

Notes from Kay Tracy/Youth Team update for the Job Seeker Services Committee on 2/28/24:

DOL issued [TEGL 10-23](#): “Reducing Administrative Barriers to Improve Customer Experience in Grant Programs Administered by the Employment and Training Administration” (linked and copy attached). This is DOL’s new guidance on documentation of eligibility and access to services under WIOA.

Please review [TEGL 10-23 \(dated 2/21/24\)](#) and forward questions to Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us and Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us, as your schedules permit. The Youth team will be reviewing/updating current WIOA administrative policies to address new guidance provided in [TEGL 10-23](#). **DOL is scheduling a WorkForce GPS Webinar soon on new TEGL; will keep you posted.**

WIOA Youth Program:

- 1. Action Item: PY22 WIOA Youth funds: 94.5% expended or obligated statewide, as of 1/31/24.** If your WDA requires a modification to continue to spend SFY22 WIOA Youth funds beyond March 31, 2024, advise Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us and she will forward the required forms for a one-quarter extension to 6/30/24. To date, extensions approved for Dakota-Scott, Northeast WDA, Minneapolis, Southwest and Ramsey County.
- 2. Action Item: PY23 WIOA Youth Funds: 60.8% expended or obligated, as of 1/31/24. WDAs have until June 30, 2024, to expend or obligate 80% of their PY23 WIOA Youth funds,** per federal law. WDAs may request a waiver to the 20% carry over limit. E-mail waiver requests to attention of Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us -- asking for waiver to the 20% carryover limit and providing justification. The waiver will be included with the WDA’s approved Local Youth Plan update. To date, the waiver has been approved for Southwest WDA.
- 3. Reminder: WDA-Level Youth Support Services Policies submitted with Local Youth Plan Updates (due April 12, 2024):** don’t forget to include your WDA’s policy re: “purchase of food as a support service” under WIOA Youth. **Attached is DOL’s new guidance/TIP SHEET on purchasing food as a support service under WIOA Youth Program.**
- 4. PY24 and PY25 LOCAL WIOA Youth Performance Goals:** WDAs **ARE NOT** required to submit LOCAL PY24 and PY25 WIOA Youth Performance Goals with the Local Youth Plan Updates due on April 12, 2024. Youth Team will ask for PY24/25 LOCAL performance goals **AFTER** Minnesota negotiates **STATE-LEVEL** PY24/25 Performance Goals with DOL (estimated timeline is late May of 2024). **Youth Team provided Chair of MAWB Operations Committee (Elena) and Co-Chairs of JSS Committee (Nicole and Carrie) with Proposed PY24/25 WIOA Youth Performance Goals to facilitate local input.** MAWB to identify two WDA Directors who will represent the WDAs on MN’s Performance Negotiations Team (agenda item for Operations Committee on February 29).

5. NEW DOL Requirement/Impacts MN's WIOA State Plan to be submitted to DOL on April 5: DOL requiring states to include "proposed" PY24/25 State-Level Performance Goals with the WIOA State Plan (e.g., Youth, Adult, DW and Wagner/Peyser), before DOL/MN Negotiations Process is complete. **GWDB staff posted Proposed PY24/25 State-Level Performance Goals for Title I and Title III on the GWDB webpage on 2/26, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/gwdb/priorities/wioa/>.**
6. DOL released in [TEN 19-23](#) – PY24 PLANNING Estimates for PY2024 WIOA Youth, Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs (dated 2/12/14). Minnesota's state-level allocation for PY24 WIOA Youth Program is estimated to drop by 10% compared to PY23 funding level.
7. **NEXT Step – PY24 WIOA Allocations?** DEED's LMI Director advised that **WDA-level ASU data** will be available in early April. The WDA-level ASU data is needed to update the WIOA Youth (and Adult) allocation formulas. WDA-level PY24 WIOA Allocations cannot be released until the FINAL PY24 WIOA allocations TEGL is issued by DOL.

Minnesota Youth Program (MYP)

- A. SFY24 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP): funds are **60.8%** expended as of 1/31/24.
- B. SFY25 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) Allocations: issued by Youth Team on 12/8/23, including BLANK MYP Budget Forms. **The total amount of funding available for the SFY25 MYP is \$8.477 million (\$4.427 million supplemental is already included in DEED's base allocation).** WDAs/MYP service providers have the option to use up to 20% of their SFY25 MYP allocations on Outreach to Schools (OTS) activities. For more information on the OTS component of MYP, see the MYP webpage: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/youth-programs/youth-program.jsp>.
- C. SFY25 MYP Budget Forms Approved, to date, for: **Ramsey County**. Early SFY25 MYP Budget submittals are welcome.

Youth at Work Competitive Grants:

- D. The SFY25 Youth at Work Allocation: is \$7,075,000 (supplemental funding for SFY25/Year 2 is already included in DEED's base allocation). **Planning Instructions for the SFY25 Youth at Work Grants were released by Youth Team on 1/19/24.** Please submit SFY25/Year 2 workplans and budgets to: Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us by 3/15/24. Also, reminder that the Youth at Work webpage houses the Youth at Work Policy -- may be useful to new staff: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/special/grants/>.

Youth Support Services Competitive Grants:

- E. SFY25 Youth Support Services allocation is \$475,000 -- the Year 2 funds are already included in DEED's base allocation. **Planning Instructions for the SFY25/Year 2 Youth Support Services Grants will be issued this week.** The SFY23 Youth Support Services Annual Report is posted, see: https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2023-youth-support-services_tcm1045-606800.docx. Questions? Please follow up with: Kathy.Young@state.mn.us.

Robotics and STEM Internships Competitive Grants:

- F. SFY 24-25 Robotics Teams and STEM Internships grants awarded – Introductory webinar and Progress Report, with an overview of the eight awarded grantees, posted on the new program webpage: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/special/robotics/> Questions? Please follow up with: Kathy.Young@state.mn.us.

If questions on Youth Programs, please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us or Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us or Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us or Kathy.Young@state.mn.us.

Thank you for your cooperation --

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