

Below are some specific cuts Minnesota will face in job training if the House budget is enacted.

Job Training Programs: The House plan would eliminate Federal funding – currently totaling \$3 billion – for Adult Training, Dislocated Worker Assistance and Youth Training programs. These programs provide job training and reemployment services to about 8 million Americans every year, including workers who have lost their jobs as a result of plant closings or mass layoffs, and disadvantaged youth, particularly those who have dropped out of school.

Minnesota's program year (PY) 2010 federal allocation for Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth programs totaled \$44,783,463. With this funding, 14,287 Minnesotans received staff assisted WIA services in Program Year 2010 to date (projected PY10 total: 24,492). An additional 103,998 individuals accessed self-services in Program Year 2010 to date (estimated PY10 total: 178,282). These customers received services through one of Minnesota's 49 active one-stop centers.

The current House proposal will substantially hinder our capacity to serve Minnesota's most vulnerable Adult and Youth populations, intensifying the challenges that our employment and training programs already face on the heels of a recession.

Dislocated Worker National Emergency Grants (NEGs): The House plan provides \$29 million for NEGs – a cut of \$200 million (87%) below the current level of funding. NEGs are used to respond to significant dislocation events such as mass layoffs and disasters by offering targeted training, affordable health insurance and income supports to displaced workers.

At \$29 million, there is not enough funding to cover the nation's disasters let alone any mass layoff. Since the passage of ARRA, Minnesota has six NEGs, totaling over \$16 million. These grants serve more than 4,200 dislocated workers. Five of Minnesota's NEGs are for mass layoffs. Our single disaster NEG serves 70 dislocated workers and was approved with a threshold amount of up to \$1 million.