

Notes from Kay Tracy/Youth Team Update for Job Seeker Services Committee on 6/25/25.

WIOA Youth Program -

A. PY25 WIOA Youth Allocations:

1. DOL/ETA released final [PY2025 WIOA Allocations in Federal Register Notice](#) on 5/16, and TEGL 11-24 (dated 5//20/25). Minnesota's PY25 WIOA Youth Allocation is \$7,719,711, a 10.68% decrease compared to PY24. Note: the total amount of PY25 WIOA Youth funding available to all states/nationwide DECREASED by just over \$7 million.
2. WDA-Level PY25 WIOA Youth Allocations released in a separate message dated 6/3/25. WDAs asked to submit the PY25 WIOA Youth Budget Forms to Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us and Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us as soon as your schedules permit.
3. To date, eleven WDAs, WDA #1/ICCC, Washington County, Rural CEP, Northeast, Southeast WDI, Hennepin-Carver, South Central, Winona County, Southwest, Career Solutions, Duluth have submitted PY25 WIOA Youth Budget Forms.

B. PY23 WIOA Youth Funds: 99% expended or obligated at the State level as of 4/30/25. Ten WDAs are 100% fully expended. Six WDAs secured a **one-quarter extension** to continue to spend SFY23 WIOA Youth funds through 6/30/25: Hennepin-Carver, Southwest, Dakota-Scott, Anoka, Winona, city of Minneapolis.

C. PY24 WIOA Youth Funds: 65.9% expended or obligated at State level as of 4/30/25.

Waiver Permitted: 20% Carryover Limit on PY24 WIOA Youth Funds into PY25. If the WDA will not expend or obligate 80% of PY24 WIOA Youth funds by 6/30/25, a waiver request may be forwarded to Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us (include brief justification). To date, WAIVERS to carryover limit approved for NINE

WDAs: Duluth, Minneapolis, Hennepin-Carver, WDA #1/Inter-County CC, Winona County, Anoka County, Southwest, CMJTS, Washington County.

D. August 10, 2025 is the Cut-Off Date for making changes in PY24 WIOA Youth data in WorkForce One. This is the data submitted to DOL on October 1.

E. Preliminary PY24 WIOA Youth Performance Data Summary: issued by Youth Team on 6/17, based on data in FutureWorks as of 6/4. Please continue to enter Measureable Skills Gains (MSG) into WorkForce 1 – MSG is the only real-time performance measure; it is not an EXIT-based measure. The MSG Reports in WF1 are updated in real time. The ROSTERS are updated monthly. Contact Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us for assistance in reviewing your WDA-level PY24 WIOA Youth data in WF1.

SFY 26/27 MINNESOTA YOUTH Program (MYP):

4. \$4,050,000 is available each year for the SFY26/27 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP). This is return to base level funding from SFY22/23.

5. FINAL SFY26 MYP Allocations released by Youth Team on 6/16/25. Please forward SFY26 MYP Budget Forms to Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us and Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us as soon as your schedules permit. To date, Rural CEP, Southwest, InterCounty CC, Northeast, Washington County, Southeast WDI, Carver County, Hennepin County, Career Solutions, Minneapolis, Dakota County, Winona County, Duluth have submitted SFY26 MYP Budget Forms.

6. SFY2025 MYP Funds: 74.8% expended or obligated as of 4/30/25; SFY25 MYP contracts end on 9/30/25. Please follow up with Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us if you need a one-quarter extension to your SFY25 MYP contract. To date we have received one extension request, from Southwest WDA.

7. Reminder: please be sure that all SFY25 MYP data is complete and accurate in Workforce One. Preparation of the SFY25 MYP Annual Report begins later this summer – the SFY25 MYP Data Summary is critical. Customer Satisfaction Data is also important for SFY25.

SFY26/27 Youthbuild:

- 8. \$1 million is available each year for the SFY26/27 Youthbuild Program. This is a return to the base level funding from SFY22/23.**
- 9. SFY26/27 Youthbuild Request for Proposals (RFP) was posted on DEED's Competitive Grants website on 6/24/25, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/open-rfp.jsp>. Proposal are due Friday, August 16, 2025. Questions on SFY26/27 YB RFP must be e-mailed to Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us.**
- 10. SFY25 Youthbuild Grants: 53% expended or obligated as of 4/30/25; contracts end on 9/30/25. Please follow up with Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us if you need a one quarter extension to your SFY25 Youthbuild contract.**
- 11. SFY24 Youthbuild Program Annual Report, see: <https://apps.deed.state.mn.us/assets/youth/youthbuild-annual-2024-acc.pdf>.**

SFY26/27 Youth at Work Competitive Grants:

- 12. Grant Award Letters for "new" SFY26/27 Youth at Work Competitive Grants scheduled to be signed by DEED Commissioner on June 27.**
- 13. \$4,843,100 is available per year to award to "new" SFY26/27 Youth at Work Competitive Grants. The RFP closed on March 21; Youth Team received 90 proposals; over \$32 million in funding requests for SFY26/27 Youth at Work Funds. Questions on SFY26/27 Youth at Work grants? Please follow up with Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us.**
- 14. SFY25 Youth at Work Grants: 70.7% expended or obligated as of 4/30/25; contracts end 9/30/25. Reminder: please be certain that your SFY2025 Youth at Work data is complete and accurate in WorkForce 1; select a success story that you would like to see included in the Youth at Work FACT Sheet and/or Required Legislative Report.**

SFY26/27 Youth Support Services Competitive Grants:

- 15. Grant Award letters for “new” SFY26/27 YOUTH Support Services Competitive Grants scheduled to be signed by DEED Commissioner on June 27.**
- 16. \$1,750,000 is available per year for SFY26/27 YOUTH and ADULT Support Services Competitive Grants (half of the funding is available for YOUTH Support Services grants and half for Adult Support Services Grants). The SFY26/27 YSS RFP closed on May 2; 78 proposals received; over 12 times the amount of funding in the RFP.**
- 17. SFY25 Youth Support Services Grants: 75.9% expended or obligated as of 4/30/25. Please be certain that your PY25 Youth Support Services data is complete and accurate in WorkForce 1.**
- 18. Questions on SFY26/27 Youth Support Services Competitive Grants? Please follow up with Kathy.Young@state.mn.us.**

Minnesota’s EMPLOYMENT Transitions Model (ETM) Federal Discretionary Grant (MN WAY) – funded by DOL/Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)

MN WAY is a five-year federal discretionary grant supporting youth with disabilities (ages 14-24) across rural Minnesota. The grant provides person-centered, wraparound education, training and career development services using the Guideposts to Success and a “no-wrong-door approach.”

MN WAY is meeting expectations across key areas: strong enrollment, engaging youth and families, roll-out of new training opportunities, cross-agency coordination, benefits planning – these are features of the federal discretionary grant which is operating in five participating WDAs. Recent developments include creation of parent and counselor resources and expanded benefits planning services. The project is a partnership with the PACER Center.

Questions? Please follow up with Samantha.Froelich@state.mn.us.

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Thank you again for your cooperation. If questions, please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or any member of the Youth Services Team.

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