

## Legislation Text

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### **Item Description:**

Agmts with Avivo and HIRED for the provision of services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Program, 04/01/24-03/31/27, combined NTE \$820,000

### **Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Agreements providing services for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Program during the period April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2027 be approved:

- HS00001647 with Avivo, in the not to exceed amount of \$410,000
- HS00001644 with HIRED, in the not to exceed amount of \$410,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners delegates to the County Administrator authority to finalize the agreements with Avivo and HIRED, that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreements on behalf of the county; and the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the acceptance of grant funding for this program by Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program when grant funds are no longer available.

### **Background:**

Under Title 1 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) the Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Worker programs are federally funded and designed to strengthen and improve our public workforce system by assisting individuals, including youth and those with significant barriers to employment, into high-quality jobs and careers and help employers hire and retain skilled workers.

Under Resolution 21-0229, Hennepin County is authorized to receive funds from the Department of Employment and Economic Development during the period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2026 for the provision of services under WIOA Adult, Youth, Dislocated Worker, State Dislocated Worker, and Minnesota Youth.

On November 16, 2023, the Workforce Development Board (WDB) issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) pursuant to Hennepin County requirements for the WIOA Youth and Minnesota Youth programs. An independent panel of eight reviewed and selected providers for client services for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2027 for WIOA Youth Program. On January 31, 2024 the Hennepin-Carver Workforce Development Board (HCWDB) approved Hennepin County Office of Workforce Development (OWD) to enter into contract negotiations with the recommended organizations established by the RFP evaluation panel.

The WIOA Youth Program serves disconnected youth ages 14 to 24 who may be experiencing homelessness, involvement in the juvenile justice system, poverty, and other barriers to education, training, and employment. The program incorporates a framework of services which must include intake, objective assessments, the development of individual service strategies, case management, supportive services, and follow-up services. Programs must be geared to the needs of the youth and the regional economy of Hennepin County.

Newly contracted providers will partner with Carver County to provide youth career development services for the Hennepin-Carver Workforce Development Area. This area is comprised of suburban Hennepin and Carver counties and is formed under a Joint Powers Agreement specific to the implementation of WIOA, which assigns administrative duties for the area to Hennepin County.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval