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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