

Adult Career Pathways Program Updates

MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, September 25, 2024

Adult Career Pathways Programs

We are excited to announce that the [ACP Provider Map](#) is now posted to the ACP webpage! You are able to search for services and ACP training programs across the state by provider, types of training, certifications and credentials offered, location and/or tribal service area. The ACP Provider Map will display a list of providers and the provider's contact information. Just click on the training provider name and you will be redirected to their website.

The Office of Adult Career Pathways is soliciting applications for the following three Transformative Career Pathways programs:

Funding Workforce to eligible organizations to provide skills training to communities of color and/or low-income communities, leading to employment or business development in high-growth industries. This RFP offers three (3) eligible services: Part 1a: Job & Skills Training, Part 1b: Organizational Mentorship, and Part 2: Entrepreneurial Skills Training. Applications are due Monday October 7th, 2024.

Funding Capacity Building to eligible Minnesota community-based organizations to increase their capacity to provide workforce services and related training to historically underserved communities of color or low-income communities. Applications will be accepted on a continual basis until all funds have been awarded.

Funding Diversity and Inclusion training to eligible Minnesota small businesses to increase their ability to engage, hire, and retain people of color in a variety of roles.

We encourage you to review the RFPs and apply if you fit the eligibility and are interested in the opportunity. We also encourage you to share these opportunities with your partners or small business partners.

The link to the RFPs can be found at DEED's Competitive Grants and Contracts webpage:

<https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/open-rfp.jsp>

The Adult Career Pathways Team will begin hosting quarterly Drive for 5 and Competitive grant(s) provider meetings.

The intention of these meetings is to share best practices and strategies, discuss challenges, and source solutions. DEED will also provide universal program updates during this time. Your first point of contact remains your ACP Grant Coordinator; however, these meetings will give us an opportunity to connect providers across the state and to ensure that DEED is providing consistent communication.

Webex invitations have been sent to the ACP contact on file, but please feel free to share with any staff at your organization who oversee your ACP Drive for 5 and/or competitive grant/s. We kindly ask that each organization limit the number of staff to 2-3, ensuring we are able to have meaningful conversations.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the first meeting in October!

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Quarterly reports are coming due soon! As a reminder these reports are due the 30th of the month following the end of the quarter. Program-specific report templates are available on the webpage under [Adult Career Pathways Programs](#). If you need assistance, please connect with your Grant Coordinator. If needed, we have also posted [Quarterly Report Instructions](#).

Adult Career Pathways Guides

The ACP Operations Guide continues to be reviewed and updated monthly. The most recent version of the guide can be found on the ACP home page under [Resources and Guides](#). Be sure you are receiving the monthly Partner Express to see the latest changes to any of our guides (https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNDEED/subscriber/new?topic_id=MNDEED_109). If you have any suggestions for the guide, please submit those to your Grant Coordinator.

Workforce One- ACP Programs

Electronic Document Storage (EDS) requirement is coming to ACP Programs July 1, 2025! In preparation, DEED facilitated three training sessions in July. The sessions were recorded and are posted on the [ACP home webpage](#). If you need further assistance, please connect with your Coordinator.