

WIOA Youth Program -

1. **PY25 WIOA Youth Planning Estimate for MN's WIOA Youth Program is \$7,778,200 (a projected 10% reduction 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 WIOA Youth allocation formula in federal law allocates WIOA Youth funds based on the state's 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 are due on April 11, 2025. To date, one WDA submitted/secured "tentative approval" of Narrative Updates: Northeast WDA. Early submittals are welcome. WDAs NOT required to submit Budgets until DOL issues final PY2025 WIOA Allocations and Legislature acts on final SFY26 MYP funding.**

DOL Region V Team responded to question re: how to approach DEI language in current Local WIOA Youth Plans, as follows:

"In the absence of formal guidance on the DEIA concerns, we are letting states know you could identify and flag DEIA-related information so that when guidance comes out, you will have identified the potentially vulnerable areas. But do not take further actions until there is more guidance." Message from MN's Federal Project Officer/DOL Regional Office on 2/13/25.

3. **Preliminary PY2024 WIOA Youth Data Summary in FutureWorks: released by Youth Team on 2/14/25. Reminder to follow up with Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us to request technical assistance in reviewing local performance data (for example, reviewing/validating WDA-level Credential Data in WorkForce 1).**
- **SFY24 WIOA Youth Credential Attainment Rate timeline is 1/1/2023 to 12/31/23.**
 - **SFY24 WIOA Youth Measureable Skills Gain timeline is 7/1/24 to 6/30/25. MSG is the only real-time performance measure.**

4. **PY2023 WIOA Youth Funds: 96.1% expended or obligated as of 12/31/24. Four 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 to request Budget Form required to secure extension to June 30, 2025. To date, the following WDAs contacted us regarding an extension: Hennepin-Carver, Southwest, Dakota-Scott, Anoka, Winona, city of Minneapolis.**

5. **PY2024 WIOA Youth Funds: 46.1% expended or obligated as of 12/31/24.**

TANF Youth Program

6. **2025 TANF Youth Program – all existing providers have submitted 2025 plans and we are working on the plan approval/contract preparation process. WDAs will have the authority to incur costs retroactive to 1/1/25. Questions? Please follow up with Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us.**

MINNESOTA Youth Program (MYP):

7. **SFY2024 MYP Funds: 99.7% expended or obligated as of 12/31/24. Seventeen of 18 providers have submitted final fiscal reports.**

8. **SFY2025 MYP Funds: 55.7% expended or obligated as of 12/31/24.**

9. **SFY2024 MYP Annual Report, see: 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. For planning purposes: the Governor's Budget includes \$4.05 million per year for SFY26/27 MYP (e.g. return to base**

level funding from SFY22/23). Final SFY26/27 MYP allocations for programs that begin operation on July 1, 2025, will be available following action by the Legislature.

Youthbuild:

10. SFY24 Youthbuild Grants: 95.7% expended or obligated as of 12/31/24.
11. SFY24 Youthbuild Program Annual Report, see: <https://apps.deed.state.mn.us/assets/youth/youthbuild-annual-2024-acc.pdf>. For planning purposes: the Governor's Budget includes \$1 million per year for SFY26/SFY27 Youthbuild. This is a return to base level funding for SFY22/SFY23. Final SFY26/27 YB allocations will be released based on action by the Legislature.

Youth at Work Competitive Grants:

12. SFY24 Youth At Work Funds: 98.1% expended or obligated as of 12/31/25.
13. "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>. Webinar for Interested Parties is posted/available on-demand.
14. Questions on the SFY26/27 Youth at Work RFP must be submitted via e-mail to Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us. Proposals are due on March 21, 2025.
15. SFY24 Youth at Work Required Legislative Report is posted on DEED's website, see: https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2024-youth-at-work_tcm1045-663415.pdf. For planning purposes, the Governor's Budget includes \$4.098 million per year for SFY26 and SFY27 Youth at Work Competitive Grants. This is a return to base level funding from SFY22-SFY23. Final SFY26/27 Youth at Work allocation will be determined by the Legislature.

Youth Support Services Competitive Grants:

- 16. SFY24 Youth Support Services Grants: 93% expended or obligated as of 12/31/24. Questions? Please contact Kathy.Young@state.mn.us.**

- 17. SFY24 Youth Support Services Annual Report is posted on DEED's website, see: https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2024-youth-support-services_tcm1045-651024.docx.**

- 18. "New" SFY26/27 Youth Support Services Request for Proposals (RFP): expect to post on DEED's Competitive Grants Website: February of 2025. For planning purposes, the Governor's Budget includes \$500,000 per year for SFY26/27 Youth Support Services grants, reflecting the base level funding from previous biennium.**

Employment Transitions Model (ETM) Federal Discretionary Grant (Partners for Youth) from DOL/Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) and the Office of Grants Management (OGM):

- 19. The ETM grants (Partners for Youth) have been rebranded by DOL/ODEP as the "Employment" Transitions Model Demonstration Grants. The ETM Grants reflect ODEP's priority which includes ensuring that youth and young adults with disabilities transition successfully to employment. We will keep you posted with additional updates as five participating MN WDAs and PACER Center move forward with the discretionary grants.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

If questions on Youth Programs referenced above, please follow up with Kay.Tracy@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 or Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us.