

Questions and Answers

Title I – Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker Program Services Competitive Grant Award Opportunity

Official Responses to Questions from Potential Applicants
Received Questions on: 5/8/2026

1. Does the Adult Program support pre-apprenticeship models?

Answer: The Adult program supports training through pre-apprenticeship models, under the requirement that trainings meet the requirements of being on Montana's Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL). More information on how pre-apprenticeship eligibility for the ETPL is defined can be found in [Montana's ETPL policy](#).

2. Who are the One Stop Service Center contacts around the state?

Answer: Job Service Montana currently serves as the One-Stop Centers in Montana. [This DLI webpage](#) provides a map of Job Service locations and links to contact information for each location.

3. Do applicants need to identify a single MACo district prior to submission, or is there flexibility to finalize district selection during the initial months, if awarded?

Answer: Yes, offerors must indicate which MACo district(s) they plan to serve within each local area if applying for the Youth and Adult program services. For this Competitive Grant Award Opportunity, Montana is separated into 12 MACo districts, and offerors must submit a separate Program Operating Plan (POP) for each MACo district. If an applicant applies for the Missoula and Kalispell areas (both in Local Area 2), they will need to submit a separate POP for each. The template for a POP can be found with other attachments under the Documents and Resources section on each program's application page.

4. With awards anticipated in July 2026, would it be possible to launch our program in Spring 2027?

Answer: An offeror can propose a delayed start to operations; however, this structure must be reflected in the program description in the Ability of Meet Scope of Services section and Program Operating Plan in the Cost Proposal section.

5. Can funding be used towards the program design stage (e.g. employer partner engagement for curriculum design)?

Answer: These awards do not support program design, rather funds are intended to support delivery of program services and supports to clients through training and other assistance that improve client success. Subrecipients are encouraged to continue activities such as employer-partner engagement throughout the award for the purpose of identifying and supporting training in in-demand skills and occupations.

6. The NOFO states that funding amounts per MACo district are approximate and based on PY 2025, with PY 2026 amounts to be updated after federal allocation. Should we interpret the amounts listed in the table as the approximate total for the full two year grant period, or as estimates for each individual program year? For example, for Youth Program Services, District 10 is listed at \$242,588 and District 11 at \$263,849—should these be used as the basis for our proposal budget?

Answer: The amounts listed in the table are the total for only the first program year of the grant period (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027). The proposed budget should be prepared based upon activity estimated for each individual program year, using the assumption that the provided estimated allocation will continue for both years.

7. If awarded, could we have a number of participants who do not fit WIOA participant eligibility funded through alternative funding sources?

Answer: Yes, subrecipients may serve participants beyond the WIOA eligible populations so long as these activities are funded through alternative funding streams and not the WIOA Title I award.