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Introduction

The Block Builders Foundation funding supports education and mentorship activities for youth. The target student demographic includes individuals aged 16-19. Services focus on the Block Builders Foundation Financial Learning Course is to impede on violence. This was a onetime appropriation and was available until June 30, 2025.

Funds for this project are appropriated in [Minnesota Session Laws – 2024, Chapter 120, S.F. 5289, Article 1, Section 2, Subdivision 3\(jj\)](#). The amount available to the Block Builders Foundation for SFY 2025 is \$47,500.00 (Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development is permitted to retain up to 5% of the \$50,000.00 appropriation for administration and monitoring of the grant).

Summary of Goals and Objectives Presented in the Work Plan

The funding supports The Block Builders Foundation’s 12-week course designed to equip young individuals with the essential life skills for life. The first six weeks consists of in-class financial literacy topics, covering money motivations, career exploration, budgeting basics, banking, credit/credit building, and understanding debt. Facilitators assist youth to better understand their real life money situation. The second half of the 12-week course focuses on preparing the youth for the job training phase by exploring career and job options and teaching participants techniques for conducting a successful job search. Each participant sets personal and professional workforce goals, learns soft skills, such as communication, time management, problem-solving, team collaboration, and conflict resolution, and builds a professional resume and cover letter. Mock interviews are held to practice answering common interview questions and proper interview etiquette. After training, participants secure a position through one of our local businesses and organization partners to gain real-world experience in their area of interest.

Participant Data

Participants Served: Individual Services (cumulative)

	Project to Date: 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025
Total Participants Served	40
(1) Gender	
(1) Male	25
(2) Female	15
(3) Gender Non-Confirming	0
(4) Prefer Not to Answer	0
(2) Age	
(1) Under 14	0
(2) 14-15	0
(3) 16-17	23
(4) 18-19	17
(5) 20-21	0
(6) 22-24	0

(3) Race/Ethnicity	
(1) Hispanic/Latino	5
(2) American Indian or Alaska Native	2
(3) Asian/Pacific Islander	3
(4) Black, African American, or African	20
(5) White	2
(6) Multi-Race or Other	8
(4) Education at Enrollment	
(1) 8 th grade and under	0
(2) 9th Grade-12th Grade	40
(3) High School graduate or equivalent	0
(4) Post-Secondary Education	0
(5) At-Risk Characteristics	
(1) Limited English proficient	13
(2) Participants who receive Public Assistance	16
(3) Economically Disadvantaged	16
(4) Participants who report a disability	2
(5) High school drop-out – all participants included	0
(6) Participants who are justice involved	0
(7) Pregnant or parenting youth	0
(8) Foster Youth	1
(9) Participants showing as Homeless Participant/Runaway	3
(10) Not employed at program enrollment – all participants included	30
(11) Veteran – all participants included	0

Program Services, Activities, and Other Related Assistance

	Number
1. Received Education or Job Training Activities	40
2. Received Work Experience Activities	30
3. Received Community Involvement and Leadership Development Activities	40
4. Received Post-Secondary Exploration, Career Guidance and Planning Activities	30
5. Received Internship or Apprenticeship Activities	30
6. Received Case Management, Guidance, Counseling Services	0
7. Received Support Services	25
8. Received Follow Up Services	40

Outcome Data

Indicators of Performance	Number
1. Attained work readiness or education goals	40
2. Completed program objective	30
3. Obtained high school diploma or GED	17
4. Obtained unsubsidized employment	30
5. Average Wage of Employment	\$15.00/hour
6. Enrolled in Post-Secondary Education	10
7. Exited the Program	10
8. Number of participants rating experience as "Excellent"	30
9. Number of participants rating experience as "Very Good"	10

Expenditure Data

Expenditures from June 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for grant 5BBF6300:

SFY 2025 Budget Category	SFY 2025 Budget	SFY 2025 Expenditures through June 2025
Administration	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00
Direct Services/Project Staff	\$17,300.00	\$17,300.00
Contracted Services	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Participant Wages and Fringe	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Support Services	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Direct Customer Training	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$47,500.00	\$47,500.00

New Grant Funds

Currently, state grant funds for the SFY 2025 have been 100% expended. No new direct appropriation state funds have been granted to the Block Builders Foundation for SFY2026.