

## WIOA Youth Program:

1. **PY22 WIOA Youth Funds: are 88.4% expended or obligated statewide, as of 9/30/23.** Reminder to spend down OLD PY22 WIOA Youth funds before expending new PY23 WIOA Youth federal resources, if possible.
  
2. **Follow Up to WIOA Youth Key Provisions Review:** The WIOA Youth Key Provisions Review covered a wide variety of topics including: Youth Program Design, State and Local Youth Policies, Program Implementation, Participant Services, Performance, Youth Service Provider Selection and monitoring. DOL monitors paid special attention to **Consistent Case Management File Documentation**. DOL looked for the following information in the WIOA Youth Participant File (city of Minneapolis Youth Service Providers did well in July, 2023):
  - **Application**
  - **Eligibility Documentation**
  - **Assessment Information**
  - **Case Management Notes**
  - **Individual Service Plan**
  - **Identification of Services Received**
  - **Final verification of Support Services expenditures, stipends, wages and incentives received**
  - **Work Experience (or OJT) documentation if applicable**
  - **Outcomes**
  
3. **DOL Fiscal Monitoring is Coming: Preet Ghuman** is Minnesota's new Fiscal Contact on the DOL/Region V Team in Chicago. She will accompany MN's FPO on monitoring visits to MN down the line. Regional Office/Chicago Team is re-established their Fiscal/Administrative Technical Assistance Team. **For background on fiscal monitoring see: 2 CFR 683.410, 2 CFR 200.232 & CFR.200.329.** Amy Hansmann (MN's FPO) advised that she IS NOT scheduling a WIOA Youth Key Provisions Review for Minnesota in 2024 (!) (as of 10/20).
  
4. **Final Data for PY22 WIOA Annual Report Submitted to DOL on October 2:** PY22 WIOA Annual Report included excellent outcome data for MN's PY22 WIOA Youth Program. **In PY22, 2,451 participants were served, with 76% from BIPOC communities, 52% young women; 40% youth with disabilities, 31% youth from families receiving public assistance, 15% system-involved youth (foster youth or juvenile offenders), and 16% homeless or runaway youth.** An updated fact sheet for the WIOA Young Adult Program with PY22 data is posted on DEED's website: [https://mn.gov/deed/assets/wioa-youth-factsheet\\_tcm1045-270156.pdf](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/wioa-youth-factsheet_tcm1045-270156.pdf)
  
5. **DRAFT Chapter 20, WIOA Youth Administrative Policies, topic is OUTREACH:** prepared by Youth Team per new DOL guidance in TEGL 03-23 (dated September 6, 2023), is now posted for LOCAL REVIEW AND COMMENT on DEED's website: [https://mn.gov/deed/assets/wioa-chapter20\\_tcm1045-596647.docx](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/wioa-chapter20_tcm1045-596647.docx). Comments should be directed to [Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us](mailto:Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us) and [Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us](mailto:Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us).

6. **ODEP Grant Application (Equitable Transition Model):** this is a RURAL-focused proposal to secure approx \$14 million of federal discretionary funds for Youth DEI Projects to be established by the following WDAs: Southwest, South Central, CMJTS, and Rural CEP. The PACER Center is a partner in the Youth DEI project along with support from VRS, MDE, DHS, MDH, GWDB and the MN Chamber of Commerce. Target group is youth with disabilities along with other barriers to employment (multiple marginalized youth). Questions? Please follow up with [Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us](mailto:Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us). The proposal will be submitted to ODEP this week (due at the end of October).
7. **DOL's Virtual YOUTH Roundtable: Scheduled for the AFTERNOONS of November 28, 29 and December 1, 2023.** DOL National Office Staff (Evan Rosenberg and Sara Hastings) will provide training on: Measurable Skills Gain (MSG) and Credential Attainment Rate. We will forward the agenda and link to TEAMS (or ZOOM) Meetings as soon as links are available from DOL.
8. **Performance Negotiations (Title I and Title III) for PY24/25:** will take place in May-June of 2024. TEGL 11-19, Change 1, has updated guidance. Negotiations with DOL cannot begin until DOL receives the WIOA State Plan.
9. **State Plans are Due Beginning March 1, but will be accepted through March 31. DOL expecting all states to submit their State-level performance goals with the State WIOA Plans, but Statistical Adjustment Model (SAM) data will be delayed/not be available by the time that states expected to submit State Plans.** MN's Negotiations Team includes 2 WDA Directors who will provide input on performance goals included in State Plan (we will need a replacement for Vicki Leaderbrand).

#### State Youth Programs:

10. Youth Team completed over 200 Procure Its since 1/1/23, for new contracts and modifications. ALL SFY24 MYP, Youthbuild, Youth at Work, Youth Support Services contacts in place with a July 1, start date.
11. SFY23 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP): is **99.2%** expended or obligated as of 9/30/23 (Hennepin County contract end date extended to 12/31/23). SFY24 MYP funds are **27%** expended or obligated as of 9/30/23.

- 12. SFY23 MYP Data Summary to be released SOON for local review/comment:** **WDAs/MYP service providers asked to review their SFY23 MYP data in WorkForce 1 to assure that it is accurate and complete.** The Minnesota Legislature provided supplemental funding for the Minnesota Youth Program: the total available for MYP is **\$8,561,000 per year for SFY24/25.** The SFY23 MYP Annual Report in process.
- 13. Outreach to Schools (OTS) Component of Minnesota Youth Program (MYP):** WDAs/MYP service providers have the option to use up to 20% of the SFY24 MYP funds for an Outreach to Schools (OTS) component. **Separate Reporting Instructions issued/posted for the OTS component of MYP,** see the Documents and Forms section of the MYP webpage: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/youth-programs/youth-program.jsp>. For SFY23, MYP providers served **32,038** participants through individualized and group Outreach to Schools services. Thank you for excellent work in collecting and reporting data for the OTS component of MYP. Questions? Please follow up with [Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us](mailto:Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us).
- 14. SFY24/25 Youth at Work Grant Awards announced by DEED Commissioner on 6/16/23.** Link to Press Release: <https://mn.gov/governor/newsroom/press-releases/#/detail/appld/1/id/584372>. The Omnibus Jobs Bill/SF3035 included supplemental funding for Youth at Work competitive grants, the total available to allocate was \$7,075,000 per year for SFY24/25. **Please review YOUR SFY23 Youth at Work data in WorkForce 1 to assure that it is complete and accurate.** This is the data that will be included in the required SFY23 Legislative Report and Youth at Work Program Summary. **The webinar for new SFY24 Youth at Work grantees was held on October 19, 2023 (posted on DEED's website/available on-demand).** Questions? Please follow up with [Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us](mailto:Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us).
- 15. SFY24/25 Youthbuild: Contracts for existing SFY24 Youthbuild Programs are all in place with a July 1 start date.** The Omnibus Jobs Bill provided supplemental funding for the Youthbuild Program: total funding available for SFY24/25 Youthbuild is **\$2,093,000 each year.** **DRAFT SFY23 Youthbuild Legislative Report and outcome data will be available for local review soon.** Questions? Please follow up with [Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us](mailto:Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us).
- 16. Grant Awards for new SFY24/25 Youthbuild Programs announced by DEED Commissioner on 9/11/23.** The Press Release is posted on DEED's website, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/newscenter/press-releases/> or <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/youth-programs/youthbuild.jsp>. On 11/7/23, MN Youthbuild Quarterly Meeting will introduce staff from agencies with new SFY24 YB grants. Reminder: Department of Labor YouthBuild RFP (federal YB funds) should be released soon. Questions? Please follow up with [Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us](mailto:Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us).

**17. SFY24/25 Youth Support Services Grant Awards announced by DEED Commissioner on 6/16/23.** Link to Press Release: <https://mn.gov/deed/newscenter/press-releases/#/detail/appld/1/id/587506>. The Legislature included level funding for SFY24/25 Youth Support Services grants (\$500,000 per year). All SFY24 Youth Support Services contracts were in place with a July 1, 2023 start date. **The webinar for new SFY24 Youth Support Services grantees held on October 4, 2023. Webinar recorded/posted on the Youth Support Services website/available on-demand, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/special/youth-support/>.** Please review YOUR SFY23 Youth Support Services data in WorkForce 1 to assure that it is complete and accurate. This is the data that will be included in the SFY23 Youth Support Services Annual Report and Program Summary. Questions? Please follow up with [Kathy.Young@state.mn.us](mailto:Kathy.Young@state.mn.us).

**18. SFY24/25 Robotics Teams/STEM Internships RFP: closed on October 11 with just under \$9 million in funding requests (just under \$3 million available).** The proposals are under review by Community Review Team; funding recommendations will be announced by DEED Commissioner in late November/early December. Questions? Please follow up with [Kathy.Young@state.mn.us](mailto:Kathy.Young@state.mn.us).

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