

WIOA Adult, WIOA Dislocated Worker (DW) and State DW

- SFY24 MN Dislocated Worker Program Required Legislative Report is posted on [DEED's website](#).
- Local Workforce Development Area Spending:
 - SFY24 State DW Local Workforce Development Areas grants: 92% expended or obligated as of 3/13/26. Rural MN CEP and Washington County have expended 100% of their funds. This grant ends June 30, 2026.
 - SFY25 State DW Local Workforce Development Areas grants: 35% expended or obligated as of 3/13/26.
- Federal Project Officer (FPO) alerted DWFAP that WIOA programs are to be audited in 2026. FPO to confirm specific dates, will be in person for at least 7 days.

Small Layoff Independent Grant (SLIG)

- SFY24 State DW SLIG grants: 81% expended or obligated as of 3/13/26. Goodwill has spent 100% of its funds. This grant ends June 30, 2026.
- SFY25 State DW SLIG grants: 24% expended or obligated as of 3/13/26.

Retaining Employment and Talent After Injury/Illness Network (RETAIN)

- Last chance to register for the RETAIN Summit being held on April 24, 2026, titled *From Challenge to Opportunity: A Collaborative Approach to Worker Absenteeism*. Register for free by visiting www.mnretain.com.

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

SCSEP providers (sub-grantees) are encouraged to conduct regular post-exit follow-up check-ins with participants placed into unsubsidized employment and record all required information in the Grantee Performance Management System (GPMS) within the required timeframes. Staying current ensures accurate, timely reporting.

While the integration between GPMS, the Workforce Integrated Performance System (WIPS), and the State Wage Interchange System (SWIS) supports the generation of post exit performance data, provider check-ins remain essential. Direct contact allows providers to assess job quality, gather details not captured by WIPS/SWIS, identify needed support services, and promote long term participant success while improving overall program performance. For questions contact enock.kakuuku@state.mn.us.

Policy

- On 3/13/26 the DWFAP team published [Technical Assistance Bulletin 26-04](#) announcing DWFAP's Policy Updates Plan of all planned policy updates after 4/1/26 for the rest of the 2026 calendar year.

- Stakeholders are encouraged to provide timely preemptive feedback on policies and topics listed in the 2026 Policy Updates Plan for possible inclusion into draft policies.
- On 3/13/26 DWFAP also published 2 Technical Assistance Response (TAR) Letters:
 - [TAR Letter 26-02: Using State DW Funds for OJT With Out-of-State Employers](#)
 - [TAR Letter 26-03: Using W-2s From Employers As Work Authorization Verification for WIOA Adult, WIOA DW and State DW IWT Contracts](#)
- On 2/12/26, DOL published [TEN 06-25](#) canceling 13 TEGs and TENS. Note the canceled TEGs and TENS that may be referenced in your current policies and reach out with questions.
- On 2/13/26, DOL published [TEN 07-25 'AI Literacy Framework'](#) that includes DOL's definition of 'AI Literacy.' It complements [TEGL 03-25](#) and [U.S. Department of Education guidance](#) on using AI in education and workforce development.
- On 2/25/26, DOL [announced](#) its \$81 million Reentry Employment in Skilled Trades, Advanced Manufacturing, Registered Apprenticeships, and Training initiative (RESTART) initiative grants.
 - RESTART's [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#) (FOA) places a strong emphasis on on-the-job training, pre-apprenticeship, and Registered Apprenticeship Programs.
 - The grant is open to applications until 4/15/26. Its FOA also noted that an additional \$110 million in FY2026 DOL appropriations may be made available if there are sufficient qualifying awards.
 - DWFAP will partner with CareerForce to submit application.

Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) Board

- The next [MJSP Board Meeting](#) will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026. Supplemental Funding Requests are due 30 business days before the meeting (Friday, May 1, 2026). If you are considering submitting a request, please email the DWFAP team: dwfaprograms.deed@state.mn.us.

Reminders

- Monthly Financial Status Report (FRS)/Monthly Reimbursement Payment Request (RPR):
 - Due the 20th day of the month following the preceding month-end. For example, the September RPR/FSR (September 30 end date) is due October 20.
 - Report accrued monthly expenditures.
 - A monthly RPR/FSR is required even if no funds were expended.
- Quarterly Progress Report:

- QPRs are due on the 30th day of the month following the end of the quarter, a QPR report is required for all active grants, even if no funds were expended.
- Reports for Quarter ending 3/31/26 are due 4/30/26. Please report on all active grants.

Performance and Accountability

- The U.S. Department of Labor released the PY 2026-2027 State Level Statistical Adjustment Models for the upcoming negotiations.
 - The main tools can be found on the negotiations page (<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/performance/goals/negotiated-performance-levels>).
 - **PY 2026-2027 Negotiations Tool**
 - Excel file that provides data and trends for all states using data related to all 4 negotiations factors: statistical model estimates, continuous improvement, comparisons with other states, GPRA targets. Users can select specific states and metrics in the tool, and the various charts, tables, and metrics will automatically update. Also includes state specific breakouts of the values and coefficients that served at inputs related to each of the variables and were used to derive the state's model estimates.
 - **PY 2026-2027 SAM Variable List**
 - Excel file provides names and definitions of all the elements that are used in the statistical adjustment model, and indicates which models each variable is used in.
 - **PY 2026-2027 State Model Summaries**
 - State specific html file that summarizes the state's model predictions and most recent actual outcomes, how those compare with other states. Also provides state specific breakouts of the values and coefficients that served at inputs related to each of the variables and were used to derive the state's model estimates.
 - **PY 2026-2027 Model Selection Paper**
 - Html file that describes the tests, decisions, and modifications that were considered and made in updating the statistical adjustment model for PY 2026-2027 negotiations. Also includes all the predicted values and plots demonstrating tests of the model's effectiveness.
 - Performance reports for PY25 Quarter 2, Dislocated Worker and WIOA Adult programs, are available and currently in process of an accessibility check.
 - If you would like the report sooner than the next meeting on April 15th, please contact Mohamed Farah at Mohamed.farah@state.mn.us.
 - The report will also be available in the April Partner Express Newsletter.
 - For technical assistance, please reach out to the performance mailbox at performanceap.deed@state.mn.us