



YouthWorks Summer Application Package Information Session

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Webinar Link:

<https://commcorp.clickmeeting.com/yw-summer-application-19-overview>

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Format of the Webinar

- **Overview of Timeline, Process & Allocations**
 - **?** – Q&A BREAK
- **Key 2019 Policies and Practices:** participant guidelines, repeaters, vulnerable youth, data management, program connections, Signal Success
 - **?** – Q&A BREAK
- **Optional Competitive Program Improvement Pilots:**
 - **?** – Q&A BREAK
- **A Look Ahead: YouthWorks YR 19-20 & beyond**
 - **?** – Final Q&A BREAK

Timeline, Process, & Allocation

- **Application package is due Friday, March 22nd.** All contracts will have April 1, 2019 start date. Contracts for allocation-based programming will be processed first.
- The **earlier timeline** is intended to provide programs with more time to plan and to allow for more effective communication about applications and summer planning.
- **\$10,080,000** of the available \$10,580,000 for summer 19 programming **will be awarded on based on allocation.**
- The remaining **\$500,000** will be awarded beyond allocations in **three pilot program improvement areas.**

Summer 2019 Allocations

Local MassHire WDB	2019 Allocation	2019 Enrollment Target	2019 Vulnerable Target
Berkshire WDB	\$144,100	46	9
Boston	\$3,024,000	1023	205
Bristol WDB	\$553,626	187	37
Brockton WDB	\$345,896	117	23
Cape & Islands WDB	\$83,819	27	5
Central Mass WDB	\$673,326	228	46
Franklin-Hampshire WDB	\$66,596	21	4
Greater Lowell WDB	\$477,461	162	32
Greater New Bedford WDB	\$481,289	163	33
Hampden County REB	\$1,400,904	474	95
Merrimack Valley WDB	\$698,778	236	47
Metro North WDB	\$806,135	273	55
PSW, Inc./Metro South/West	\$115,873	37	7
North Central WDB	\$311,450	105	21
North Shore WDB	\$553,626	187	37
South Shore WDB	\$343,122	116	23
	\$10,080,000	3,404	681



Questions about Eligibility & Timeline

Key 2019 Policies & Practices: Participant Guidelines

- **Participants must have 20 hours of program time** (work readiness + work placement) to be counted toward participant targets
- **Program completers:** need 15 hours of Signal Success and 125 hours of paid work placement
- Work placements paid by the YW grant **may not exceed 175 hours** in a given summer
- Hourly wages must be no less than the **Massachusetts minimum wage of \$12.00**. Hourly wages above \$12.00 an hour must be indicated and approved in the program budget.

Key 2019 Policies & Practices: Repeaters

- **Removal of the 20% repeater policy**
- Participation in more than one summer program should be thoughtful and strategic: **program continuation should support the progression of participants toward sustainable career pathways and ongoing competitive employment.**
- As part of final reports, programs are expected to be able to **identify the number of program repeaters** and describe the various **rationales for continuation** in the program beyond a single season.

Key 2019 Policies & Practices: Vulnerable Youth

- Programs are required to direct **20% of their allocated funding to vulnerable youth:**
 - **Court-involved** youth - DYS-committed, on juvenile probation, gang-involved, CRS, juvenile arrest;
 - **homelessness** or being a runaway;
 - **foster care** or being close to aging out of foster care; having aged out of foster care;
- **or those participants who local programs identify as having significantly-elevated risk profiles for other reason.** For vulnerable youth who do not meet one or more of the above criteria, local program staff should consult with CommCorp staff directly during the recruitment and enrollment process.

Key 2019 Policies & Practices: Vulnerable Youth

- YouthWorks partners will lose funding for not serving the target number of vulnerable designated in the program season allocation. **The sanction for not meeting the vulnerable target is \$2,000 per participant.**
- For example, if a vulnerable target is 30 participants, and the actual number is 15, the program will be required to return \$2,000 x 15, or \$30,000.

Key 2019 Policies & Practices: Program Connections

- **Connecting Activities**
- **WIOA Title I Youth services**
- **WIOA Title I Adult services**
- **DYS Bridging the Opportunity Gap (BOG) and vocational program grants**
- **DTA/ TAFDC Teen Parenting Program (TPP)**
- **MRC Pre-Employment Transition Services**

Key 2019 Policies & Practices: Data Management

- All programs must report data via the **YW Program Database (Apricot)**
- Training and technical assistance will be provided in the spring and throughout the summer as needed

Key 2019 Policies & Practices: Signal Success

- Participants are required to complete at least 15 hours of Signal Success work readiness.
- As part of an effort to promote quality and consistency of Signal Success implementation, a youth training timeline with dates, locations, and facilitators is required by May 29, 2019, or two weeks before local youth training begins (whichever date comes first).



Questions about Policies and Practices

Optional Competitive Program Improvement Pilots:

- **\$500,000 in funding across three pilot options:**
 - **Alignment between YouthWorks and Connecting Activities** for the purpose of transitioning YouthWorks participants to unsubsidized employment
 - Implementation of **industry-focused career pathway opportunities**
 - Cohort-based **work and service learning models for 14-15 year olds**

YouthWorks/ CA Alignment

\$10,000 to \$50,000 grants to serve **10 to 75** participants.

Contracts will extend through May 31, 2020

- **Required program elements include:**
- Systematic and equitable approach for identifying participants
- Coordinated communication and sharing of participant data with Connecting Activities
- Outcomes aimed CA staff brokering and supporting the acquisition and retention of **an unsubsidized placement/ job/ internship of at least 125 hours in length and 12 weeks in duration**

Industry-Focused Career Pathway Opportunities

\$32,000 to \$80,000 grants to serve **8 to 25** additional summer participants.

Applicants will implement a summer career pathway component with the goal of increasing exploration, awareness, and/or skill building relevant to a particular industry or occupation.

- **Required program elements include:**
- Identifying a singular industry or occupational focus and using labor market information to support the rationale for programming
- Demonstrating an ability to provide the relevant expertise, support, equipment and related resources for the programming.
- Integrating 15 hours *Signal Success* work readiness workshops into the program model

Industry-Focused Career Pathway Opportunities (continued)

- **Competitive applicants will:**
- Explore how best to partner effectively for program quality and capacity
- Consider aligning to priority industries identified in regional blueprints
- Be able to show evidence of past success with this kinds of programming

Work and Service Learning for 14-15 year olds

\$20,000 to \$40,000 grants to serve **10 to 32**
additional summer participants

- **Required program elements include:**
- Identifying a substantial project (between 60 to 100 work/service hours) and appropriate staff and learning environment
- Developing clear and measurable learning outcomes and assessments
- Structuring the participant compensation/ incentives through the use of stipend payment(s)
- Integrating 15 hours *Signal Success*

The goal of this programming is to foster relevant work skills and career awareness in order to prepare younger participants for more career-pathway oriented opportunities in future seasons of YouthWorks.

A Closer Look at the Funding Guidelines

Example of Total Funding Request	Number of Participants to be Served		
	<u>Pilot A-</u> Alignment between YouthWorks and Connecting Activities	<u>Pilot B-</u> Implementation of industry-focused career pathway opportunities	<u>Pilot C-</u> Cohort-based work and service learning models for 14-15 year olds
\$10,000	10 to 15	N/A	N/A
\$20,000	20 to 30	N/A	10 to 15
\$30,000	30 to 45	N/A	15 to 25
\$40,000	40 to 60	10 to 12	20 to 32
\$50,000	50 to 75	13 to 15	N/A
\$60,000	N/A	16 to 18	N/A
\$70,000	N/A	19 to 21	N/A
\$80,000	N/A	22 to 25	N/A



Questions about Optional Program Improvement Pilots

A Look Ahead: YouthWorks YR 19-20 & beyond

- **\$800,000 in YouthWorks Year Round 2019-2020 funding**
- **Competitive process with a late March RFP release**
- **Applications due in early May with notifications by mid-June**



Final Q & A

Please note a written copy of all questions and answers will be posted to the website later this week and sent out to the webinar participants.

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