

See below for Kay Tracy/Youth Team Update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on 5/22/24:

PY24 WIOA Youth Allocations:

DOL released [TEGL 12-23](#) on May 8, 2024, which includes final PY24 WIOA Youth Allocations. Minnesota's PY24 WIOA Youth allocation is \$8,642,444, a 9.95% reduction compared to PY23.

When will WDA-level PY24 WIOA Youth allocations be available?

WDA-level PY24 WIOA Youth Allocations are in development, will be released along with blank PY24 WIOA Youth Budget Forms.

Next step(s)?

DEED AFS/Fiscal Team submits the SF424's to DOL National Office; DOL then provides DEED with Notice of Obligational Authority (NOA) for the PY24 WIOA Youth Program (last year released on 6/12). Youth Team releases the SFY24 WIOA Youth contracts to WDAs, pending receipt/approval of the SFY24 WIOA Youth Budget Form.

WIOA YOUTH PROGRAM:

- 1. PY22 WIOA Youth Funds: 96.4% expended or obligated, as of 3/31/24. Nine WDAs are 100% fully expended; submitted final fiscal reports. Out of School Youth Expenditure Rate = 74.9%. Work Experience Expenditure Rate = 36%. The following 7 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. PY23 WIOA Youth Funds/Waiver Permitted to 20% Carryover Limit:: PY23 WIOA Youth funds are 69.1% 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 -- 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 Data Summary: released by the Youth Team on May 17, 2024. Kudos to the Youth Practitioners Network for excellent work on improving outcomes for the PY 23 WIOA Youth Program. Note: the cut-off date for making changes in PY23 WIOA Youth data in WorkForce 1 is July 31, 2024.**
- 4. ALL WDA's Secured Tentative Approval of Local Youth Plan 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 on required updates.**

5. **DOL Working on Additional Guidance re: TEGL 10-23 (dated 2/21/24), Reducing Administrative Barriers to Improve Customer Experience:** **expecting to see Change 1, FAQs; new guidance going through OMB clearance.** TEGL 10-23 impacts the following 4 required attachments to the 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 National Office Completed Review of MN's State WIOA Plan:** no revisions required for YOUTH-specific sections of MN's State Plan for PY24-PY27 (e.g. Youth-specific Sections authored by ETP Youth Team).

7. **New Partners for Youth: Equitable Transitions Demonstration Grant:** USDOL's Office of Disability Employment Policy awarded Minnesota a 5-year, \$12.2 million grant, with \$2.6 million awarded the first year. The ETM grant partners are WDAs 2, 5, 6, 7 and the PACER Center. Focus of the ODEP grant is on Youth and Young Adults 16-24 who have a disability and are considered multiply marginalized . . . 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. **Planning Instructions/Year 1 allocations are in process.** Questions? Please follow up with 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. All contracts end on 9/30/24.

- 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. **URGENT:** Please complete SFY25 Minnesota Youth Program Budget Forms as soon as possible. SFY25 MYP Budgets Approved, to date, for: **Ramsey County; city of Minneapolis;**

CMJTS; Carver County, Scott County ,Duluth, Southeast WDI, Rural CEP, Career Solutions, Hennepin County. Forward to: Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us and Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us as soon as your schedule permits.

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 budgets approved for programs that begin operation on July 1, 2024. **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/>. Questions? Please follow up with Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us.

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. **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. Questions? Please follow up with Kathy.Young@state.mn.us.

State Youthbuild Grants:

- F. SFY25 Youthbuild allocation is \$2,093,000 – the Year 2 funds are included in DEED's base allocation. SFY25 YB Workplans and Budgets approved. **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>. Questions? Please follow up with Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us.
- G. **Congrats to Bi-County Community Action Program for leveraging \$1.242 million of federal Youthbuild funding.** Bi-CAP YouthBuild serves over 50 disadvantaged youth per year, primarily Native American youth who have dropped out of school. State YB funds are used as required match to leverage these federal discretionary funds. **This is a 30% increase in federal YB funding for BI-CAP compared to their previous federal YB grant.** DOL issued its [YouthBuild awards press release](#) in May,2024, in response to FOA-ETA-24-36.

SFY24/25 Robotics Teams/STEM Internships:

- H. The new SFY24/25 Robotics Teams and STEM Internships Projects projects are in place. The Press Release was posted on 3/25, see - [News / Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development \(mn.gov\)](#). **Progress Report posted on the Robotics Teams/STEM Internships webpage:** <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth->

[development/special/robotics/](#) Questions? Please follow up with: Kathy.Young@state.mn.us.

2024 TANF Youth Project:

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

Thank you for your cooperation --

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