

Notes from Kay Tracy/Youth Programs Update for Job Seeker Services Meeting on 4/22/26:

See attached: Minnesota's Notes from DOL National Office Q and A Session on 4/14; co-sponsored by National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC).

DOL Workforce GPS Webinar: April 22, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Central Time.

Topic: Registered Apprenticeship Opportunities: Expanding RA for Young People.

1. WIOA Youth Program –

PY2024 WIOA Youth Funds: 96.3% expended or obligated as of 2/28/26

PY2025 WIOA Youth Funds: 62.9% expended or obligated as of 2/28/26

A. May 27, 2026 - Date Confirmed for MN's State-Level PY26/27 WIOA Performance Negotiations with DOL's Region V Performance Team. Local PY26/27 WIOA Youth Performance Negotiation will begin after State-Level WIOA negotiations are complete.

- DEED Performance Management & Technical Team (Michael Prideaux) doing presentation on **Local Statistical Adjustment Model (LSAM)** at the MAWB Operations Committee Meeting on 4/23, at 10:00 a.m.

B. ALL MN WDAs Submitted Local Youth Plan/Narrative Updates: for activities funded under PY26 WIOA Youth Program and SFY27 Minnesota Youth Program (MYP). Plan reviews in process for ten WDAs.

- Six WDAs secured tentative approval, as of 4/22: **Northeast, CMJTS, Duluth, South Central, Southeast WDI, Southwest.**

- **Estimated timeline for release of DOL's PY26 WIOA Allocations TEGL? Mid-May.**
 - Full approval of Local Youth Plans provided pending receipt of PY26 WIOA Youth Budget Form.
- C. The CUT-OFF Date for Making Changes to PY25 WIOA Youth DATA in WorkForce One is: August 7, 2026.** This is the data that Minnesota reports to DOL in the PY2025 WIOA Annual Report on October 1, 2026.
- **Preliminary PY2025 WIOA Youth Performance Data Summary:** issued by Youth Team on 4/15/26, based on data in FutureWorks. Reach out to Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us for assistance in reviewing WDA-level PY25 WIOA Youth outcome data in WorkForce One.
 - **Measureable Skills Gains (MSG)** is a real-time measure, it is NOT an exit-based measure. The MSG Reports in WorkForce 1 are updated in real-time. The rosters are updated monthly. **Kudos to the Youth Practitioners Network for the significant increase in MSGs between March and April.**

MINNESOTA YOUTH PROGRAM (MYP):

SFY26 MYP Funds: 71.4% expended or obligated as of 2/28/26

- D. 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.
- E. SFY26 Minnesota Youth Program Contracts End on 9/30/26.** Please contact Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us no later than mid-August 2026, to request an extension if needed.

- F. WDA-Level SFY27 MYP Allocations - Released on 12/19/25:** see Attachment to Planning Instructions for Updating Local Youth Plans. There is \$3,847,500 available per year. These funds are already included in DEED's base allocation. This is a return to the SFY22/23 funding level. **Questions? Please reach out to Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us.**
- G. SFY27 MYP Budgets Approved for: Northeast, CMJTS, Duluth, Southeast WDI and Carver County.**
- H. SFY27 MYP Budget Review IN PROCESS for: Northwest, Rural CEP, Southwest, Hennepin County, Dakota County, Washington County, Career Solutions, Winona County and Ramsey County.**

Youthbuild (YB):

SFY26 Youthbuild Funds: 39.3% expended as of 2/28/26.

- I. SFY26/27 Youthbuild Funds: have already been appropriated by Minnesota Legislature -- \$950,000 per year (\$1,900,000 for the biennium).** These funds are already included in DEED's base allocation. This is a return to the SFY22/23 Youthbuild funding level.
- J. Twelve Youthbuild Projects Selected Through SFY26/27 YB RFP Process.** The Youthbuild Press Release is posted on DEED's website, see: <https://mn.gov/deed/newscenter/press-releases/#/detail/appld/1/id/728150>.

K. SFY25 Youthbuild Required Legislative Report is 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.

L. Federal Youthbuild Grant Awards – to be announced by DOL prior to June 30, 2026.

Youth at Work (YAW) Competitive Grants:

SFY26 Youth at Work funds: 48.6% expended or obligated through 2/28/26.

M. PY2025 Youth at Work Required Legislative Report: accessible version is posted on DEED's Mandated Reports webpage, see: https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2025-youth-at-work_tcm1045-739610.pdf.

N. SFY26/27 Youth at Work Competitive Grants (YAW): 39 NEW Projects Selected for Funding; 2-year contracts in place for July 1, 2025 start date.

- Over \$32 million in funding requests (91 proposals received) in the SFY26/27 Youth at Work funding cycle (**RFP closed on March 21, 2025**). 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 for new Youth at Work Projects 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: 38.6% expended or obligated as of 2/28/26.

O. SFY25 Youth Support Services Annual Report: the accessible version 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. The YSS Press Release was posted on DEED's website on 3/26/26. 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):

- **Participating WDAs on track to meet enrollment goals:** 292 youth served to date with a target goal of serving 881 youth
- **Minnesota's application for FIRST Installment of Year 3/ETM funds – submitted to DOL/ODEP on April 3, 2026.**
- **Training for ETM Grantees at PACER Center on 4/29 and 4/30**
- **Questions? Please follow up with Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us or Kelly.Kratz@state.mn.us.**

DOL announced \$81 million in federal discretionary funds for RESTART projects. MN submitted Adult-focused proposal and Youth-focused proposed by the April 15, 2026 deadline. **MN's RESTART Youth Proposal targets Justice-involved youth ages 15 to 24 in**

63 rural counties - one of DOL's target groups. DOL is expected to announce grant awards prior to June 30, 2026.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

If questions, please do not hesitate to follow up with me or any member of the Youth Team -- Kay.Tracy@state.mn.us or Ahmed.Mohidin@state.mn.us or Lynn.Douma@state.mn.us or Cory.Schmid@state.mn.us or Kelly.Kratz@state.mn.us or Kathy.Young@state.mn.us or Nancy.Waisanen@state.mn.us.

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