

Notes -- Kay Tracy/Youth Team Update: Job Seeker Services Meeting on 1/21/26:

Attached is: Analysis of FOA-ETA-26-38 issued by U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) on 12/30/26, announcing availability of \$98 Million in federal Youthbuild Funds. Proposals are due to DOL on March 2, 2026. If questions, please forward to Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us and Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us.

WIOA Youth Program –

PY2024 WIOA Youth Funds: 94.4% expended or obligated as of 11/30/25.

PY2025 WIOA Youth Funds: 25.4% expended or obligated as of 11/30/25.

- A. Preliminary PY2025 WIOA Youth Program Summary: issued by Youth Team on 1/15/26 (data in FutureWorks as of 1/13/26). State-level data looks good at this point in process.**

- B. Troubleshooting WDA-Level WIOA Youth Data in WorkForce 1 (WF1): Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us is available to work with the WDA Team to review and troubleshoot preliminary WDA-level PY25 WIOA Youth performance data in WorkForce 1. Ahmed completed TA session with Northeast Team earlier this week. Submit questions to Ahmed in advance.**

- C. Federal Poverty Guidelines Updated/WorkForce 1 Revised Accordingly: updated guidelines in effect as of 1/13/26; see weblink to Chapter 7 of the WIOA Youth Admin policies, https://mn.gov/deed/assets/wioa-chapter7_tcm1045-134289.docx .**

- D. GWDB Preparing MN's WIOA State Plan Modification: a new STATE Plan Portal to be set up by the federal partners – available to states soon. Program Staff submitted updates to WIOA State Plan to GWDB by January 16, 2026.**
- E. PROPOSED PY26/27 State-Level WIOA Performance Goals – required to be included in WIOA State Plan Modifications: MN's new PY26/27 WIOA Youth Performance Goals will not be negotiated with DOL Region V Team until late May/early June. DOL National Office advised that WIOA Statistical Adjustment Model (SAM) “adjustments” will be delayed. States are required to include Proposed STATE-Level PY26/27 WIOA Youth Performance Goals in the State Plan Modifications without access to DOL's SAM adjustments. We will keep you posted.**
- F. Minnesota Asking DOL to RENEW Two WIOA Youth-Specific Waivers for PY26/PY27: Copy of letter DOL letter + waiver requests shared with local partners in message dated 12/18/25. 1) Waiver to 75% Out of School Youth Expenditure Rate if the WDA served homeless youth and foster youth; 2) Waiver to permit WDAs to develop Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) for In-School Youth (in addition to Out of School Youth). In PY25, 9 WDAs opted to include the waiver on OSY Expenditures and 5 WDAs opted to include the ITA for ISY waiver in their LOCAL Youth Plan updates. WIOA Youth-specific waivers will also be included in WAIVER Section of MN State Plan Modification. MN's current WIOA Youth Waivers are approved through June 30, 2026.**
- G. Planning Instructions for Updating the Local Youth Plans for PY2026 WIOA Youth Program and SFY2027 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP): issued by Youth Team on 12/19/25. New questions for PY26/SFY27 are highlighted in YELLOW. Narrative Updates for Local Youth Plans are due on April 17, 2026. WDAs are not required to submit Budgets for the PY26 WIOA Youth Program until DOL issues the WIOA Allocations TEGl for PY2026. WDA-level allocations for SFY2027 MYP are attached to Instructions for Updating Local Youth Plans. Questions? Please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us.**

- H. Attached are Q and As on TEGL 23-29, Change 3 -- Questions from Local Partners & Answers From DOL National Office/Youth Staff: TEGL 23-29, Change 3 (dated 12/1/26), removed “self attestation” as allowable source documentation for two data elements: 1) low income and, 2) birth date. Please continue to forward questions to Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us and Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us.
- I. Attached From DOL National Office/Youth Team: Youth Source Documentation Cheat Sheet.

MINNESOTA YOUTH PROGRAM (MYP):

SFY25 MYP Funds: 97.8% expended or obligated as of 11/30/25.

SFY26 MYP Funds: 49.8% expended or obligated as of 11/30/25.

- J. SFY25 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) Annual Report: is posted on the MYP webpage, see: https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2025-myp-annual-report-acc_tcm1045-716216.pdf.
- K. SFY2027 MYP Funds – Already Appropriated by Minnesota Legislature: there is \$3,847,500 available per year (which is a return to SFY22/23 funding level). These funds are already included in DEED’s base allocation.
- L. Are SFY2027 WDA-level Allocations for MYP Available? Yes, see attachment to Planning Instructions for Updating the Local Youth Plans (issued by Youth Team on 12/19/25). Questions? Please reach out to Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us.

Youthbuild:

SFY25 Youthbuild Funds: 92.8% expended as of 11/30/25

SFY26 Youthbuild Funds: 10.6% expended as of 11/20/25

M. DOL Announced on 12/30/25, the Availability of \$98 Million in Federal Youthbuild Funds, see [grants.gov announcement](#) and FOA-ETA-26-38 (attached) for more information. Detailed analysis of DOL's new FOA for Youthbuild is also attached. Questions? Please follow up with Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us.

N. SFY26/27 Youthbuild Funds: have already been appropriated by Minnesota Legislature -- \$950,000 per year (\$1,900,000 for the biennium). This is a return to the SFY22/23 funding level. Twelve (12) Youthbuild projects are in place for SFY26/27.

O. SFY25 Youthbuild Required Legislative Report: stakeholder's copy released to local partners on 12/15/25; accessible version to be posted soon. Questions? Please follow up with Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us.

SFY25 Annual Report on Youth at Work (YAW) Competitive Grants -- accessible version to be posted. Stakeholder's copy of the report issued by Youth Team on 1/19/26.

SFY25 Youth at Work funds: 96.9%% expended or obligated as of 11/30/25.

SFY 26 Youth at Work funds: 33.9% expended or obligated as of 11/30/25

P. Thirty-nine (39) Youth at Work Projects: were selected for funding for SFY26/27. Over \$32 million in funding requests (91 proposals) were received in the SFY26/27 Youth at Work funding cycle. There is \$4.8 million available per year for Youth at Work competitive grants in SFY26/27. (This is a return to the SFY23/24 funding level). Questions? Please follow up with Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us.

SFY25 Youth Support Services (YSS) Annual Report is available, see:

<https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/special/youth-support>.

SFY25 Youth Support Services funds: 92.8% expended or obligated as of 11/30/25

SFY26 Youth Support Services funds: 21.1% expended or obligated as of 11/30/25

Q. Twenty-one (21) Youth Support Services (YSS) Projects: were selected for funding in SFY26/27. Over \$6.6 million in funding requests (78 proposals) were received in the SFY26/27 Youth Support Services funding cycle. There is \$831,250 available for Youth Support Services Competitive grants in SFY26/27. Questions? Please follow up with Kathy.Young@state.mn.us.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

If questions, please do not hesitate to follow up with Youth Team -

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