



COMMONWEALTH CORPORATION

**YouthWorks Updates
November 2024**

Agenda

- Welcome
- Fiscal Monitoring
- RFP Updates (Changes this year, draft allocations, forecast for next year)
- Q&A

FISCAL MONITORING



RFP UPDATES

Tentative RFP Timeline

Activity	Date
Request for Proposals Released	December 9, 2024
Application Portal Opens	December 9, 2024
Strongly Encouraged Deadline to Submit Written Questions	January 6, 2025
Responses to written questions posted to website	January 14, 2025
Application Responses Due	February 10, 2025
(Anticipated) Application Status Notification	March 6, 2025
(Anticipated) Contract Start	April 19, 2025
Worksites Entries into CC YouthWorks Hub	June 20, 2025
Data Entry Due Dates	August 1, 2025
	January 12, 2025
	May 15, 2025
	July 15, 2025 (Final Report)
Contract End	June 30, 2026

Notable RFP Changes

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Program Year Allocations: This program year, awards will be based on regional allocations rather than a competitive cycle.

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Tier 4 Optionality: This adjustment provides greater flexibility for sites and improves our team's insight into Tier 4 programming

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Encouraging Private Employer Engagement: Language has been added to the RFP to promote increased financial participation from private employers.

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Tier 5 Update: The language for Tier 5 has been removed.

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“Program Year” vs. “Fiscal Year” Terminology: We will now use "Program Year" instead of "Fiscal Year" to clearly identify each program cycle

Notable RFP Changes (cont'd)

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COVID-Era Services Transition: Services offered specifically during COVID-19 will no longer be provided. Programs may contract directly with these entities if they choose and have budgeted for the services.

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Signal Success Curriculum Clarification: The language regarding Signal Success hours has been updated to specify expected completion hours for the curriculum and how these contribute to the overall program completion requirements.

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Program Eligibility Updates: Language on program eligibility has been revised to clarify demographics and risk factors.

Eligibility Language Changes

Language changed to match legislation as well as existing data collection fields:

- Member of the LGBTQ+ community
- Person of Color
- From single income household
- Experiencing housing insecurity
- Identifying as having a disability

- Other youth determined eligible by Commonwealth Corporation, including: involved with the justice system (e.g. DYS-committed; on juvenile probation; gang-involved; CRS; or juvenile arrest); actively in foster care or having aged out of foster care; a school stop-out; a child of a single parent; having limited fluency in English; and being a teen parent.

In addition to age (14-25), geographic, and income (200% FPL) eligibility.

Regional Allocations (based on \$23M of grantee funds)

Region	PY25-26 Allocation (\$)	Target Youth to be Served
Berkshire	\$575,000	185
Boston	\$4,140,000	1,335
Bristol	\$1,541,000	497
Cape and Islands	\$230,000	74
Central Mass	\$2,070,000	668
Franklin-Hampshire	\$517,500	167
Greater Brockton	\$1,035,000	334
Greater Lowell	\$1,012,000	326
Greater New Bedford	\$1,035,000	334
Hampden County	\$2,944,000	950
Merrimack Valley	\$1,656,000	534
Metro North	\$2,277,000	735
Metro South/West	\$1,081,000	349
North Central	\$460,000	148
North Shore	\$1,311,000	423
South Shore	\$966,000	312
TOTAL:	\$23,000,000	7,371

Q&A