

Youth Program Status Update (4-6-11)

Grant	Target Population	2011 allocation	FY' 12
WIA	Youth who are low income and have an additional barrier to employment: drop-out, pregnant/parenting, homeless, foster child, etc.	\$775,936	RFP is currently posted on our website. Due on April 13th. New program cycle to begin on May 15th. We do not know current WIA allocation – still in Congress
ARRA	Same as above	2nd year of \$1.1 million. Spent approx. 70% in year one	Will not be funded
YouthWorks	Low-income youth (free and reduced lunch) plus additional barrier/Summer program. (This year will emphasize DYS, DSS and homeless youth) Sometimes includes a school year allocation. Not in FY' 11	\$306,039 2 year allocation rolled into one year	The RFP is to be released by Commonwealth Corporation in the next two weeks. State funding level will either be 4 mil or 8 mil.
Connecting Activities	In-school youth, with emphasis on students who failed or are needs improvement on MCAS.	\$75,000	The RFP will be released in the next two weeks through the DESE. They will either receive 2 or 4mil. They have put Connecting Activities under the Race to the Top Umbrella so there may be additional money/ and, program model is changing.
Shannon	Youth at-risk for gang activity; referred by school resource officers. Summer jobs only.	\$17,500	\$18,000
F1rstJobs	Summer jobs for 14-21 year olds. YouthWorks and Shannon grants are blended into F1rstJobs program.		RFP is on our website. Due April 25th. Currently seeking funds from businesses and foundations. Between government funds and foundation/business and individuals, hope to serve 300-350 teens this summer.