ann.meyers@state.mn.us).

## Required Statement When Publicizing Workforce Programs and Services

This new requirement applies to all state funded grants and contracts approved by DEED's legal counsel. It has been confirmed that the template agreements maintained by the Department of Administration contain a requirement that Grantees identify the State as the sponsoring agency and publicly credit the State for programs primarily funded by grants (Publicity clause). This statement should be found on any workforce product that grantees create going forward.

The standard boilerplate language approved by DEED's general counsel's office follows:

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## Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs (DWFAP)

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

- **PY23 WIOA DW & Adult:** Please send your planning documents as soon as possible if you have not done so. The grants team will reach out if they have any questions about information provided. Please note that an executed contract will need to be in place before any modifications can be processed.
- **PY23 State DW Formula:** pending final DW budget.
- **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
  - The deadline to submit waivers is June 2, 2023.

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- **PY21** funds must be used by June 30, 2023.
  - 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.
  - Any remaining unused federal funds will be reallocated to Local Areas that have spent out their PY21 funds.
  - Federal law and state statute does not allow for extension of Formula funds. Unused state DW funds cancel back into the workforce development fund (WDF) and are reappropriated the following fiscal year; federal funds are reallocated in the third year.

## 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 DWG open findings with DOL have been closed.
- 110 enrollees (86% of modified goal) in the OMNI DWG with 14 DRE positions filled and, 237 enrollees (93% of goal) in the COVID DWG with 94 DRE positions filled.
- 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.

## Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

- Program Year (PY) 2023 Planning instructions and Allotments for Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), TEGL 18-22 was released on 05/15/2023, and can be accessed at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/tegl-18-22>.

PY23 SCSEP Funding		
Current Year (PY22) Allocation	PY23 Allocation	Difference
\$ 1,893,745.00	\$ 1,896,918.00	\$ 3,173.00

- PY22 Equitable distribution report will be due in August 2023.
- Grants Performance Management System (GPMS)
  - Upcoming GPMS Training Events:
    - Reports: **June 01,2023 at 1:00 pm Central Time**. Registration is open at [WorkforceGPS](#)

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

- MN RETAIN continues to scale its efforts across Minnesota. More than 1,200 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.

## Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board (MJSP):

- Chancellor of MN State has named Shannon Bryant as his designee on the MJSP Board to replace Director Mary Rothchild.
- Board meeting is June 12, 2023, open to the public.

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## 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 team is working on updating the Operations Guide to reflect the updates. We want to say **Thank you!** to those that completed the short survey. We plan to use those results to assist us to provide better onboarding and ongoing technical assistance to Grantees. We will share those results next month.

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.

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) has been a staple program at DEED for over 20 years. It is unique in services and targeted populations they serve. We encourage a collaborative approach to serving participants 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. For more information about the [Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership program](#) check out DEED’s ACP webpage.

## SNAP E&T 50/50

The SNAP E&T project can provide additional, unrestricted funds to your organization when partnered with your ACP Grant. If you serve SNAP recipients within your ACP program(s) and are interested in more information about adding the SNAP E&T 50% Reimbursement program to your organization, please contact Ann Meyers at [ann.meyers@state.mn.us](mailto:ann.meyers@state.mn.us).

## Workforce One- ACP Programs

The ACP Team encourages all our Grantees to utilize the new Workforce One Connect app. This app is a great way to maintain communication with participants, sign documents on-line, and send resources conveniently. Interested providers should connect directly with Becca Johnson at [becca.johnson@state.mn.us](mailto:becca.johnson@state.mn.us) to coordinate a

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training session.

**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.

### Adult Career Pathways Guides

The ACP [Operations Guide](#) has been updated for June and posted to [the ACP home page](#). If you have any suggestions for the guide, please submit those to your Grant 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)

### Virtual Informational Sessions

Minnesota TAA is **hosting virtual informational sessions** for people who may be eligible to apply for TAA benefits. Upcoming sessions are scheduled for June 21 and July 18 from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Links to the live virtual Microsoft Teams meetings will be posted here: <https://www.careerforcemn.com/TAA> The team will be inviting people based on their petition and layoff dates. As always, TAA will refer attendees to enroll in the DW program to access their TAA benefits. Thank you in advance for your work to serve these shared customers, some of whom may have been laid off under a TAA petition years ago.

### OJT FAQs for Employers

As promised, the **OJT FAQ flyer** for employers has been posted at <https://www.careerforcemn.com/taa-ojt-information-employers> You can find it on the employer section of TAA page on careerforcemn.com. TAA hopes this FAQ will help answer those initial questions employers might have concerning the OJT process. Feel free to share it with employers via print-out or by sending the link listed above.

### 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/advisoriestegl-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)

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