**Youth Employment Gateway Cities Learning Community Pilot**

**Application**

Welcome to the application for the Summer 2026 Youth Workforce Pilot! We are excited to collaborate with workforce boards, municipal leaders, and employers to expand summer employment opportunities for youth and young adults in Massachusetts. Please complete the form below and apply to be part of the pilot.

1. Lead applicant: [Local MassHire Workforce Board]
2. Proposed Gateway City team - Please introduce the team you are bringing together for this pilot program. Include a description of the organizations and key players on your team.

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| **Team Element**  | **Name**  | **Title**  | **Contact: Email**  | **Contact: Phone**  |
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| Workforce Board  |   |   |   |   |
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| Anchor Employer   |   |   |   |   |
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| Other Partner (up to 2)   |   |   |   |   |
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1. Have the entities on your team collaborated before? If so, describe any past collaborations, including what was achieved and how that experience is relevant to this pilot.
2. What is your team’s motivation for wanting to participate in the Summer 2026 Youth Workforce Development Pilot? What goals/ needs is your team looking to address by being part of this initiative?
3. Please describe any challenges, gaps, or opportunities your team is seeking to address in order to build a stronger summer employment offering for youth in your region?
4. How do you envision this pilot supporting each entity on your team in meeting their organizational goals? How will the pilot align with your existing initiatives and priorities?
5. As a team, what would be considered an achievable employment goal for 2026 in terms of the number of youth placed, types od employment opportunities offered, and overall impact? Please provide details.
6. Define employment goals for 2027 and 2028 to guide your team’s long-term planning. How do you see the summer employment program growing or evolving in the coming years?
7. What are you most excited to share with other cities and teams participating in the Summer 2026 Youth Workforce pilot?
8. What are you hoping to learn from other cities as part of this pilot? What aspects of their strategies or successes are you eager to explore and adapt to your own region?
9. Please provide a breakdown of your budget for the activities related to the Summer 2026 Youth Workforce Pilot. Include amounts for each key Category (e.g., Staffing, employment engagement, etc.)
10. For each item you’re requesting funding for, please provide a narrative describing how you intend to use the funds. This could include staffing, recruitment, employer engagement, training resources, and other program-related costs.
11. Please describe how the requested funds will specifically support the activities of your team in implementing the youth employment program.
12. Please upload any supporting materials that could help in the evaluation of your application. This could include letters of support from partners, past program reports, or any other relevant documents.
13. Is there any additional information or specific considerations you’d like to share with the evaluation team?