

Adult Career Pathways Program Updates

MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, January 22, 2025

Adult Career Pathways Programs

We are so excited to have Darcy Hokkanen join the ACP team in December as our new Grant Coordinator!

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](#). Quarterly report training is coming in February, please watch out for the invitation soon!

We continue to solicit 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>

Contract Extensions

- Extension of SFY2025 funds (only) may be extended through 12/31/2025 for the following grants: Pathways to Prosperity, Getting to Work, Adult Support Service, Southeast Asian, WESA.
- Extension of SFY2025 funds (only) may be extended through 6/30/2026 for the Drive for Five grants.

All SFY2024 funds will expire 6/30/2025 and cannot be extended past that date.

- All total grant funds were split between SFY2024 and SFY2025. Review your most recent RPR to ensure you are aware of the SFY2024 amount and where you are at with spending.
 - Be mindful of your Admin cost category so that it does not exceed 10% of the total award or 10% of the expended amount, *whichever is less*.
- Focus the time extension on training completion, job placement, and retention.
- An email will be sent to all program contacts this week from your Coordinator with next steps in this process.

At this time, we are not extending Directly Appropriated grants.

The Adult Career Pathways Team began hosted our quarterly Drive for 5 and Competitive grant(s) provider meetings last week. Thank you to those that took the time to attend and provide valuable

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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 April!
