

Adult Career Pathways Program Updates

MAWB Job Seeker Services Meeting, April 23, 2025

Adult Career Pathways Programs

We are currently in the process of developing a new program, *Growing Careers: Agriculture Workforce*. The anticipated release of the request for proposal for this competitive program is May. This will focus on increasing the agriculture industry through relevant training, paid work experience, and job placement.

Cannabis Training (CanTrain) RFP closed 4/18 and the team is in the review stage of the process.

The link to ACP 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

Thank you to those who attended the Quarterly ACP Provider Meetings this month! The next Drive for 5 provider meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8th and the Competitive Grants provider meeting will be held on Monday, July 21st.

During the April 8th Drive for 5 meeting:

- Liz Jennings and her team of Employer Engagement Specialists attended to provide updates on the assistance they have been able to offer Drive for 5 providers and shared a participant success story.
- We had a great discussion about areas of the program, what is going well, and areas for improvement, including changes to the job quality incentives.
- Part 1 providers shared information about their training programs and expected graduation dates to help further develop partnerships with Part 2 Chamber of Commerce providers.

During the April 21st Competitive Grants meeting:

- Reminded attendees of the importance of consistent WF1 data entry to overall Grantee Performance outcomes.
- We discussed the challenges Grantees are having with enrollments, shared services and resources Grantees are providing to place participants into jobs, and the benefits of having strong employer partners.
- Many Grantees also shared their ideas for improvement of programs, such as increasing support services to participants and more flexibility with contract and budget modifications.

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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. [Electronic Notification Services - Minnesota Legislature](#)