

**Notes From Kay Tracy/Youth Programs update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on 2/25/26:**

**PY2024 WIOA Youth Grants end on 3/31/26.**

**If your WDA will not fully expend PY24 funds by 3/31/26, please follow up with [Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us](mailto:Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us) to request a one-quarter extension to 6/30/26. CMJTS, Anoka County, Winona County, Dakota-Scott have requested extensions.**

**WIOA Youth Program –**

**PY2024 WIOA Youth Funds: 93.7% expended or obligated as of 12/31/25.**

**PY2025 WIOA Youth Funds: 30.4% expended or obligated as of 12/31/25.**

- A. Preliminary PY2025 WIOA Youth Program Summary:** issued by Youth Team on 2/13/26. WDAs are encouraged to follow up with [Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us](mailto:Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us) to review and troubleshoot WDA-level outcome data in WorkForce 1 for PY2025 WIOA Youth Program.
  
- B. Estimated Date for Release – DOL’s PY2026 WIOA Allocations TEGL? April, 2026, per DOL Region V Team.** Next step? DEED’s LMI Director/LMI Team will provide WDA-level ASU data to update the WIOA Youth (and Adult) allocation formulas.
  
- C. TEGL 7-25 – Instructions for Modifying WIOA State Plans issued by U.S. DOL and DOE on 1/26/26, see: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/tegl-07-25>.**

**Minnesota's WIOA State Plan Modification** is posted on the GWDB website, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/gwdb/priorities/wioa/>. The comment period closes on March 16, 2026. Comments should be directed to: [State.Plan.WIOA@state.mn.us](mailto:State.Plan.WIOA@state.mn.us).

**D. ALL States Required to Enter Into New State Plan Portal by March 3: PROPOSED PY26/27 State-Level WIOA Performance Goals for PY26/27 WIOA Programs.** MN's State-Level PY26/27 WIOA Youth Performance Goals will not be negotiated with DOL Region V Team (Chicago) until late May/early June. WDA-level/LOCAL negotiations of performance goals for PY26/27 WIOA Youth Program will not begin until AFTER DOL/State-Level negotiations are completed.

**DOL's Statistical Adjustment Model (SAM) "adjustments" delayed** (due to 43 day federal govt shutdown) but expected to be available to states in March. **DEED's Performance Management Team is working on the State's Statistical Adjustment Model.**

**E. WAIVER Section of WIOA State Plan Modification: Minnesota Asked DOL to RENEW Two WIOA Youth-Specific Waivers for PY26/PY27:** 1) **Waiver to 75% Out of School Youth Expenditure Rate** if the WDA serves 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 are included in WAIVER Section of MN State Plan Modification. MN's current WIOA Youth Waivers are approved through June 30, 2026.**

**F. Planning Instructions for Updating the Local Youth Plans for PY2026 WIOA Youth Program & 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 the WIOA Youth Program Budget Summaries until DOL issues the PY26 WIOA

Allocations TEG. WDA-level SFY27 MYP Allocations are included as an **Attachment** to the Instructions for Updating the Local Youth Plans. **To date, the following WDAs have submitted Local Youth Plans/Narrative Updates: WDA #3/Northeast Team. Early submittals are welcome.** Questions? Please contact [Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us](mailto:Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us) or [Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us](mailto:Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us).

#### MINNESOTA YOUTH PROGRAM (MYP):

**SFY26 MYP Funds: 64.0% expended or obligated as of 12/31/25.**

**G. 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](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2025-myp-annual-report-acc_tcm1045-716216.pdf).

**H. 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.

**I. Are WDA-level Allocations for SFY27 MYP Available for Programs that begin operations on July 1, 2026? 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](mailto:Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us) or [Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us](mailto:Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us).**

**Youthbuild:**

**SFY26 Youthbuild Funds: 19.5% expended as of 12/31/25**

**J. DOL Announced on 12/30/25: Availability of \$98 Million in Federal Youthbuild Funds; proposed due to DOL on March 2, 2026, see [grants.gov announcement](#) and FOA-ETA-26-38 (attached) for more information. Detailed analysis of DOL's new FOA for Youthbuild is available from: [Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us](mailto:Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us).**

**K. 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. The Press Release on the SFY26/27 Youthbuild Projects will be posted soon.**

**L. 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](mailto:Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us).**

**M. SFY26-27 MN Youthbuild Webinar for Grantees: has been distributed to local grantee staff and will be posted on DEED's Youthbuild webpage soon. Twelve new Youthbuild projects are operating in SFY26/27; the Press Release will be posted soon.**

**Youth at Work (YAW) Competitive Grants:**

**SFY26 Youth at Work funds: 39.9% expended or obligated as of 12/31/25**

**N. SFY26/27 Youth at Work (YAW): 39 NEW Projects Selected for Funding;**  
**Contracts in place by July 1, 2025:** Over \$32 million in funding requests (91 proposals 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). Press release is posted on the Youth at Work webpage. SFY25 Youth at Work Annual Report: accessible version of report to be posted soon. **Questions? Please follow up with [Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us](mailto:Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us).**

**Youth Support Services Competitive Grants:**

**SFY26 Youth Support Services Funds: 28.1% expended or obligated as of 12/31/25**

**O. SFY25 Youth Support Services Annual Report is available on the YSS webpage, see:**

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

**P. SFY26/27 Youth Support Services (YSS): 21 NEW Projects Selected for Funding;**  
**Contracts in place by July 1, 2025:** Over \$6.6 million in funding requests (78 proposals received) in the SFY26/27 Youth Support Services funding cycle. There is \$831,250 available per year for Youth Support Services Competitive grants in SFY26/27. Questions? Please follow up with [Kathy.Young@state.mn.us](mailto:Kathy.Young@state.mn.us). The Press Release on the SFY26/27 Youth Support Services Grant Awards will be posted soon. Questions? Please follow up with [Kathy.Young@state.mn.us](mailto: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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