

Dislocated Worker and Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Updates

MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, May 22, 2024

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Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs (DWFAP)

Retaining Employment and Talent after Injury/Illness Network (RETAIN) – see PPT.

- MN RETAIN achieved its goal of 3,200 enrollments!
- The program is still active; however, enrollment has been paused.

Legislative Update

- As the 2024 legislative session ends, we want to thank you for your partnership through this session. Here are links to two bills that passed:
 - [HF5247](#)
 - [SF5289](#): Jobs Omnibus bill
 - The policy proposal to expand the State Dislocated Worker Program and remove cost category limitations has passed. We are working on implementation of this policy and provide more guidance in the upcoming weeks and months.

Formula Funds – WIOA Adult, WIOA DW and State DW

Reminders:

- **PY21 Reallocations** must be expended by June 2024, there will be no extension for reallocations.
- **PY22** funds must be spent out by June 30, 2024.
 - 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 cannot exceed 10% of total reimbursed.
 - Any remaining unused funds will be reallocated to Local Areas that have spent out their PY22 funds.
- **PY23 Carry Forward Requests** - Providers may request a waiver to carry forward more than 20% of their allocated PY23 funds into the second year of the grant. Providers who **expend or obligate** at least 80% of their PY23 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.
 - Submit waivers by **May 31, 2024**, to allow enough time for leadership approval and processing.
- PY24 Allotment [TEGL 12-23](#) funding information has been shared. The planning documents will be sent out within the next week. Please ensure they are completed and sent back to the team by the deadline provided.

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

- Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 13-23 Program Year (PY) 2024 Planning Instructions and Allotments published 5/10/24. Grant **Application submission by 6/9/24**. MN's SCSEP funding allocation for PY24 is **\$1,888,582**. TEGL 13-23 can be accessed at [TEGL 13-23 | U.S. Department of Labor \(dol.gov\)](#).

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PY24 SCSEP Funding		
Current Year (PY23) Allocation	PY24 Allocation	Difference
\$ 1,896,918.00	\$ 1,888,582	(\$8,336.00)

- Grants Performance Management System (GPMS) Virtual Office Hours: **May 29 at 1:00 pm Central Time.**
- SCSEP IT Grant is ending June 30, 2024. Be sure to use these funds as soon as possible. There are no extensions for this grant.

Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board (MJSP)

- Board meeting is June 17, 2024, open to the public.

2024 Spring Webinar on Work Based Training

- Thank you to everyone who joined the webinar! All materials for the webinar can be found on the [DWFAP website along with the recording](#). Also please complete the follow-up survey sent May 17, 2024, to give us your feedback.

Question from the field

- **Question:** A person says that they have amnesty. They can work while they wait for their green card. They think that by participating in a program funded with public money, they could potentially be disqualified for citizenship/green card. Does this only apply if they participate in a program like SNAP (if at all), or something directly coming from the government. We want to be sure that this person can participate without jeopardizing their citizenship status.
- **Answer:** This is a matter is legal advice for an immigration law matter so we as state employees cannot answer. However, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid agreed to be the clearinghouse for questions regarding “public charge” immigration law questions and we can point clients to the DHS flyer encouraging people to reach out to them. The flyer is [online](#) and can be shared broadly and please do share it with this client. The phone numbers for immigration legal advice from the flyer: For free and confidential legal advice in English, Spanish, Somali and other languages, call: Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid: 800-292-4150 Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services: 888-575-2954

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 DWFAPPrograms.DEED@state.mn.us.

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

Please email all questions and customer applications to the Trade Adjustment Assistance general email at deed.taa@state.mn.us

Virtual Informational Sessions on June 20

Minnesota TAA is hosting virtual informational sessions on **Thursday, June 20 at 8:00am and 3:00pm** for people who may be eligible to apply for TAA benefits under older petitions. The team invites 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

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advance for your work to serve these shared customers, some of whom may have been laid off under a TAA petition years ago. Links to the sessions are at <https://www.careerforcemn.com/TAA>.

Technical Assistance

In July, TAA is planning a **1-hour virtual event for Dislocated Worker Counselors** to hear an overview of TAA status, benefits, and outreach efforts. The date and material may change if Congress reauthorizes the program before July. At any time, if you have questions or would like 1:1 assistance, please email the team at deed.taa@state.mn.us.

TAA Program Status and Funding

TEGL 07-23 - *Ongoing Operations of the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Workers Program During Phase-Out Termination* is available at [TEGL 07-23 | U.S. Department of Labor \(dol.gov\)](#).

As a reminder, the **TAA program has funding and continues to serve customers. TAA must be the primary source of funding** for customers who are eligible.

TAA will perform various outreach efforts this 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.dol.gov/agencies/eta/tradeact>

Filed after July 1, 2022

- Torax Medical, St Paul
- Turck, Inc., Plymouth
- Ball Corp, St Paul
- Nordson Medical, Eagan
- Optum, Hopkins
- United Language Group, Minneapolis
- Sleep Number, Minneapolis
- Tescom Corporation, Elk River
- BCS Automotive, Winona