

Attached are Q and A's submitted by states/local partners to DOL National Office Youth Team: from 3/10/26, Q and A session; monthly and co-sponsored by NYEC.

A new WIOA Youth-Specific TEGL is "in process" to replace TEGL 9-22 (which was rescinded), per DOL Region V Team on 3/17.

WIOA Youth Program –

PY2024 WIOA Youth Funds: 94.9% expended or obligated as of 1/31/26

PY2025 WIOA Youth Funds: 58.6% expended or obligated as of 1/31/26

- A. Preliminary PY2025 WIOA Youth Program Summary: issued by Youth Team on 3/11/26. WDAs are encouraged to follow up with Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us to review/troubleshoot WDA-level outcome data in WorkForce 1 for the PY2025 WIOA Youth Program.

- B. Estimated Release Date for - DOL's PY26 WIOA Allocations TEGL? April, 2026. Next step? DEED's LMI Team will provide WDA-level ASU (Areas of Substantial Unemployment) data -- required 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 to be submitted to DOL on April 3, 2026. The WIOA State Plan Modification is posted on the GWDB website, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/gwdb/priorities/wioa/>. The comment period closed on March 16, 2026.

D. Performance Section of MN's State Plan Modification: includes PROPOSED PY26/27 State-Level WIOA Youth Performance Goals. States entered performance goals into the State Plan Portal on March 3. MN's State-Level PY26/27 WIOA Youth Performance Goals will be negotiated with DOL in May/early June (specific date TBD). WDA-level/LOCAL negotiations for PY26/27 WIOA Youth Program will not begin until AFTER DOL/State-Level negotiations are complete.

Negotiation Tools Released by DOL, see message from Youth Team dated 3/12/26, including Statistical Adjustment Model (SAM) "adjustments"

DEED's Performance Management Team (Michael Prideaux) is contact on MN's LOCAL Statistical Adjustment Model (SAM); to support the local PY26/27 negotiation process.

E. Waiver Section of MN's 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: Updating the Local Youth Plans (PY26 WIOA Youth Program & SFY27 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 not required to

submit 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, two WDAs have submitted Local Youth Plan/Narrative Updates: WDA #3/Northeast, WDA #5/CMJTS. Early submittals are welcome. Questions? Please contact Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us.

G. PY25 WIOA Youth Carryover Waivers: per federal law, PY25 WIOA Youth local funds must be 80% expended or obligated by 6/30/26, or the WDA must request a waiver to carry over funds in excess of 20%.

- Waiver requests can be submitted at the same time as the PY26 WIOA Youth Budget Summary (after the PY26 WDA-Level WIOA Youth allocations are released). The waiver request is a simple email requesting to carry over more than 20% of PY25 WIOA Youth allocation, including a brief justification. Please submit waiver requests to Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us and Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us. The approved waiver request will be saved with the local youth plan/attached to the Budget Summary.

MINNESOTA YOUTH PROGRAM (MYP):

SFY26 MYP Funds: 67.6% expended or obligated as of 1/31/26

H. 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.

I. SFY26 Minnesota Youth Program contracts end 9/30/26. If SFY26 MYP funds will not be fully expended by 9/30/26, please contact Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us no later than mid-August 2026 to request an extension.

J. 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. To date, the following WDAs have submitted/secured approval of SFY26 MYP Budget: Northeast WDA.

K. 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 or Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us.

Youthbuild:

SFY26 Youthbuild Funds: 33% expended as of 1/31/26.

L. 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 SFY26/27 Youthbuild Grantees is posted, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/newscenter/press-releases/#/detail/appld/1/id/728150>.

M. SFY25 Youthbuild Required Legislative Report is now posted on DEED’s website, see: https://mn.gov/deed/assets/youthbuild-annual-2025-acc_tcm1045-728436.pdf. Questions? Please follow up with Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us.

Youth at Work (YAW) Competitive Grants:

SFY26 Youth at Work funds: 43.1% expended or obligated as of 1/31/26.

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. Questions? Please follow up with Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us.

Youth Support Services Competitive Grants:

SFY26 Youth Support Services Funds: 34.1% expended or obligated as of 1/31/26.

O. SFY25 Youth Support Services Annual Report is available on the Youth Support Services 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.

MN's Employment Transitions Model (ETM) Federal Discretionary Grant: funded by US Department of Labor (DOL)/Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP):

- **MN WAY/ETM Fact Sheet is attached.**
- **On-site Training for 5 participating WDAs to be provided at the end of April at the PACER Center.**
- **Participating WDAs on track to meet goals: 247 youth served to date with a target goal of serving 822 youth**
- **MN advised by DOL/ODEP on 3/17: Year 3/ETM funds will be released soon**
- **Questions? Please follow up with Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us or Kelly.Kratz@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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