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TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: February 9, 2024

RE: Council Member Mary Waters' memorandum regarding Jumpstart Program

Council Member Mary Waters requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD), provide a report on The Jumpstart Programs current enrollment, budget and barriers to access enrollment.

In the memo, Councilmember Waters asked LPD to answer the several questions. This report is our response to this inquiry. Detroit Employment Solutions (DESC), in its ten page presentation to Council, addresses Councilmember Waters' concerns. For Council's convenience we have attached the DESC response that addresses the following questions:

- Please provide the current enrollment in the Jumpstart Program
- Please provide the current allocated budget for the Jumpstart Program in FY24
- Please identify any barriers to access that enrollees have experienced
- Please identify the size of the current waiting list to enroll in the program and approximately how long it will take wait-listed applicants to be enrolled
- Please identify how stipend payments have been made to program participants, as well as the reason for any delays in processing the payments

Please contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

Attachment: - Response from DESC to Councilmember Waters



**ANSWERS TO
JUMPSTART**

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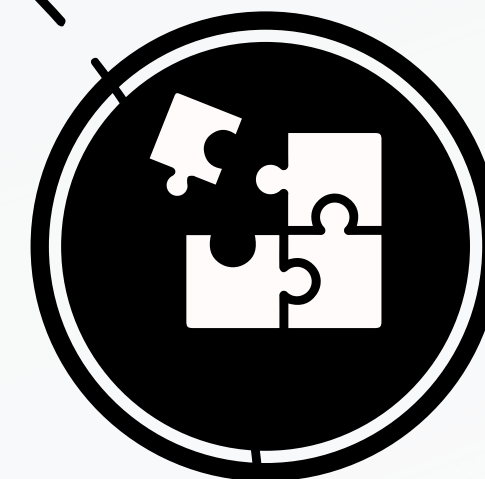
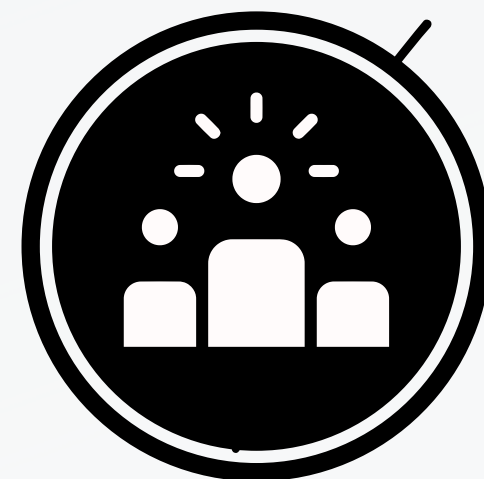
current enrollment in the Jumpstart Program

1828



ALLOCATED BUDGET

Line Item	Original Contract	New Contract
Program Administration	\$ 4,451,208.00	\$ 4,187,574.00
De Minimis (DESC Administration)	\$ 374,593.40	\$ 419,729.40
Milestone Payments and Stipends (Participant Stipends and Milestone Payments to IDOs)	\$ 13,224,000.00	\$ 17,784,000.00
Contractual and Program Services (Participant Support Services, IDO Training, Program Assessments)	\$ 7,833,000.00	\$ 9,116,904.60
Total Contract Amount:	\$ 25,508,208.00	\$ 31,508,208.00



BARRIERS TO ACCESS

enrollees



The most common barriers are:

- o Lack of stable housing is very common; over 30% of our participants report various levels of unstable housing ranging from sleeping on someone's couch to frequently transferring homes to sleeping in their car.
- o Lack of reliable transportation
- o Lack of reliable childcare or not wanting to place their children in childcare
- o Mental (undiagnosed) disability
- o Physical disability and able to work with restrictions

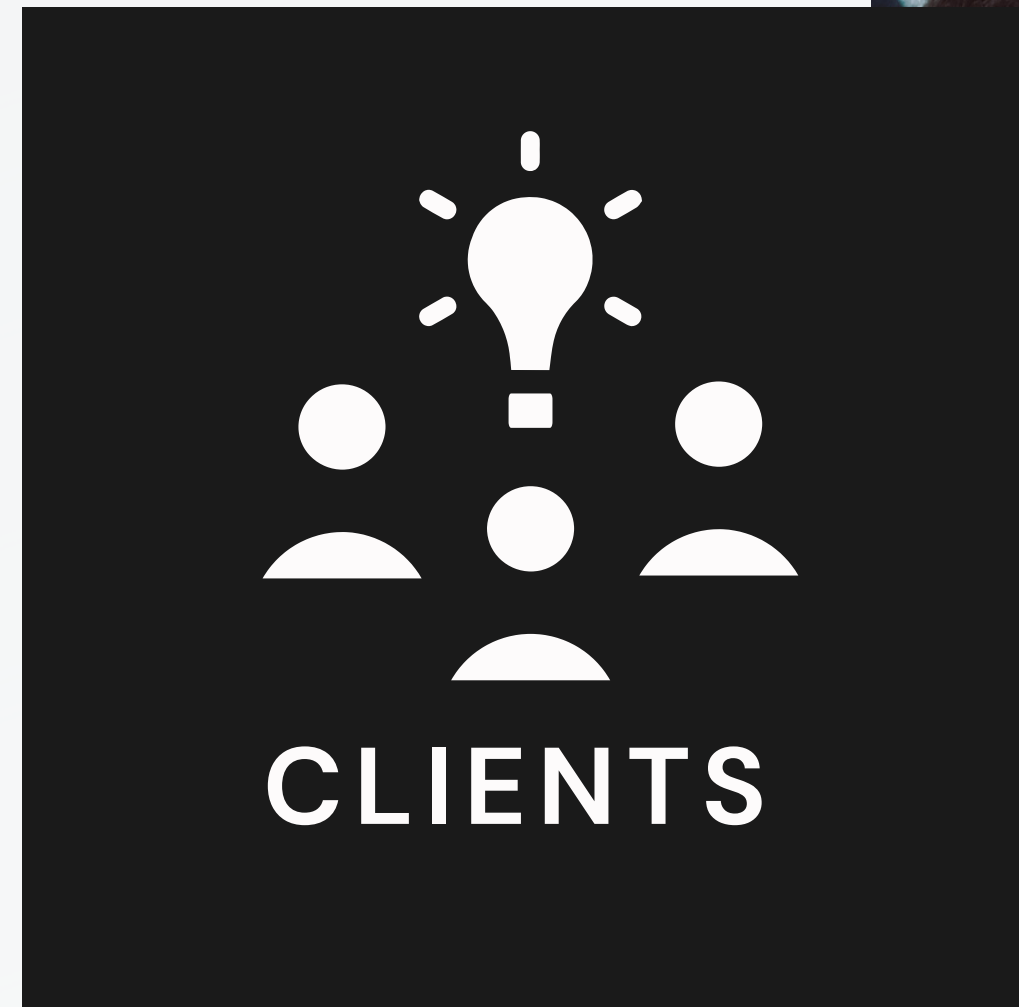


CURRENT WAITING LIST

JumpStart is grateful to have exceeded our enrollment goals for this program. The enrollment is now closed and we have no current waiting list.

STIPEND PAYMENTS

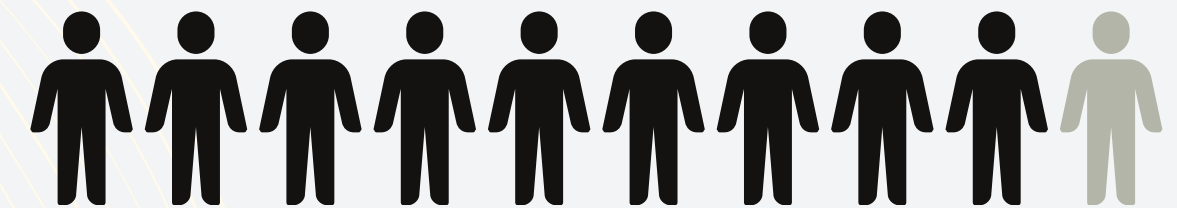
- Through 12/31/2023 we have provided \$3.8M in stipends. In January we executed a \$1M stipend payroll. This number will reduce on a monthly beginning March/April 2024 as many of the participants will reach the step down value in the stipend schedule.



DELAYS

We have encountered delays throughout the process at the rate of approximately 10%. 90% of those delays occur as a result of the time it takes to manually process thousands of peices of paperwork generated from large events.

90%



EXIT



As we exit the mass enrollment process, we are performing final reviews to ensure there are no additional missing documents which could cause delays for further participants.

**THANK'S FOR
WATCHING**

