

Adult Career Pathways Program Updates

MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, October 23, 2024

Adult Career Pathways Programs

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

- 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.
- 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 submit an application 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. Awards for these two programs will be conducted on a quarterly basis until all funds have been awarded.

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 began hosting quarterly Drive for 5 and Competitive grant(s) provider meetings in October. Thank you to those that took the time to attend and provide valuable feedback!

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 were sent to the ACP contact person on file, but please feel free to share upcoming events 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 next meeting in January!

Check out the [ACP web page](#) for resources and tools to assist in the management of ACP Grants.

- ACP Workforce One User Guide
- ACP Operations Guide
 - Recently updated to remove Individual Employment Plan (IEP) language from guide.
- [ACP Provider Map](#) – Recently Added!
- Quarterly Report templates
 - 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](#).
 - [Quarterly Report Instructions](#).