

Notes from Kay Tracy/Youth Team's Update -- Job Seeker Services Meeting on 1/22/25, see below and attached.

Link to Governor Budget for SFY2026-2027, see: <https://mn.gov/mmb/budget/current-budget/governors-budget-recommendations/gov-budget-books.jsp>.

#### WIOA Youth Program -

1. PY25 WIOA Youth Planning Estimate for MN's WIOA Youth Program is \$7,778,200 (a 10% reduction projected at State-level compared to PY24). See TEN 17-24 released by DOL on 12/30/24 (<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/ten-17-24>). Reminder: the 45 year old allocation formula in federal law allocates WIOA Youth funds based on Adult unemployment rate.
2. Planning Instructions Issued by Youth Team for Updating Local Youth Plans: on 12/9/24, for activities funded under PY25 WIOA Youth and SFY26 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP). Local Youth Plan, NARRATIVE UPDATES ONLY, due on April 11, 2025. Note: WDAs are NOT required to submit Budgets until DOL issues final PY2025 WIOA Allocations and MN Legislature acts on final SFY26 MYP funding level. Governor's Budget (released on 1/16) returns MYP to base-level funding for SFY26-SFY27 (see #7 below).
3. DEED's LMI Office to Produce WDA-Level ASU Data for Use in Updating PY25 WIOA Youth (and Adult) WIOA allocation formula(s): Estimated timeline: March, 2025. MAWB Operations Committee expected to invite update from DEED LMI Team in March. LMI Team submitted STATE-level ASU data to DOL in September of 2024. STATE-level Areas of Substantial Unemployment (ASU) data impacts MN's SHARE of total funds available for PY2025 WIOA Youth (and Adult) Programs. Copy of STATE-level ASU data provided to MAWB Operations Chair & Co-Chairs of JSS Committee in separate message.
4. Preliminary PY2024 WIOA Youth Data Summary in FutureWorks: released by Youth Team on 1/15/25. Youth practitioners reminded to enter Credentials and Measurable Skills Gains in WF1 at the end of the semester in January. For individualized training on WIOA youth performance and reporting issues, please reach out to [Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us](mailto:Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us).
5. PY2023 WIOA Youth Funds: 95% expended or obligated through 11/30/24. Three WDAs 100% fully expended. Note: If your WDA will not fully expend PY2023 WIOA

Youth Funds by March 31, 2025, please follow up with [Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us](mailto:Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us) to request Budget Form required to secure extension to June 30, 2025. To date, the following areas have requested extension: Hennepin-Carver, Southwest, Dakota-Scott, Northeast, Anoka, Winona.

6. SAVE THE DATE – DOL National Office Webinar on WIOA Youth Programs, March 4 and March 6, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m CST. Invitations for the event will be coming from Workforce GPS. Topics to be covered include: the role of the Individual Service Strategy and the Objective Assessment and Youth Follow-Up and Service Provider/Referral Partnerships in building strong career pathways for youth. More information to follow.
  
7. URGENT - Poverty Levels Updated for 2025 -- Effective 1/15/25 -- WorkForce One Updated Accordingly: The Federal Register Notice with the 2025 Federal Poverty Levels was published on 1/17/25. Chapter 7 of the WIOA Youth Administrative Manual has been updated and is attached. The updated Chapter 7 will be posted to the WIOA Youth webpage as soon as possible, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/youth-programs/wioa-youth.jsp>.

#### MINNESOTA Youth Program (MYP):

8. SFY2024 MYP Annual Report, see: [https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2024-myp-annual-report-acc\\_tcm1045-661358.pdf](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2024-myp-annual-report-acc_tcm1045-661358.pdf). 4,575 youth served in Individual Case Management and an additional 40,374 youth served through the Outreach to Schools (OTS) component of SFY24 MYP. Over 55% are youth of color, 50% are young women, 58% from families on public assistance, and 46% are youth with disabilities. Over 82% of EXITERS from SFY24 MYP attained Work Readiness and Education Goals and 63% earned Academic Credit or Service Learning Credit. SFY26/27 MYP funding level will be determined by the MN Legislature. The Governor's Budget includes \$4.05 million for SFY26 and \$4.05 million for SFY27 (e.g. return to the base level of SFY22/23).

#### Youthbuild:

9. SFY24 Youthbuild Program Annual Report, see: <https://apps.deed.state.mn.us/assets/youth/youthbuild-annual-2024-acc.pdf>. Congrats to Change, Inc. on new \$1.5 million federal Youthbuild Grant – State Youthbuild funds used as match to federal dollars. SFY26/27 state YB funding level will be determined by the MN Legislature. The Governor's Budget includes \$1 million for SFY26 and \$1 million for SFY27 (e.g. return to the base level of SFY22/23).

Youth at Work Competitive Grant:

10. NEW SFY26/27 Youth at Work Request for Proposals (RFP) is posted on DEED's Competitive Grants website, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/open-rfp.jsp>. Reminder: Questions on the new Youth at Work RFP must be directed via e-mail to [Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us](mailto:Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us). Proposals are due on March 21, 2025.

11. SFY2024 Youth at Work Required Legislative Report, see: [https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2024-youth-at-work\\_tcm1045-663415.pdf](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2024-youth-at-work_tcm1045-663415.pdf). SFY26/27 Youth at Work funding levels will be determined by the MN Legislature. The Governor's Budget includes \$4.098 million for SFY26 and \$4.098 million for SFY27.

Thank you for your cooperation.

If questions on Youth Programs planning issues referenced above, please follow up with [Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us](mailto:Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us) or [Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us](mailto:Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us) or [Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us](mailto:Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us) or [Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us](mailto:Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us) or [Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us](mailto:Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us) or [Kathy.Young@state.mn.us](mailto:Kathy.Young@state.mn.us).