Adult Career Pathways Program Updates MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, March 19, 2025

Adult Career Pathways Programs

Only a couple weeks left to apply for the Transformative Career Pathways Capacity Building project. This funding will be awarded 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. We encourage you to review the RFPs and apply if you are interested in the opportunity. March 31, 2025, is the final deadline to submit applications for these two projects.

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.

Reminder

Quarterly reports are due to your Grant Coordinator on April 30th. The quarterly report should reflect activities between January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025. The team facilitated a Quarterly Reports training on February 20th and the recording of that training and instructions are now posted to our webpage.

Provider Meetings

Two Quarterly Provider Meetings are coming up next month! The Drive for 5 Provider Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8^{th} from 2:00-3:30. The Competitive Grants Provider Meeting will be held on Monday, April 21^{st} from 2:30-4:00.

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 can have meaningful conversations.

Request for Proposals

The ACP team have received questions from grantees around the next cycle of Request for Proposals (RFPs) for SFY 26-27. We would like to remind everyone of a few items:

- You can sign up to receive an email notification when new competitive grants or contracts are
 posted to DEED's website. https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/open-rfp.jsp
- If you'd like to follow along with what programs are being purposed to the legislators, you can sign up to receive an email notification of House and Senate Committee hearings. <u>Electronic</u> Notification Services - Minnesota Legislature