

NOTES from Kay Tracy/Youth Team Update for Job Seeker Services Committee on 4/24/24 – see below and attached:

**WIOA REAUTHORIZATION ISSUE --**

**SENATE HELP Committee Proposing Change to WIOA Youth Allocation Formula – in Federal Law since 1982.**

**Specifically, the proposed change would remove both the ASU Factor (e.g. a state's relative share of total unemployed in areas of substantial unemployment) and the EU Factor (e.g. a state's relative share of excess unemployed) from consideration, and instead, solely base the WIOA Youth funding on the DY Factor (e.g. a state's relative share of Disadvantaged Youth). Note that the proposed formula would retain the provisions related to minimum grant levels, hold harmless, and maximum grants.**

**See attached analysis from the Congressional Research Service:** includes a comparison of MN's state-level allotment of WIOA Youth Funds for PY2014 – PY2023, using EXISTING Formula and PROPOSED formula. If DOL had used Proposed Formula in PY2014 – PY2023, MN's WIOA Youth state-level funding would have increased by 63.1 % (e.g. INCREASED by \$59.8 million).

**WIOA YOUTH PROGRAM:**

- 1. PY22 WIOA Youth Funds: 96.4% expended or obligated, as of 3/31/24. Eight WDAs are 100% fully expended; submitted final fiscal reports. Out of School Youth Expenditure Rate = 74.8%. Work Experience Expenditure Rate = 34.8%. The following WDAs secured one-quarter extension to continue to expend PY22 WIOA Youth funds through 6/30/24: Northeast, Southwest, Hennepin-Carver, Minneapolis, Dakota-Scott, Ramsey County and Winona County.**
- 2. Waiver Permitted - 20% Carryover Limit on PY23 WIOA Youth Funds: PY23 WIOA Youth funds are 67.2% expended or obligated at the state level, as of 3/31/24.** Per federal law, WDAs have until 6/30/24, to expend or obligate 80% of their PY23 WIOA Youth funding. **WDAs may request waiver to the 20% carry over limit.** E-mail waiver requests to attention of [Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us](mailto:Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us) -- request waiver and provide justification. Approved waiver will be included with the WDA's Local Youth Plan update/SFY24 WIOA Budget Form. **Waivers approved to date for 4 WDAs: Southwest WDA, Ramsey County, Winona County and Hennepin-Carver.**
- 3. Preliminary PY23 WIOA Youth Performance Data Summary:** issued in a separate message by Youth Team on April 19. Reminder: EXITERS from the WIOA Youth Program can earn credentials up to 350 days after exit during follow up. DOL doing extra oversight each quarter on Measurable Skills Gains (MSG) -- asking WDAs to not wait until 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to enter MSGs.
- 4. Local Youth Plan Narrative Updates submitted in April:** Tentative approval provided to WDAs for the narrative updates for activities funded under PY24 WIOA Youth and SFY25 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP). **Full approval of the Local Youth Plans provided pending receipt of the PY24 WIOA Youth Budget Form, the PY24/25 LOCAL WIOA Youth Performance Goals and the SFY25 Minnesota Youth Program Budget Form.** Youth Practitioners did an excellent job.
- 5. DOL Guidance in TEGL 10-23 (dated 2/21/24) – Impacts 4 required Attachments to Local Youth Plans:**

- **Local Stipend Policy:** participant must have work authorization to be eligible to receive monetary stipends.
  - **Local Support Services Policy:** participant must have work authorization to be eligible for support services with monetary value (reimbursement, voucher, payment to third party); participant **can** receive referrals for support services from other organizations.
  - **Local Incentive Policy:** participant must have work authorization to be eligible to receive monetary incentives.
  - **Local Individual Training Account (ITA) Policy:** participant without work authorization cannot receive an ITA.
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 estimated to drop by 10% compared to PY23 funding level.
7. **NEXT Step – PY24 WIOA Youth Allocations?** DEED’s LMI Director to present WDA-level ASU data at the MAWB Operations Meeting on May 1. The WDA-level ASU data is required to update the WIOA Youth (and Adult) allocation formulas. **Final WDA-level PY24 WIOA Allocations cannot be released until the FINAL PY24 WIOA Allocations TEGL issued by DOL (estimated early May).**
8. **New Partners for Youth: Equitable Transitions Demonstration Grant:** Minnesota has been awarded an ETM grant from the USDOL’s Office of Disability Employment Policy. The grant is a 5-year, \$12.2 million funding opportunity with \$2.6 million awarded the first year. The ETM grant partners are WDAs 2, 5, 6, 7 and the PACER Center. This grant will focus on Youth and Young Adults 16-24 who have a disability and are considered multiply marginalized. This means that there is extra emphasis on BIPOC Youth, Rural youth, potential/actual SSI/SSDI recipients, systems-involved youth, and WIOA eligible youth. As part of this grant, Minnesota will work with the Manhattan Strategy Group for technical assistance and ABT Global will serve as DOL’s evaluation experts. Questions? Please follow up with [Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us](mailto:Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us).

## MINNESOTA YOUTH PROGRAM (MYP)

- A. **SFY24 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP):** funds are **61.8%** expended or obligated at the state level as of 3/31/24.
- B. **Final SFY25 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) Allocations:** issued by Youth Team on 12/8/23, including BLANK SFY25 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 Received/Approved, to date, for: **Ramsey County; city of Minneapolis; CMJTS; Carver County; Scott County; Duluth, Southeast WDI.** Early SFY25 MYP Budget submittals are welcome.

**Youth at Work Competitive Grants:**

- D. SFY25 Youth at Work Allocation: is \$7,075,000 (supplemental funding for SFY25/Year 2 is included in DEED's base allocation). SFY25/Year 2 workplans and budget approvals in process. Questions to: [Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us](mailto:Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us). **Youth at Work Policy posted along with the SFY23 Youth at Work Annual Report, see :** <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 included in DEED's base allocation. Approvals in process for SFY25 YSS Workplans and Budgets. Questions to: [Kathy.Young@state.mn.us](mailto:Kathy.Young@state.mn.us). **The Youth Support Services Policy Memo and the SFY23 Youth Support Services Annual Report** are posted on the YSS webpage, see: [https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2023-youth-support-services\\_tcm1045-606800.docx](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2023-youth-support-services_tcm1045-606800.docx).

**Minnesota Youthbuild Grants:**

- F. SFY25 Youthbuild allocation is \$2,093,000 – the Year 2 funds are included in DEED's base allocation. Approvals in process for SFY25 YB Workplans and Budgets. Questions to: [Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us](mailto:Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us). **The Youthbuild Policy Memo and the SFY23 YB Annual Report** are posted on the YB webpage, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/youth-programs/youthbuild.jsp>.

**SFY24/25 Robotics Teams/STEM Internships:**

- G. DEED Press Release on the new SFY24/25 Robotics Teams and STEM Internships Projects posted on 3/25, see - [News / Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development \(mn.gov\)](#). **Progress Report posted on the program webpage:** <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/special/robotics/> Questions? Please follow up with: [Kathy.Young@state.mn.us](mailto:Kathy.Young@state.mn.us).

**2024 TANF Youth Project:**

- H. DEED received the executed Interagency Agreement amendment from the Dept. of Human Services on 4/8/24. Contracts are in the process. Questions on TANF Youth? Please follow up with: [Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us](mailto:Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us).

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