

Notes from Kay Tracy/Youth Team Update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on 10/23:

WIOA YOUTH PROGRAM:

- **FINAL PY2023 WIOA Youth Data Summary:** routed to local partners on 10/1/24. Minnesota served 2,576 youth; 53% were young women; 80% were youth from BIPOC communities; 39% had a disability; 45% on public assistance; 18% system-involved youth (juvenile offenders or foster youth) and 17% were homeless youth or runaways. Minnesota met or exceeded all PY2023 WIOA Youth performance goals at the State level. Compared to PY2022, Minnesota's service to WIOA Youth increased by 125 participants in PY2023, in spite of a funding decrease of approx. \$800,000.
- **PY2024 WIOA Youth Funds:** 27.3% expended or obligated as of 8/31/24. All WDAs have fully approved Local Youth Plans, including LOCAL PY24/PY25 WIOA Youth Performance Goals and approved PY24 Budget Forms. Local Youth Plans will be posted on DEED's website.
- **Preliminary PY2024 WIOA Youth Performance Data Summary:** will be issued by Youth Team/available for WDAs/youth practitioners to access in FutureWorks in mid to late November.
- **New Guidance Expected From Federal Partners? TEGL 10-23, CHANGE 1,** expected to be released by DOL in December 2024, or early 2025. Change 1 will provide clarification on existing information and introduce some new information; there is also a Question & Answer Section. Change 1 has to go through the OMB review process. The topic: Reducing Administrative Barriers to Improve Customer Experience in Grant Programs Administered by DOL/ETA.
- **How Do I Register for Upcoming Training on Data Validation?** The ETP Compliance team is holding a WEBINAR on WIOA Youth Data Validation on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 from 10 AM -12 Noon. Register here: [Registration for Data Validation Training](#). The webinar will be recorded and available for reference.

Minnesota Youth Program (MYP):

- **SFY24 MYP Funds:** 89.7% expended or obligated as of 8/31/24. Most contracts ended 9/30/24; seven WDAs secured a contract extension to 12/31: Carver County, Winona County, Duluth, Hennepin County, CMJTS, Southwest WDA and Ramsey County.
- **Preliminary SFY24 MYP Data Summary:** issued for local review by Youth Team on 10/9/24. Please review your WDA's SFY24 MYP Data to be certain that it is complete

and accurate. Youth Team will use this data to prepare the SFY24 MYP Annual Report and the MYP Program Summary.

- **SFY25 MYP Funds:** 13.9% expended or obligated as of 8/31/24. The updated MYP Policy Memo will be posted soon for local review and comment on the MYP webpage: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/youth-programs/youth-program.jsp>. Submit comments to: Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us.
- **SFY26-SFY27 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) Funding:** The Legislature provided “supplemental” funding for MYP in SFY24 and SFY25. The total funding available for SFY25 MYP is \$8.477 million (\$4.427 million are supplemental dollars). Legislative Action will be required to make the MYP funding increase permanent for SFY26/SFY27. Youth Team submitted MYP Legislative Proposal in July to DEED Leadership and Budget Change Request Form in September, recommending permanent MYP funding increase for inclusion in the Governor’s Budget, for SFY26/SFY27. Questions on MYP funding? Please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us.

Youthbuild:

- **SFY24 Youthbuild Funds:** 86.9% expended or obligated as of 8/31/24.
- **Preliminary SFY24 Youthbuild Data Summary:** issued for local review on 10/18/24. Please be certain that your SFY24 Youthbuild data is complete and accurate.
- **DRAFT SFY24 Youthbuild legislative report** will be available soon for local review
- **SFY25 Youthbuild Funds:** 7% expended or obligated as of 8/31/24. Youthbuild policies have been updated/posted for local review and comment, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/youth-programs/youthbuild.jsp> under Documents and Forms.
- **SFY26/SFY27 Youthbuild Funding:** The Legislature provided “supplemental” funding for Youthbuild in SFY24 and SFY25. The total funding available for SFY25 Youthbuild is \$2,093,000 million (\$ 1 million are supplemental funds). Legislative Action will be required to make the YB funding increase permanent. Youth Team submitted YB Legislative Proposal to DEED Leadership in July and Budget Change Request Form in September, recommending permanent YB funding increase for SFY26 and SFY27. Questions regarding YB funding? Please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us.

Youth at Work Competitive Grants:

- **SFY24 Youth at Work Competitive Funds:** 93.1% expended or obligated as of 8/31/24.
- **SFY24 Youth at Work Data Summary:** has been issued for local review. Please be certain that your SFY24 Youth at Work data is complete and accurate in WorkForce 1. This is the outcome data that will be included in the SFY24 required Legislative Report and Youth at Work Program Summary.
- **SFY24 Youth at Work Legislative Report:** Heading into a funding year in the Legislature, it is important to have a high quality SFY24 Legislative Report ready to go on the Youth at Work Grants before the Legislature convenes in early January.
- **Youth at Work Competitive Grants Policies** have been updated/are available for local review and comment on the Youth at Work webpage. Forward comments to: Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us.
- **SFY26/SFY27 Youth at Work Funding:** The Legislature provided “supplemental” funding for Youth at Work. The total funding available for SFY25 Youth at Work grants is \$7,075,000 (\$ 3,002,000 is supplemental funding). Legislative action will be required to make the Youth at Work funding increase permanent. Youth Team submitted Youth at Work Legislative Proposal to DEED Leadership in July and Budget Change Request Form in September, recommending a permanent Youth at Work funding increase for SFY26 and SFY27. Questions? Please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us.
- **Anticipated Date to Post NEW SFY26/27 Youth at Work RFP on DEED’s Competitive Grants Website?** December, 2024.

Youth Support Services Competitive Grants:

- **SFY24 Youth Support Services Competitive Funds:** 82.6% expended or obligated as of 8/31/24.
- Please be certain that your SFY24 Youth Support Services data is complete and accurate in WorkForce 1.
- **DRAFT SFY24 Youth Support Services Annual Report and Data Summary:** will be available for local review soon. Questions on Youth Support Services Funding for SFY26/SFY27? Please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or Kathy.Young@state.mn.us.
- **Anticipated Date to Post NEW SFY26/27 Youth Support Services RFP on DEED’s Competitive Grants Website?** January, 2025.

Partners for Youth: Equitable Transitions Model Federal Discretionary Grant - awarded to MN/DEED by U.S. Dept of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP):

All contracts are fully executed for 5 participating WDAs and the PACER Center.

- The ETM Grant is a 5-year demonstration project which includes an evaluation component
- The Partners for Youth Project leverages the expertise of 5 WDAs and the PACER Center: CMJTS, Rural CEP, Southwest PIC, South Central/MVAC, and Southeast WDI.
- Progress reports, best practices, and outcomes will be shared across the Youth Practitioners Network.
- Second quarter report due to DOL on 10/31/24.
- Pilot projects will be implemented in early 2025.

Questions on the Partners for Youth federal discretionary grant? Please contact Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us.

2024 TANF Youth Program:

- The next data report and invoice to DHS for the quarter ending 9/30/24, is due soon. For those areas participating in the TANF Youth project, please make sure all enrollments, activities, expenditures, exits for the period ending 9/30/24, are entered in WF1 as soon as possible. DHS advised Youth Team that NEW Interagency Agreement for 2025 will be in place as of January 1; but DHS cannot allow WDAs to expend 2024 TANF Youth Funds beyond 12/31/24. Questions? Please contact: Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us.

Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have questions on any of the Youth Programs referenced above, please follow up with: Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us, or Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us; or Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us or Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us or Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us or Kathy.Young@state.mn.us.

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