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Introduction

The Minnesota State Legislature appropriated $750,000 in SFY 2025 and $500,000 in SFY 2026 to the Sanneh Foundation to support 21st Century Skills training workshops and other workforce development services and activities for youth, aged 14-24.

Funds for the Sanneh Foundation workforce activities were appropriated in Minnesota Session Laws – 2023, Chapter 53, S.F. 3035, Article 20, Section 2, Subdivision 3(mm) and Minnesota Session Laws., Special Session – 2025, S.F. 17, Article 1, Section 3, Subdivision 3(ww). The Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development is permitted to retain up to 5% of the appropriation amounts for administration and monitoring of the grants. The SFY 26 funds are a onetime appropriation, available until June 30, 2029.

Summary of Goals and Objectives Presented in the Work Plan

The funding supports The Sanneh Foundation's workforce development services and activities which are designed for targeted youth to:

1. Complete training workshops around 21st Century Skills, in order to increase awareness of career opportunities in the Metro area, gain a deeper understanding of personal and professional identity, improve self-confidence and readiness for a competitive workforce opportunity, understand the importance of professionalism and essential skills and how to effectively interact in a work environment, and become aware of and demonstrate skills and strategies towards their personal and professional goals.
2. Receive Industry training and employment in specific career pathway areas to acquire useful career knowledge and skills, and prepare them for the workforce.
3. Receive education and coaching in order to understand the importance of social emotional learning in a leadership role and essential skills and how to effectively interact in a work environment and build lasting relationships with a Life Coach or Human Development Coach.

Partnerships

Type of Organization	Name and Address of Organization	Type of Commitment	Contact Person
Health Organization	M Health Fairview 45 W. 10th Street Saint Paul, MN 55102	Staff/Space/ Funding	Katie Herrick (715) 501-8203 katie.herrick@fairview.org
Non-Profit Organization	Mi CASA l053 Jefferson St. S. Shakopee, MN 55379	Staff/Space	(952) 245 0697 info@micasamn.org
Non-Profit Organization	MN Chill Tech PO Box 431133 Brooklyn Park, MN 55443	Paid training, Curriculum Development	Cindy Hill (763) 424-2824 cindy.hilll@comcast.net
Government Organization	Right Track l022 Marion Street Saint Paul, MN 55117	Staff	Xue Xiong (651) 266-6392 Xue.Xiong@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Type of Organization	Name and Address of Organization	Type of Commitment	Contact Person
Government Organization	Ramsey County Workforce Solutions 121 7th Pl E #2100 Saint Paul, MN 55101	Funding	Catrice O'Neal (651) 707-2172 catrice.oneal@ramseycountymn.gov

Participant Data

The participant data from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 is listed below.

Demographic Data

Total Participants Served: 413

Gender	Total
Male	223
Female	178
Gender Non-Confirming	3
Prefer Not to Answer	9

Age	Total
14-15	112
16-17	108
18-19	67
20-21	85
22-24	41

Race/Ethnicity	Total
Hispanic/Latino	49
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Asian/Pacific Islander	90
Black, African American, or African	182
White	45
Multiracial or Other	45

Education Level	Total
8th grade and under	0
9th Grade – 12th Grade	244
High School Graduate or equivalent	29
Post-Secondary Education	29

Other Demographics	Total
Participants who report a disability	9

Program Services and Activities Data

Program Service or Activity	Total
Attained work readiness or education goals	377
Completed program objective	322
Obtained high school diploma or GED	72
Obtained unsubsidized employment	129
Job/Internship placement at Sanneh and/or our committed partnerships.	413
Increase awareness of career opportunities in the Metro area.	230
Gain a deeper understanding of their personal and professional identity, improving their self-confidence and readiness for a competitive workforce opportunity.	411
Understand the importance of professionalism and/or essential skills and how to effectively interact in a work environment.	411

Performance Data

Performance or Outcome	Total
Attained work readiness or education goals	377
Completed program objective	322
Obtained high school diploma or GED	72
Obtained unsubsidized employment	129
Job/Internship placement at Sanneh and/or our committed partnerships	413

Outcome Data

The Sanneh Foundation's dual track model is working well this past fiscal year; youth participating in their afterschool programs (Girls First Soccer/Basketball/Volleyball, STEM Programming, K-5 Care) are growing into internship roles this year, and as they reach 18 and graduate high school, applying for AmeriCorps VISTAs and Summer Associate roles. In the summer of 2026, over 30 youth, ages 14-24, who recreate at the Conway Community Center, were recruited to apply for youth internships or Summer Associate positions and participate in Sanneh's on-the-job skill-based program.

Expenditure Data

Sanneh Foundation continued to expend SFY 2025 funds, from grant 4SF6300, over the past year. The grant was extended 12 months, to June 30, 2026, to expend 100% of grant 4SF6300 funds.

Budget Category	SFY 2025 Allocation	SFY 2025 Expenditure
Administration	$65,000.00	$65,000.00
Direct Services/Project Staff	$123,500.00	$123,500.00
Contracted Services	$36,000.00	$36,000.00
Participant Wages and Fringe	$440,000.00	$440,000.00
Support Services	$48,000.00	$48,000.00
Total	**$712,500.00**	**$712,500.00**

Expenditures through July 31, 2026 for grant 6SF6300, first year funds, are as follows.

Budget Category	SFY 2026 Allocation	SFY 2026 Expenditure
Administration	$43,181.82	$7,887.78
Direct Services/Project Staff	$102,000.00	$13,327.78
Contracted Services	$20,000.00	$5,303.11
Participant Wages and Fringe	$231,818.18	$111,853.68
Support Services	$78,000.00	$14,066.99
Total	**$475,000.00**	**$152,439.34**

Story of Impact

One young man worked as a camp coach in Summer 2025. At his mentorship check-in, he mentioned that he needed a business internship to graduate from college. Sanneh placed him in a Finance & Operations internship from November to December 2025, related to his degree in Sports Management. This was a helpful addition to his internship which allowed him to understand how our programs interconnect. He also participated in the ChillTech program where he was able to earn a stipend and his own computer. In February 2026, he became a VISTA participant in the Workforce Department where he continues to inform the work the Sanneh Foundation does through the lens of a participant, particularly in STEM/IT Career programming. This summer, he supported the recruitment of five college students to learn and grow as coaches for Sanneh Foundation's soccer programming and oversaw college outreach and recruitment of 18-24 year old coaches who have interests in sport recreation. In the first half of 2026, he was able to pursue his professional development as both an apprentice and VISTA young adult while learning partnership engagement, administrative skills, and project management.

New Grant Funds

State funds, under the DEED grant contract 6SF6300, in SFY 2026, totaling $475,000, and SFY 2027, totaling $475,000, are expected to be fully expended by Sanneh Foundation by the appropriation's end date named in legislation, June 30, 2029.