WIOA Youth Program:

- PY23 WIOA Youth Data: reminder that the Cut-Off Date for Making Changes in PY23 WIOA Youth Data in WorkForce 1 is: July 31, 2024. This is the data that Minnesota will report to DOL for your WDA in MN's PY23 WIOA Annual Report (data due to DOL on 10/1/24; narrative section of report due to DOL on 12/1/24).
- Ten WDAs Have Submitted PY2024 WIOA Youth Budget Forms, to date: Northwest, Career Solutions (Stearns/Benton), Washington County, city of Minneapolis, CMJTS, Northeast, Rural CEP, South Central, Hennepin-Carver and Southeast WDI. PY2024 WIOA Youth WDA-Level Allocations released by Youth Team on 6/8/24, along with BLANK PY24 WIOA Youth Budget Forms.
- DOL released MN's Notice of Obligational Authority (NOA) for the PY24 WIOA Youth Program on 6/21/24: Contracts can now move forward for WDAs who have submitted/secured approval of the PY24 WIOA Youth Budget Forms. We encourage WDAs to submit PY24 WIOA Youth Budget Forms as soon as possible.
- 4. DOL Approved Minnesota's WIOA Youth-Specific Waivers: see message from Youth Team on 6/14/24, including copy of letter to Governor Walz from DOL National Office. The two WIOA Youth-specific waivers approved for Minnesota are also included in Waiver Section of MN's State WIOA Plan.
- 5. Minnesota State-Level PY24/PY25 Performance Goals Negotiated with DOL on 5/30/24: see attached MN Performance Negotiation Confirmation letter, dated 6/13/24, from DOL Regional Office confirming STATE-level performance goals negotiated by Minnesota's Team for PY24 and PY25 Title I (Youth, Adult and DW) and Title III (Wagner/Peyser). The State-level performance goals for the Core Programs are also included in MN's State WIOA Plan. The GWDB Team working on posting of MN's approved WIOA State Plan.
- 6. See Attached CHART to be Included in the Local Youth Plan on the WDA's PY24/PY25 LOCAL WIOA Youth Performance Goals: attached is chart that WDAs will submit to Youth Team to document WDA-LEVEL/LOCAL PY24/PY25 WIOA Youth performance goals. Youth Team (<u>Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us</u>) will follow-up with WDAs as SOON AS the new WDA-level Statistical Adjustment Model (SAM) is provided by DEED's Performance Reporting Team.
- 7. What's New? WDA-Level Statistical Adjustments to be provided for the first time by DEED's Performance/Reporting Team for the PY2024 WIOA Youth Program. DEED's Performance Reporting Team (Michael Prideaux) expected to provide the WDA-level Statistical Adjustment data by the end of this week. The WDA's Local Youth Plan will be fully approved pending receipt of the attached CHART summarizing the WDA's PLANNED PY24 and PY25 LOCAL WIOA Youth performance goals. If questions, please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us. We will keep you posted; the WDA-level SAM adjustments for PY24/PY25 WIOA Youth Program should be available SOON.
- 8. Weblink to Youth Committee Resource Guide (updated for 2024) posted on DEED's website, see: https://mn.gov/deed/assets/youth-committee-guide_tcm1045-222605.docx; the weblink to the Guide included in Youth Section of MN's WIOA State Plan.

Minnesota Youth Program (MYP):

9. SFY25 MYP: contracts are in process for programs that begin operation on 7/1/24; all SFY25 MYP Budgets and workplans are approved. The Legislature provided supplemental funding for MYP: total funding available for SFY25 MYP is \$8.477 million (\$4.427 million are supplemental dollars). Legislative action will be required in the next Session to make the MYP funding increase permanent. Youth Team submitted proposal to DEED Leadership on 6/24/24, recommending permanent MYP funding increase for SFY26/27. Questions on Minnesota Youth Program (MYP)? Please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us.

Youthbuild Program (YB):

10. SFY25 YB: contracts are in process for programs that begin operation on 7/1/24; all SFY25 YB Budgets and workplans are approved. The Legislature provided supplemental funding for the SFY25 Youthbuild Program: total funding available for SFY25 Youthbuild is \$2,093,000 (\$1 million are supplemental dollars). Legislative action will be required in the next Session to make the YB funding increase permanent. Youth Team submitted proposal to DEED Leadership on 6/25, recommending permanent Youthbuild funding increase for SFY26/SFY27. Questions on Youthbuild? Please contact Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us.

Youth at Work Competitive Grants:

11. SFY25/Year 2 Youth at Work: contracts are in process for programs that begin operation on 7/1/24; all SFY25/Year 2 workplans and budgets are approved. The Legislature provided supplemental funding for the SFY25 Youth at Work Competitive Grants: total funding for SFY24/Year 2 Youth at Work Grants is \$7,075,000. Legislative action will be required in the next Session to make the Youth at Work funding increase permanent. Youth Team submitted proposal to DEED Leadership on 6/25, requesting permanent funding increase for Youth at Work Competitive Grants in SFY26 and SFY27. Questions on Youth at Work Grants? Please contact Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us or Kathy.Young@state.mn.us.

Youth Support Services Competitive Grants:

12. SFY25/Year 2 Youth Support Services contracts are in process; all SFY25 workplans and budgets are approved for 7/1/24 start date. The Legislature included level funding (e.g. \$500,000 per year) for Youth Support Services grants in SFY25. Questions on YSS Grants? Please contact <u>Kathy.Young@state.mn.us</u>.

Robotic Teams and STEM Internship Competitive Grants:

13. Robotic Teams and STEM Internship Grants: all contracts are in place through 6/30/25. Questions? Please contact <u>Kathy.young@state.mn.us</u>.

New \$12.2 million Equitable Transitions Model Grant - Federal Discretionary Grant: Partners for Youth

14. The ETP Youth Team secured a 5-year Federal Discretionary grant under the Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP). Minnesota's Equitable Transitions Model Grant (Partners for Youth) will provide comprehensive, case-managed employment and education to youth 14-24 who have a disability and live in Greater MN. Priority of service will be WIOA-eligible youth, Youth receiving SSI/SSDI, BIPOC youth, Ticket Holders, and other at-risk factors. The project will also increase the number of Employment Networks within Minnesota's Workforce Development system. The grant leverages the expertise of 4 WDAs (CMJTS, South Central/MVAC, SWPIC, RMCEP) and the PACER Center. The new project is a demonstration grant and will have an evaluation component tied to it. Progress, best practices, and outcomes will be shared across the youth practitioners network. Questions on the ODEP Grant? Please contact <u>Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us</u>.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

Questions on the Youth Programs referenced above, should be directed to: <u>Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us</u>, or <u>Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us</u>; or <u>Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us</u>; or <u>Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us</u>; or <u>Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us</u>: or <u>Kathy.Young@state.mn.us</u>.

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