



## Request for Proposal for Minnesota Youth Program Questions and Answers

1. Question: Would a hybrid teaching model be acceptable? We often teach over zoom and then also have in person instruction.

**Answer: The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) states that youth employment program services may be provided both in-person and via virtual methods.**

2. Question: Do the youth have access to computer hardware? We have a very good partnership with Apple to get iPads and can deliver everything over our secure software.

**Answer: Dakota County provides access to computer hardware at CareerForce locations (available on-site) and Dakota County library locations (available on-site and for check-out). Program service providers may also leverage computer hardware through other community organizations and resource providers.**

3. Question: Could you please share any information on anticipated funding levels or historical award amounts for this contract? Understanding the approximate scope of funding would help us align our program design and staffing appropriately.

**Answer: The contract term for Minnesota Youth Program services will be from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027.**

- Anticipated funding 10/1/25 through 6/30/2026 \$37,341
- Anticipated funding 7/1/2026 through 9/30/2027 \$150,981

4. Question: While we've reviewed the evaluation criteria, are there any particular qualities or types of experience (e.g., past partnerships, community collaborations, specific program models) that the County has found especially successful in previous MYP providers?

**Answer: Successful Minnesota Youth Program providers in Dakota County will demonstrate a strong understanding of youth employment and development, emphasizing practical work readiness skills, comprehensive support services, and effective partnerships with community organizations.**

5. Question: Is it possible to learn who has previously held this contract, or whether there are incumbent providers currently delivering these services? Understanding the existing landscape would help us identify opportunities for partnership or service expansion.

**Answer: Youth employment services are available in all 87 counties of Minnesota. For information about youth employment service providers, please visit <https://apps.deed.state.mn.us/assets/youth/services/mypproviders.shtml>.**

6. Question: Does the County anticipate awarding this contract to a single provider, or multiple providers to ensure coverage across Dakota County?

**Answer: Undetermined. The Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board must ensure services are available throughout the Dakota County area, therefore the board reserves the right to select one provider or multiple providers to ensure needs are sufficiently met.**

7. Question: Is there a minimum number of students to provide curriculum for?

**Answer: No, there is no minimum.**

8. Question: Should a budget be included in proposals?

**Answer: Please review Attachment A, Evaluation Criteria, 6 c. of the RFP.**

9. Question: Is this tied to any other workforce development needs or programs?

**Answer: Please review number 5 Question and Answer.**

10. Question: Can training be remote, hybrid, and/or onsite?

**Answer: Training can be both virtual and in person. Also review number 1 Question and Answer.**