

# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

On April 26, 2022, The U.S. Department of Labor announced the award of nearly \$90.4 million in YouthBuild grants to prepare young adults not enrolled in school or participating in the labor market for jobs in construction and other in-demand industries through apprenticeship and other career pathways, especially jobs that support clean energy technologies.

The Department awarded 68 grants – ranging from \$700,000 to \$1.5 million – to organizations in 28 states and Puerto Rico to deliver job training and employment services. Participants will engage in classroom learning that will prepare them for work-based learning opportunities building and rehabilitating affordable housing for low-income or homeless families in their communities.

Participants will split their time between workplace training and the classroom, where they will earn a high school diploma or equivalent degree to prepare for postsecondary opportunities.

Administered by the department's [Employment and Training Administration](#), the 2021 YouthBuild grants advance equitable career pathway opportunities, quality jobs and climate sustainability by supporting programs that provide construction skills focused on green building techniques, including understanding sustainable building materials, solar panel installation, weatherization processes and the use of [Energy Star](#) appliances. These announcements will also further the [Justice40 Initiative](#) that commits to delivering at least 40 percent of the benefits from federal climate and clean energy investments to disadvantaged communities.

For the first time, the YouthBuild funding opportunity announcement included criteria that awarded bonus points for applicants that demonstrated their ability to provide training in green construction techniques, training the next generation of workers for resilience and clean energy careers of the future.

YouthBuild programs also train young people for employment in healthcare, information technology, manufacturing and logistics, culinary arts and hospitality.

The period of performance for the grants is 40 months, from May 2, 2022 – September 2, 2025.

[Learn more about the YouthBuild program.](#)

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## 100 Black Men of San Antonio, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	San Antonio, TX
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>100 Black Men of San Antonio, Inc. YouthBuild and its collaborative partners made up of Workforce Solutions Alamo, Community-based organizations, Alamo Community Colleges, Apprenticeships programs, and Employers/Industry associations proposes to address the training and education needs of at-risk youth between the ages of 16 and 24 through community-based alternative education program in the San Antonio Promise zone (14 zip codes) with three target area census tracts designated as opportunity zones.</p> <p>The academic component focuses on remedial education and credit recovery for attainment of a high school diploma while the occupational skills training component prepares participants to gain placement into in-demand construction and healthcare career pathways leading to industry credentials and/or to further education or training. 100 BMOSA and its community-based partners will focus on recruiting diverse participants with emphasis on young women to fill the need for highly skilled labor in the construction and healthcare fields. Applicants will be assessed for program suitability and individual needs. Remedial education will be provided through E.L. Broady Academy.</p> <p>Participants will be case managed throughout their training and transition to employment or further education and training based on an assessment of their needs and individual career plan as well as to ensure accountability to recruitment partners. Participants may compete for paid internship; OJT; and apprenticeship opportunities to ensure seamless transition to employment.</p>
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## Alliance for Community Empowerment

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Apartment Maintenance Tech
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,332,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Canoga Park, CA
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>This project will provide high school education in a project-based context combined with career planning, service-oriented leadership development, mentoring and supportive services. Participants will be provided certificate-based training and hands-on work experience in two areas: Construction and Certified Apartment Management Technician (Construction Plus). All training is based on nationally recognized curricula leading to stackable credentials. Construction Training will be provided at the RUTH YouthBuild (RYB) service center in Canoga Park, by the program's employed Construction Trainers. Training will utilize the Multi Craft Core (MC3) and OSHA 10 curricula, along with Red Cross first aid and CPR, leading to certification. These will be supplemented with soft skills and work readiness classes based on the nationally recognized Skills to Pay the Bills and World of Work curricula. Hands-on training will be provided in RYB's practical skill building stations and on a worksite building affordable housing with Habitat for Humanity of Ventura County. Construction Plus training and certification will be based on the nationally recognized curriculum leading to Certified Apartment Maintenance Technician (CAMT). Curriculum presentation, supplementary soft skills, exam preparation will be provided at the RYB site by an experienced trainer under contract. The contract trainer will work with the RYB Transition Specialist (job developer) to place participants with local apartment managers for AJC-funded work experience and employment. Work experience opportunities will be provided through the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles. The program's Academic Counselor, Transition Specialist and Care Managers will facilitate trainees' transition to employment or post-secondary education, with support from the program's AJC partners.</p>
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Alliance for Strategic Growth, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$791,276
<b>City, State:</b>	Muncie, IN
<b>Community type:</b>	Rural
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>Eastern Indiana Works will coordinate with ecoREHAB and Ivy Tech Community College to provide NCCER Core and hands-on training with certified trainers and mentors to participants for basic construction curriculum and skills. Additionally, Eastern Indiana Works, Muncie Community Schools Muncie Area Career Center, and Shafer Leadership Academy will provide wraparound developmental support. Eastern Indiana Works will provide career counseling to ensure academic and career development of participants. Muncie Area Career Center will provide educational support to ensure basic skill improvement and access to achieve their high school equivalency. Shafer Leadership Academy will provide leadership development workshops and activities to engage and inspire youth in community involvement.</p> <p>Eastern Indiana Works and its partners will support the development of 44 participants over four cohorts to obtain their high school equivalency, NCCER core and electrical certifications, as well as develop work skills on-site at a minimum of 2 locations. This will ensure that we improve the aging neighborhoods in Muncie and provide options for low-income households.</p>
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AMIkids Beaufort, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Welding
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Seabrook, SC
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>AMIkids Beaufort will provide the requisite pre-apprenticeship vocational training in Construction and Welding through partnerships with employers and local Registered Apprenticeship Programs. Participants will be referred through an existing contract with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. Academic training will be provided in the form of GED test preparation. Vocational skills training will be delivered under the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) curriculum for Construction and Welding. In addition, AMIkids has developed the AMIkids Job Readiness Curriculum which will be delivered to students in a group format throughout the program during eight regular weekly sessions with the Job Developer. At the end of this course, youth will have a completed portfolio with all of the tools they need for successful employment: resume, cover letters, letters of recommendation, vocational certifications earned, tax credit certification, along with business attire to wear on their interviews.</p> <p>Participants will also gain hands-on experience by building or renovating at least one unit of low-income housing in partnership with LowCountry Habitat for Humanity. The Transition Coordinator will be responsible for keeping youth engaged with program services during the follow-up period, and will check in with each participant to monitor employment retention and assist with removing barriers to success. Throughout this process, adult mentors recruited from the local community will assist in each participant's success by serving as a trusted advocate, providing encouragement, and assisting with networking and career planning.</p> <p>Finally, strong community partners will be key to the program's success. SC Works will serve as a One-Stop partner and AMIkids Beaufort YouthBuild will refer eligible participants between the agencies. AMIkids Beaufort also partners with Florida Masonry Apprentice &amp; Educational Foundation to sponsor the NCCER curriculum training, Lennar Homes as a construction industry employer partner, and other local employers.</p>
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## AMIkids Panama City Marine Institute, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Masonry
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Panama City, FL
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>AMIkids Panama City will provide the requisite pre-apprenticeship vocational training in Construction and Masonry through partnerships with employers and local Registered Apprenticeship Programs. Participants will be referred through an existing relationship with the Bay County Sheriff's Office and through outreach by a Participant Recruiter. Academic training will be provided in the form of academic classes in preparation of GED testing. Vocational skills training will be delivered under the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) curriculum for Construction and Masonry. In addition, AMIkids has developed the AMIkids Job Readiness Curriculum which will be delivered to students in a group format throughout the program during eight regular weekly sessions with the Job Developer. At the end of this course, youth will have a completed portfolio with all the tools they need for successful employment: resume, cover letters, letters of recommendation, vocational certifications earned, tax credit certification, and business attire to wear on their interviews.</p> <p>Participants will also gain hands-on experience by building or renovating at least one unit of low-income housing in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Bay County. The Case Manager will be responsible for keeping youth engaged with program services during the follow-up period, and will check in with each participant to monitor employment retention and assist with removing barriers to success. Throughout this process, adult mentors recruited from the local community will assist in each participant's success by serving as a trusted advocate, providing encouragement, and assisting with networking and career planning.</p> <p>Strong community partners will be key to the program's success. CareerSource Gulf Coast will serve as a One-Stop partner and AMIkids will refer eligible participants between the agencies. AMIkids Panama City also partners with Florida Masonry Apprentice &amp; Educational Foundation to sponsor the NCCER curriculum training, Lennar Homes as a construction industry employer partner, and other local employers, including the Bay County Sheriff's Office.</p>
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AMIkids Space Coast, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Melbourne, FL
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>AMIkids Space Coast will provide the requisite pre-apprenticeship vocational training in Construction and Healthcare through partnerships with employers and local Registered Apprenticeship Programs. Participants will be referred through an existing contract with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. Academic training will be provided in the form of academic classes in preparation of GED testing. Vocational skills training will be delivered under the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) curriculum for Construction and the National Healthcareer Association for Healthcare. AMIkids has developed the AMIkids Job Readiness Curriculum which will be delivered to students in a group format throughout the program during eight regular weekly sessions with the Job Developer. At the end of this course, youth will have a completed portfolio with all of the tools they need for successful employment: resume, cover letters, letters of recommendation, vocational certifications earned, tax credit certification, along with business attire to wear on their interviews.</p> <p>Participants will also gain hands-on experience by building or renovating at least one unit of low-income housing in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Brevard County. The Transition Coordinator will be responsible for keeping youth engaged with program services during the follow-up period, and will check in with each participant to monitor employment retention.</p> <p>Throughout this process, adult mentors recruited from the local community will assist in each participant's success by serving as a trusted advocate, providing encouragement, and assisting with networking and career planning.</p> <p>CareerSource Brevard will serve as a One-Stop partner and AMIkids will refer eligible participants between the agencies. AMIkids also partners with Florida Masonry Apprentice &amp; Educational Foundation to sponsor the NCCER curriculum training, Lennar Homes as a construction industry employer partner, and other local employers. AMIkids works with Brevard Health Alliance for job shadowing, mentoring, and job placement for youth in the Healthcare track.</p>
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## Bessemer Housing Authority

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, <b>Healthcare TBD</b>
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Bessemer, AL
<b>Community type:</b>	Rural
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>All program participants will receive academic and hands-on skills training in the construction industry. Additionally, individuals with career interests outside of the construction industry will have the opportunity to receive training and earn industry recognized credentials in the in-demand field of Healthcare. Participants will gain their GED and industry certifications while taking part in leadership development training and community service-learning projects. During the community service-learning projects participants will utilize the hands-on construction skills they learn as part of the YouthBuild program to help make our community a better place. BHA will provide each participant a custom combination of work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. This will be accomplished through the generous support of network of employer partners. Once participants complete the YouthBuild Program they will have the opportunity to enter the workforce or continue their journey along a selected career pathway through further education at a community college, 4-year university or through apprenticeship.</p>
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## Bethany Christian Services

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Customer Service/Sales
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,399,999
<b>City, State:</b>	Grand Rapids, MI
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The program consists of 28 weeks of training. Each cohort is divided into two Learning Groups. Students also receive employment/education preparation and time for tutoring, counseling, and case management.</p> <p>The construction training component is a partnership with Building Bridges Professional Services (BBPS), a landscaping/construction social enterprise, and will utilize United Methodist Community House (UMCH). The Construction Plus cohort will receive training and credentialing through Rising Grinds Café, on onsite social enterprise.</p> <p>Grand Rapids Community College M-TEC provides academic resources, OSHA, CPR, First aid certification, and enrollment into additional vocational training programming. UMCH conducts development and asset management for the building project. BBPS provides worksite construction training/mentoring and employment of youth. Wolverine Building Group and Rockford Construction (local construction trade group) provides safety training, post-placement preparation, and job linkages. Rising Grinds Café provides National Retail Federation Certification and work-based learning. West Michigan Works (local Workforce Development Board) provides funding for career training/certifications, linkages to employers via one-stop center, and input on job market trends.</p>
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## Bi-County Community Action Programs, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$972,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Bemidji, MN
<b>Community type:</b>	Rural
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>BI-CAP's YouthBuild Program began in 1989 and has matured to become a comprehensive on-site training, leadership development and educational program that addresses the needs of disadvantaged opportunity youth. YouthBuild gives youth the training and structure needed to compete in the workforce and become self-reliant citizens. Participants are assisted with independent living, economic empowerment and educational opportunities through a variety of activities. The program utilizes the Area Learning Center Model. Each participant receives individual instruction and works at their own pace to achieve competencies. The program utilizes project based/expeditionary, service/problem-based learning to transfer concepts learned in the classroom to work, home and community settings. Emphasis is placed on post-secondary education, apprenticeship, and job placement. BI-CAP partners with a number of entities with annual matching or leveraged contributions, including, but not limited to: MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED); Cass Lake Area Learning Center; Rural MN CEP/Workforce Center; Evergreen Youth and Family Services; the local Juvenile Justice System; and Bemidji State University.</p>
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## Boys and Girls Clubs of Puerto Rico

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Elderly Caregiving
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,499,282
<b>City, Territory:</b>	San Juan, PR
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	EMpower YouthBuild, working with 20+ collaborative partners in the construction, caregiving, and economic development fields, will provide academic and occupational training. The program will be delivered at four sites in high-poverty areas of Puerto Rico-- San Juan, Aguas Buenas, Arecibo, and Carolina. The Program offers two tracks in high demand fields of construction and elderly caregiving, chosen based on local employer presence and market demands. Students will learn skills required for a specific and available job and can earn up to five industry recognized credentials/certificates in addition to a high school diploma or GED.
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## Bridging Families to Communities and Beyond

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare, Food Biotechnology
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,098,000
<b>City, State:</b>	St. Louis, MO
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The St. Louis YouthBuild Program includes apprenticeship programs as well as St. Louis Community College's Workforce Solution Group, which provides an array of short-term credential courses specifically designed to meet the needs of local high-growth, high-demand middle-skill industries, and Harris Stowe State University. The Daruby School will train participants in a Certified Nurse Assistant program and Good Life Growing will implement an urban agriculture initiative that includes registered apprenticeship opportunities. Students will be able to earn AmeriCorps Segal Scholarships. The program curriculum is project- and problem-based and encourages students to challenge themselves and expand their learning capacity, with the academic component utilizing Penn Foster. Certified Nurse Assistant training takes place at Oak Knoll Rehabilitation Center, and students will prepare for the Grow Technician registered apprenticeship program.</p>
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## Career Training Institute

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,260,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Helena, MT
<b>Community type:</b>	Rural
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>YB Helena offers programs designed for students to achieve academic and vocational success and enter a career path or additional training. Individualized and classroom instruction features experiential, hands-on, problem-based learning that prepares students to pass the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET). Students also learn digital literacy skills including keyboarding, basic computer functions, and Microsoft applications.</p> <p>Construction skills training uses the NCCER curriculum framework while building a Habitat house; worksite safety, hand and power tools, employability, material handling, blueprint reading, and construction math; engaging in rehab and repair via Habitat's Home Preservation programs; working on small carpentry projects such as the building of sheds, playhouses and furniture; and an optional 40-hour paid work experience with a local contractor or construction-related business. Students may earn MT Department of Labor and Industry Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship Certificates.</p> <p>Students are assessed to determine challenges to success and work with the case manager to develop a service strategy that maps out short- and long-term employment, educational and career goals. Some students will prepare to enroll in post-secondary education while other students prepare to enter apprenticeship or employment. This includes co-enrollment into WIOA Adult or Youth programs. YouthBuild Helena offers stipends, financial incentives, and support services.</p> <p>Job search skills training, work readiness training and career exploration is integrated into education and construction, but also provided as a weekly standalone activity.</p> <p>An active Youth Council and Leadership Project are designed to expand each student's knowledge of local service organizations and community needs, practice good citizenship, and achieve greater self-awareness while setting and achieving significant and worthwhile goals that reach into the community.</p>
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Citrus Levy Marion Regional Workforce Development Board, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Transportation/Warehousing
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$844,712
<b>City, State:</b>	Ocala, FL
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>Phoenix Rising YouthBuild brings together the local Workforce Board, Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Habitat for Humanity, the City of Ocala, Marion County and other partners with a long history of successful partnership. This partnership is focused on making a difference in the economically disadvantaged area of Silver Springs Shores by providing affordable housing for 4 low-income families and services for 48 youth. Using local dollars and commitments from area organizations, the partnership developed a pilot project that built four homes for low income families in 2011.</p> <p>Each flight of training will take place over 20 weeks. After preliminary OSHA and basic construction training in the classroom, students will begin their on-site training by learning to determine placement of the house on the lot, contractor duties such as pulling permits, design factors, estimation of quantity of supplies, to the actual building of the home from the ground up.</p> <p>The partnership with Habitat for Humanity allows youth to give a gift to their communities by building four homes. Our program is focused on empowering individuals to improve their community through revitalization, environmental conservation, volunteering, and youth leadership development. The emphasis for this project will be placed on learning through doing, proving through certifications and ultimate placement in either continued education or employment.</p>
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## City of Richmond

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, <b>Transportation/Logistics TBD</b>
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,199,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Richmond, CA
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>Through Richmond YouthBuild, participants gain their GED or high school diploma, develop real world job skills in the construction trades, develop leadership capacities, and receive support in finding and keeping well-paid employment.</p> <p>In combination with local support, the program will provide education, job training, and follow-up support for 64 participants through partnerships with the Richmond Housing Authority, and the Richmond Workforce Development Board. Other partnerships with employer, labor, education, governmental and community-based partners will enable Richmond YouthBuild to offer additional resources to participants. Access to RichmondBUILD's 30,000 square foot state-of-the-art construction training facilities for a portion of the training (including dedicated classrooms and a computer lab with GED preparation and career exploration tutorials), along with full compliance with CDC COVID safety guidelines, will provide YouthBuild participants with the educational and vocational training they need to successfully compete for well-paid employment. Strong business and labor partnerships increase the likelihood that participants will enter apprenticeship or employment upon completion.</p>
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CLC, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Machining, HVAC, Aerospace, Welding, Logistics
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,250,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Fort Worth, TX
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>YouthBuild Fort Worth will use the Pearson VUE GED program for its educational component, a joint venture with the American Council on Education. Additionally, with the council, students may opt to complete high school credits through the distance learning program offered by the Victory Learning Center, an accredited alternative high school.</p> <p>The construction component will use the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) curriculum, which leads to a national industry-recognized certificate that is stackable and transferrable.</p> <p>Participants will receive classroom training from certified instructors and extensive hands-on training at approved work sites. Job/apprenticeship placement services are provided to participants following completion of construction skills training. Youth participating in the Construction Plus program will be afforded high-demand occupational skills training in advanced manufacturing or logistics. These youth will also receive job placement assistance.</p>
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## Coalition for Responsible Community Development

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Customer Service/Retail
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Los Angeles, CA
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	CRCD will operate the South Los Angeles YouthBuild program to provide education, occupational skills training, career exploration and planning, youth leadership development, community service learning, and post-program support and follow-up to isadvantaged young people in South Los Angeles. YouthBuild members will be trained to earn an industry-recognized credential in construction (HBI-PACT) and help build or renovate two units of affordable housing. In addition, 25 members will participate in advanced construction training (MC3) and 25 will participate in Construction Plus training (retail sector).
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## Community Action, Inc. of Rock and Walworth Counties

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Logistics, CNA
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,425,520
<b>City, State:</b>	Beloit, WI
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The Beloit YouthBuild (BYB) program will enroll 84 total youth with two cohorts during the contract period. Youth under 21 are reenrolled in the local school district and able to attain their high school diploma. Those over 21 are engaged in a high school equivalency program. Youth complete their academics while engaged in the construction training to obtain their HBI-PACT certification. Youth accomplish this through construction of a new single-family home, which is sold to an eligible low-income household. All youth will have the ability to obtain construction certification and hands-on learning experience in all phases in the construction of a single-family home. For youth not interested in pursuing a career in construction, BYB offers career pathways in the occupational fields of healthcare or transportation, distribution &amp; logistics. These options are accessed in partnership/MOU with the Southwest Workforce Development Board; Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator and the WIOA program. The Beloit YouthBuild program utilizes Case Conferencing as a unique approach to pull partners together to address youth progress. Then, a system of Five Gateways to Success reflects program component expectations as well as youth progress in academic, construction, and life skill attainment. The Gateways further promote leadership skill development with career direction related to job placement or continuing education while providing opportunities for personal accountability and sense of community pride.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Community Development Institute

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Landscape/Grounds Maintenance
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,062,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Chicago, IL
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>CYDI is a campus of Youth Connection Charter High School and offers career preparatory programs and services to include Career pathways, Work Based Learning, Dual Enrollment and other support programs for students. All trainees receive high school academic instruction mandated by the State of Illinois. Participants will have the opportunity to choose 2 different pathways: Construction and Landscape. For all Career Pathways, all participants will have the opportunity to receive the following certifications or credentials-OSHA 10 &amp; 30 in General Industry or Construction Industry, NCCER Core Curriculum and First Aid/CPR. Construction track students may also earn additional NCCER certifications (Carpentry, Electrical) as they renovate a unit of housing. Participants that choose the Landscape &amp; Grounds Maintenance Pathway will have the opportunity to become certified as a Lawn Care Technician and Lawn Care manager as well as receive on-the-job training.</p> <p>The youth service strategy emphasizes youth engagement, ownership, and leadership. Leadership development is integrated throughout every program component including goals and objectives for leadership, leadership curriculum and competencies, leadership committees and jobs, a leadership development attitude on the part of the staff, and opportunities both in the program and beyond for the participants to exercise leadership. Through partners, participants receive support services to include counseling, mentoring, mental health, substance use, health care, special education. Students receive transportation support, free breakfast and lunch daily and post-secondary advising. The participants receive intensive employment services through our One-Stop partner (AJC).</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Community Teamwork, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Hospitality/Culinary Arts
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Lowell, MA
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>CTI YouthBuild Lowell (YBL) is a viable, dedicated, strategic partnership of public and private organizations. The program integrates academic education with occupational skills training. Students will receive academic education to enable them to earn their HiSET if needed, one-on-one tutoring and mentoring, postsecondary training opportunities, access to apprenticeship programs, as well as financial literacy and entrepreneurial training. For construction, National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) curriculum is employed. Prior to beginning hands-on training, participants must complete an approved 10-hour on-site OSHA safety course taught by certified instructors at YBL. For their construction project, students will work on a comprehensive gut and rehab on a Habitat for Humanity home, which will result in housing for two low-income families. For the Construction Plus training, students receive Certification from the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) Restaurant Ready program. YBL works directly with the Lowell One-Stop Career Center (MassHire Greater Lowell) on placement into internships, entry-level construction/non-construction jobs, and access to Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs). Graduates may go onto post-secondary education, primarily at Middlesex Community College, or further advanced occupational skills training.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Cornerstone Revitalization Foundation, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Manufacturing/Logistics
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,259,237
<b>City, State:</b>	Birmingham, AL
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	Cornerstone Revitalization YouthBuild Project will recruit 70 students living in 4 low-income neighborhoods in Birmingham, AL. Youth will participate in on-site construction training resulting in the development of a unit of affordable housing in the service area. Youth will participate in educational and skills development training resulting in improved academic achievement and the earning of a nationally recognized, portable certificate (NCCER). Youth will participate in leadership development activities one day per week.
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Crispus Attucks Association of York, Pennsylvania

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Transportation, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,100,000
<b>City, State:</b>	York, PA
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>Students who complete all three trimesters of construction training will receive the Pre-Apprenticeship Certification Training (PACT) credential from the Home Builders Institute. YouthBuild students will learn construction skills as they work to complete the rehabilitation of three units of housing and reclaim these blighted residences.</p> <p>At the end of the first trimester, up to 26 students will be selected, based on Test of Adult Basic Education results, attendance, conduct, staff recommendation, and academic achievement, to attend classes taught by certified instructors leading to a Certified Nursing Assistant, Commercial Driver's License, Phlebotomy, or Welding Technology certification after successful completion of the coursework and passing the certification exam.</p> <p>Partnerships with community organizations, school districts, local community colleges, trade schools, and various businesses allow us to offer a well-rounded program for our youth. Our connections provide students with access to needed social and support services, and resources to help them work toward achieving their occupational and post-secondary educational goals.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Stationary Operating Engineer
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Detroit, MI
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	DESC will partner with the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA), SAY Detroit, and the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance to offer a YouthBuild Program that will offer training in academic remediation, construction skills, and green building. It will also offer them the opportunity to pursue certification as operating engineers through its Construction Plus track. Both programs offer the opportunity to earn industry-certified credentials and other supports in order to launch their careers.
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Detroit Housing Commission

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, I.T.
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Detroit, MI
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The program will provide participants with the basic educational foundation (GED attainment) and occupational/hands-on training they need for future success and economic self-sufficiency. All program participants will receive academic and hands-on skills training in the construction industry by participating in the construction of affordable residential housing for those in need in our community. Additionally, individuals with career interests outside of the construction industry will have the opportunity to receive training and earn industry recognized credentials in the in-demand field of Information Technology. Our participants will gain their GED and industry certifications while taking part in leadership development training and community service-learning projects. During the community service-learning projects, participants will utilize the hands-on construction skills they learn as part of the YouthBuild program to help make our community a better place. We will provide each participant a custom combination of work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. This will be accomplished through the generous support of our network of employer partners. Once participants complete the YouthBuild Program, they will have the opportunity to enter the workforce or continue their journey along a selected career pathway through further education at a community college, 4-year university or through apprenticeship.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Easter Seals TriState, LLC

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Facilities Maintenance
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,261,405
<b>City, State:</b>	Cincinnati, OH
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The Easter Seals TriState YouthBuild program is a comprehensive youth and community development program that has been specifically designed to break down employment barriers for disadvantaged youth by providing the type of construction training, experience and credentials that are in demand by local employers. Through YouthBuild, at-risk individuals who are interested in pursuing a career in the construction industry are provided with a structured and balanced curriculum which features comprehensive career exploration activities, practical, hands-on experiential learning and credentialed training. The program brings together multiple workforce development, educational, business and industry community partners in order to create impactful employment pathways for youth.</p> <p>All youth served by the YouthBuild program will attain their high school diploma, as well as the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) credential. In addition, youth will attain the National Career Readiness Certificate, (NCRC) as well as WorkKeys, OSHA-10, First Aid/CPR and Forklift/Bobcat/Skidsteer certifications.</p> <p>The program will feature a Facilities Maintenance pathway which will offer youth new, stackable industry recognized credentials – the OSHA-30 certification, and the American Hotel &amp; Lodging Educational Institute’s Certified Maintenance Employee Credential.</p> <p>Upon graduation from the program, all youth will be placed into a pre/apprenticeship program via the Greater Cincinnati Apprenticeship Council, or direct employment with one of Easter Seals TriState’s community partners, such as Building Value and the Messer Construction Collaborative. As part of the program’s practical training component, all youth will engage in a number of physical construction projects, including the building of a new property and the rehabilitation of local properties for re-sale to low-income families.</p>
<b>Public contact information:</b>	<p>James Harris          YouthBuild Manager  <a href="mailto:jlharris@eastersealsgc.org">jlharris@eastersealsgc.org</a>          513-386-6852</p>

# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## EntreNous Youth Empowerment Services, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Hospitality
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Compton, CA
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>EntreNous Youth Empowerment Services, Inc. (ENYES) has established numerous partnerships with social service providers, public workforce, labor, education, housing, and hospitality to provide a fully dimensional approach to our project. ENYES operates Compton YouthBuild (CYB) with an ongoing partnership with YouthBuild Charter School of California (YCSC) for the educational component of the program. YCSC is an accredited public charter school that provides a culturally responsive, socially just and individualized program specifically designed to support the education of YouthBuild students and results in a high school diploma, a requirement for nearly all occupational pathways and often a barrier for our young people.</p> <p>CYB enjoys strong relationships with a number of entities in the construction trades, which provide access to state-of-the-art training facilities, on-site training feedback and ongoing guidance and support of our occupational skills training curriculum. CYB will provide the Hospitality/Culinary training to 42 of the 84 participants enrolled as its Construction Plus component.</p>
<b>Public contact information:</b>	Kim Hughes Chief Programs Officer <a href="mailto:khughes@entrenousyouth.org">khughes@entrenousyouth.org</a> 310-631-2000

# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Fort Wayne Housing Authority

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Fort Wayne, IN
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>Our YouthBuild Program will provide participants with the basic educational foundation (GED attainment) and occupational/hands-on training they need for future success and economic self-sufficiency. All program participants will receive academic and hands-on skills training in the construction industry by participating in the construction of affordable residential housing for those in need in our community.</p> <p>Additionally, individuals with career interests outside of the construction industry will have the opportunity to receive training and earn industry recognized credentials in the in-demand field of the Healthcare Industry. Our participants will gain their GED and industry certifications while taking part in leadership development training and community service-learning projects. During the community service-learning projects, participants will utilize the hands-on construction skills they learn as part of the YouthBuild program to help make our community a better place.</p> <p>We will provide each participant a custom combination of work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. This will be accomplished through the generous support of our network of employer partners. Once participants complete the YouthBuild Program, they will have the opportunity to enter the workforce or continue their journey along a selected career pathway through further education at a community college, 4-year university or through apprenticeship.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Gang Alternative, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, <b>I.T. TBD</b>
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Little Haiti/Miami, FL
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>GA's Youth Build (YB) program integrates practical skills instruction and application in class settings with worksite application. Classroom instruction includes certification in: industry credentialing/ (NCCER, OSHA 10); soft and employability skills; financial literacy; community service learning and leadership training, career development and case management. Contextual classroom learning experiences are linked to academic skills and career pathways in construction. Worksite participants will learn basic knowledge and safety proficiencies required on worksites and appropriate use of construction equipment. GA's Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) will focus on construction and related careers, preparing participants for occupations in residential and commercial construction, weatherization, and green jobs. AccuVision, an evidence-based approach to ensuring soft skill/workplace behavior upskilling will utilize computer-based, real-life workplace scenarios to measure, train and equip jobseekers with job-related skills/abilities for job placement and retention. RAP in Construction balances class learning and occupational skills training preparing disadvantaged youth for construction career pathways with seamless transition from the YB pre-apprenticeship program to RAP. GA's trade school (The Alternative Institute) offers courses in Basic Construction, Information Technology (CompTia+), and leadership development.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Georgia Building Trades Academy, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, <b>Logistics TBD</b>
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,152,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Atlanta, GA
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>Georgia Building Trades Academy, INC (GABTA) YouthBuild program will provide Construction and Logistics industry training to prepare participants for direct entry into a registered apprenticeship. Participants will receive industry-recognized credentials such as the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) certification, Certified Logistics Technician (CLT) certification, and Certified Logistics Associate certification. Participants will be provided Introduction to Welding Training, GED Classes, Educational Tutorials, Drivers School, and Community Service activities to prepare them to successfully enter the workforce. Additional stackable credentials such as Forklift, OSHA-10, OSHA-30, and CPR &amp; First Aid will be included to further support employment readiness. The program's design integrates career readiness, support services, post-program planning, and mentoring into its core to prepare individuals to enter and succeed in registered apprenticeship programs.</p> <p>The Academy is supported by the Atlanta &amp; North Georgia Building Trades Council (ANGBTC), 19 affiliate construction unions, and their Joint Apprenticeship Training Committees (JATCs) in partnership with community groups, contractors, workforce development, and government agencies. Each partner has been thoughtfully engaged to ensure that educational and occupational skills training components will adequately prepare GABTA YouthBuild participants' direct entry into an apprenticeship upon exiting the program.</p>
<b>Public contact information:</b>	Randy Beal President/Executive Director <a href="mailto:anne@bctc.net">anne@bctc.net</a> 678-427-3479



# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Housing Authority of Birmingham District

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Birmingham, AL
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The program will provide participants with the basic educational foundation (GED attainment) and occupational/hands-on training they need for future success and economic self-sufficiency. All program participants will receive academic and hands-on skills training in the construction industry by participating in the construction of affordable residential housing for those in need in our community. Additionally, individuals with career interests outside of the construction industry will have the opportunity to receive training and earn industry-recognized credentials in the in-demand field of Healthcare. Our participants will gain their GED and Industry Certification while taking part in leadership development training and community service-learning projects. During the community service-learning projects, participants will utilize the hands-on construction skills they learn as part of the YouthBuild program to help make our community a better place. We will provide each participant a custom combination of work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. Once participants complete the YouthBuild Program, they will have the opportunity to enter the workforce or continue their journey along a selected career pathway through further education at a community college, 4-year university or through apprenticeship.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Housing Authority of Champaign County

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Champaign, IL
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The program will provide participants with the basic educational foundation (GED attainment) and occupational/hands-on training they need for future success and economic self-sufficiency. All program participants will receive academic and hands-on skills training in the construction industry by participating in the construction of affordable residential housing for those in need in our community. Additionally, individuals with career interests outside of the construction industry will have the opportunity to receive training and earn industry recognized credentials in the in-demand field of healthcare. Participants will gain their GED and industry certifications while taking part in leadership development training and community service-learning projects. During the community service-learning projects, participants will utilize the hands-on construction skills they learn as part of the YouthBuild program to help make our community a better place. We will provide each participant a custom combination of work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. This will be accomplished through the generous support of our network of employer partners. Once participants complete the YouthBuild Program, they will have the opportunity to enter the workforce or continue their journey along a selected career pathway through further education at a community college, 4-year university or through apprenticeship.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Housing Authority of the City of Elizabeth

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, <b>Healthcare TBD</b>
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Elizabeth, NJ
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The program will provide participants with the basic educational foundation (GED attainment) and occupational/Hands-on training they need for future success and economic self-sufficiency. All program participants will receive academic and hands-on skills training in the construction industry by participating in the construction of affordable residential housing for those in need in our community. Additionally, individuals with career interests outside of the construction industry will have the opportunity to receive training and earn industry recognized credentials in the in-demand field of Healthcare. Our participants will gain their GED and industry certifications while taking part in leadership development training and community service-learning projects. During the community service-learning projects, participants will utilize the hands-on construction skills they learn as part of the YouthBuild program to help make our community a better place. We will provide each participant a custom combination of work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. This will be accomplished through the generous support of our network of employer partners. Once participants complete the YouthBuild Program they will have the opportunity to enter the workforce or continue their journey along a selected career pathway through further education at a community college, 4-year university or through apprenticeship.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Housing Authority of the City of Shreveport

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Shreveport, LA
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>In collaboration with the City of Shreveport Community Development, Southern University at Shreveport, along with a host of partners, HACS will prepare participants for the world of work and to be equipped with the resources to earn a livable wage through the YouthBuild Shreveport Program. The YouthBuild program epitomizes the mission of these groups and creates greater opportunities for success and achievement among the students served.</p> <p>The YouthBuild program will be a wide-ranging initiative that affords opportunity youth the chance to earn their high school equivalency diploma (HiSET) through non-traditional classroom experiences and service-learning projects. Students will also gain valuable workforce skills, knowledge, abilities, and certifications in apprenticeship programs focused on entry-level construction skills, certified nursing assistant (CNA), and medical assistant (MA) fields. The YouthBuild Shreveport program rewards participants for their service with stipends, provides leadership opportunities, and creates pathways to postsecondary education and job placement referrals. Community resources have been leveraged to provide a full spectrum of supportive services, as well as academic and employment assistance services. These services will include providing internship and hands on training opportunities for construction and healthcare fields, employment consideration for program graduates, promotion of the program, program referrals, and providing opportunities for youth mentorship and violence prevention.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Huntsville Housing Authority

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, <b>Advanced Manufacturing TBD</b>
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Huntsville, AL
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The program will provide participants with the basic educational foundation (GED attainment) and occupational/hands-on training they need for future success and economic self-sufficiency. All program participants will receive academic and hands-on skills training in the construction industry by participating in the construction of affordable residential housing for those in need in our community. Additionally, individuals with career interests outside of the construction industry will have the opportunity to receive training and earn industry recognized credentials in the in-demand field of Automotive Technology. Our participants will gain their GED and industry certifications while taking part in leadership development training and community service-learning projects. During the community service-learning projects, participants will utilize the hands-on construction skills they learn as part of the YouthBuild program to help make our community a better place. We will provide each participant a custom combination of work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. This will be accomplished through the generous support of our network of employer partners. Once participants complete the YouthBuild Program they will have the opportunity to enter the workforce or continue their journey along a selected career pathway through further education at a community college, 4-year university or through apprenticeship.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Lakeland Housing Authority

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, <b>Healthcare TBD</b>
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Lakeland, FL
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	Participants will receive high school equivalency education, job skills training, and placement assistance in post-secondary education or employment. All participants will receive vocational training in carpentry and construction through the National Home Builder's Institute's Pre-Apprentice Certificate of Training (PACT) curriculum in Carpentry. Under the on-site supervision of YouthBuild/LHA, participants will be involved in the construction of a public housing facility for low-income citizens. Participants will also be given the opportunity to pursue additional Construction Plus vocational training opportunities in manufacturing or as a Certified Nursing Assistant.
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

LIFT Community Action Agency, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$953,964
<b>City, State:</b>	Hugo, OK
<b>Community type:</b>	Rural
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The Choctaw County YouthBuild Program will use an incentive-based structure for recruitment and retention in which participants receive incentives upon completion of specific milestones. They will gain first-hand industry skills training in construction while building affordable housing for four families.</p> <p>During their active participation, students will complete 224 hours of educational instruction to gain their High School Diploma or GED and 180 hours in Occupational Skills Construction Training. Participants will spend Fridays engaged in a combination of leadership and community service activities.</p> <p>Partners include LCAA's Self-Help Housing Program; Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Educational Opportunity Center; Oklahoma State University's Cooperative Extension Office; the City of Hugo; and Southern Workforce Board (member of the American Job Center Network), as well as various community leaders and businesses.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Meridian Housing Authority

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, <b>Logistics TBD</b>
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Meridian, MS
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The YouthBuild program will be a wide-ranging initiative that affords opportunity youth the chance to earn their high school equivalency diploma through non-traditional classroom experiences and service-learning projects. Students will also gain valuable workforce skills, knowledge, abilities, and certifications in apprenticeship programs focused on entry-level construction skills. The Meridian YouthBuild program rewards participants for their service with stipends, provides leadership opportunities, and creates pathways to postsecondary education and job placement referrals. Our YouthBuild Program will provide basic educational classes leading to GED attainment and occupational/hands-on training in the construction industry. Youth will participate in the construction of affordable residential housing for those in need in our community. Additionally, youth with career interests outside of the construction industry will have the opportunity to receive training and earn industry recognized credentials in the in-demand field of Commercial Driving. Our program will include leadership development training and community-service learning projects, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Motivation, Education and Training, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,199,000
<b>City, State:</b>	New Caney, TX
<b>Community type:</b>	Rural
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>MET will leverage existing partnerships and form new partnerships with the following entities who will provide services as follows:</p> <p>Southwest Texas Junior College – Provides construction trainer, space, and delivers academic component of services to students needed GED/Diploma;</p> <p>Texas A&amp;M University – Delivery of leadership training and YouthBuild staff training;</p> <p>City of Eagle Pass and Crystal City – Donates program space and service-learning partner;</p> <p>Eagle Pass and Laredo ISD – Delivery of academic assistance, adult basic education, nutrition programming for eligible students, donation of program space and referrals;</p> <p>Employers – Guest lecturing, sit on advisory committee, employ graduates, assist in project implementation at worksite;</p> <p>Workforce Solutions – Career services for participants, coordinated programming to support skills development, client career readiness assessments;</p> <p>Community Action Agencies, Laredo and Eagle Pass Housing Authorities, and Nonprofit Housing Organizations – Co-enrollments and referrals, links to housing work sites, in-kind donations, supportive services, and career services.</p>
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## Northeast Washington Educational Service District 101

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,348,720
<b>City, State:</b>	Spokane, WA
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>YouthBuild Spokane members will spend 50% of the time working toward completing their secondary education earning their High School Equivalency or High School diploma. Occupational training includes the NCCER curriculum, NAC training program, and time spent on worksites and will total 40% of member time. Leadership skills and community service will account for 10% of member time. The program will enroll 15 healthcare and 60 construction crew members for a total of 75 eligible members enrolled over the duration of the grant cycle. Both occupational skills tracks will lead to an industry-recognized credential. Construction members will earn their NCCER and health care members the NAC-certification and NAR-licensed Nursing Assistant. The construction crew will substantially renovate at least one unit of housing and the healthcare members will receive at least 50 hours of supervised on-the-floor training in a skilled nursing facility. YouthBuild Spokane members will also participate in civic engagement activities, positive youth development curriculum to develop leadership skills, will receive employment and postsecondary placement assistance, and follow-up services.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Nubian Directions II, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Manufacturing
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,100,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Poughkeepsie, NY
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The NDYB program offers integrated education, construction skills training, and other occupational skills training in manufacturing for out-of- school youth to increase the probability they will 1) achieve gainful employment, 2) access post- secondary education opportunities, and 3) contribute positively to their community.</p> <p>NDYB collaborates with local education and industry apprenticeship partners. They provide curricular input to ensure trainees', programmatic trajectories include a balance of classroom and occupational skills training. All NDYB-integrated training results in an HSE TASC academic credential, a construction site NCCER credential, a manufacturing CPT credential, as well as access to comprehensive job placement and follow-up services.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## OhioGuidestone

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,152,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Berea, OH
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The program addresses individual needs with a full spectrum approach by incorporating occupational training, academic remediation, job readiness training, leadership development, financial literacy, case management, and placement services. We provide comprehensive services to meet the needs of participants and to encourage successful completion. In addition, participants help meet a critical need by renovating houses for homeless and low-income families. The community service-learning projects and leadership activities for participants foster civil engagement, gun violence intervention, decreases the likelihood of incarceration, and establishes role models for other young adults. Participants receive up to 6 months of academic and occupational training, and support in their transition into employment and post-secondary opportunities. Participants will be offered an industry-recognized credential that aligns with their correlating industry. Participants enrolled in construction can receive a National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) credential in CORE. NCCER, the accrediting body, develops standardized construction curriculum and assessments with portable credentials that are tracked in NCCER's Registry System. Participants enrolled in Construction Plus will have the opportunity to earn a nationally recognized Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) credential, accredited through the Department of Health. Upon attainment of their CNA, participants are eligible to take Ohio's STNA exam. Upon passing the exam, participants will have a state recognized STNA credential through the Ohio Department of Health. OhioGuidestone plans to offer construction and Construction Plus programming through our contracted partners, and will follow procurement procedures and policies to find qualified training providers. Our approach is to address and mitigate barriers to optimize participant's chances of securing and maintaining employment. Participants are offered and receive at minimum, a 12-month follow-up period that includes contact with participants' employer, continued career counseling, continuation of financial literacy, transition activities, mentoring, financial aid or apprenticeship applications, linkages to other employment or education opportunities, and supportive services.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Old Colony Young Men's Christian Association, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Hospitality/Culinary Arts
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,100,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Brockton, MA
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The Old Colony YMCA has developed a strong collaborative network. YouthBuild Fall River is a viable, dedicated, strategic partnership of public and private organizations. OCY operates a Construction Plus program with additional training in the much-needed culinary industry in partnership with Bristol Community College. The education component of the program will be handled by two teachers on staff who will provide instruction leading to the attainment of the HiSET, the high school equivalency diploma accepted by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The housing collaborator provides access to a building he owns that provides transitional housing for the homeless with an emphasis on homeless veterans. The housing project is supervised by YBFR's two credentialed staff members. The Old Colony Y is uniquely structured and has been successful in developing social service programming in the area. The partnerships that have been developed have added strength to the overall effort. All of the partners have been trained and helped develop the current YouthBuild program. There is a clear understanding of the overall mission and everyone's role in that mission. Under the strong leadership of the Old Colony Y, this team is working together to address the issues of affordable housing, undereducated youth, and an extremely high youth unemployment rate. YBFR has produced strong outcomes for almost two decades.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Operation Fresh Start

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Conservation/Forestry
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$891,029
<b>City, State:</b>	Madison, WI
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The mission of OFS is to provide Dane County emerging adults a path to self-sufficiency. OFS is a community mainstay with over twenty formalized partnerships. Through a unique partnership with Madison Metropolitan School District, all youth up to age 24 are eligible to earn a high school diploma upon completion of OFS YouthBuild programming. OFS will provide in-house classroom instruction; employment and occupational skills training (construction and conservation); mental health counseling; health screenings, education and advocacy; free nutritious breakfast and lunch each work day; career counseling/development; job or post-secondary placement and follow-up, and a stipend for living expenses while in the program. Upon completion, youth will earn an AmeriCorps education award available for use to pay post-secondary education.</p> <p>Participants completing construction skills training will earn a Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Readiness Certificate issued by the WI Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards. Construction Plus participants will earn a Conservation/Forestry Pre-Apprenticeship Readiness Certificate, also issued by the WI Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Philadelphia Youth for Change Charter School

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Business Admin, Customer Service, Childcare, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Philadelphia, PA
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>YBPCS has developed and refined employer-driven workforce education strategies that young adults need to be competitive in our local labor market. YBPCS will provide a rigorous academic curriculum that culminates in a high school diploma; occupational skills training that results in industry recognized skills certification (NCCER, HHA, CYC, CSET); case management supports, leadership development, service-learning, and personalized follow up services to ensure the placement and retention of participants in college and career pathways.</p> <p>YBPCS staff work together to implement an integrated and individualized service strategy that reaches young people who face considerable barriers to self-sufficiency.</p> <p>Enrolled participants will alternate between five-week rotations of academic instruction and job skills, where they will learn, lead and contribute to their community. Each of YBPCS' training tracks culminates in certification, responds to local labor market trends, provides "real-world" job experience with an emphasis on soft skills and work-readiness, has a strong service-learning component, meets all DOL and OSHA regulations and was designed in partnership/collaboration with employer partners.</p> <p>Construction training will be the largest training program (50% of participants) and YBPCS is committed to providing low-income, energy efficient housing in our community. YBPCS will complete one substantial rehab project (two units at one worksite).</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Portland YouthBuilders

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Software/I.T.
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Portland, OR
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>PYB is a diploma-granting high school accredited by Cognia. Students attain a high school diploma or GED and college credits. Small class sizes, high standards, and teachers ensure students are well-prepared to continue their education in college and apprenticeship.</p> <p>Youth receive training in construction or tech. PYB is certified by the OR Bureau of Labor and Industries as a pre-apprenticeship program, earning graduates an industry-recognized credential and direct entry or preferred status with apprenticeships. Youth will build two 4-5 bedroom sustainable homes with Habitat for Humanity Portland Region.</p> <p>Tech training leads youth to earn the CompTIA IT Fundamentals, CompTIA A+, and Google IT Support Professional credentials. Youth will support non-profits with website/media projects, serve as educational docents at Oregon Museum of Science &amp; Industry, and teach computer and cyber security classes at the AJC, libraries &amp; senior centers.</p> <p>Leadership development &amp; community service are integrated throughout the program.</p> <p>Youth are AmeriCorps members &amp; complete 300 hours of service for an Education Award.</p> <p>Planning for post-program success begins at the start and is integrated in all areas. Program design includes a cohort model for cohesion and peer support, a career counselor for every participant, and small interdisciplinary case management teams that meet weekly. Comprehensive follow-up services include ongoing support from PYB staff, meetings with career counselors to support placement success and retention, career mentors, and long-term support until post-secondary goals are attained. PYB has a vast array of partnerships which enhance the quality of programming and expand career placement and advancement opportunities for youth.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Quad Area Community Action, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Hospitality, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,296,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Hammond, LA
<b>Community type:</b>	Rural
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>Quad Area Community Action Agency, Inc. (QACAA) operates a quality youth and community development program that simultaneously addresses core issues facing low-income communities: housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and leadership development. In QYB, low-income youth will work toward their high school equivalency diplomas, learn occupational skills in construction and hospitality, learn leadership development skills, serve their communities by building and rehabilitating affordable housing, and transform their own lives and roles in society. Not only academic needs are addressed but also social, physical, and emotional issues.</p> <p>QYB will work in partnership with Ginger Ford Northshore Fuller Center for building and rehabilitating affordable housing for low-income families. Participants will divide their time between occupation and education training while maintaining time for leadership development and community service. QYB proposes the following comprehensive approach: providing education, community service, job training and a pre-apprenticeship program, a leadership and civic engagement program, a youth development program, a community development program, and developing a long-term mini-community.</p>
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Quad County Urban League, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Transportation/Logistics, Customer Service
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,146,713
<b>City, State:</b>	Aurora, IL
<b>Community type:</b>	<p>The Aurora YouthBuild program will provide construction and carpentry skills that will prepare participants to enter and enroll into construction trades' registered apprenticeship programs (i.e., carpenter apprenticeship, drywall finisher and decorating painter apprenticeship, and the electrician apprenticeship). Utilizing a comprehensive training program, trainees will learn applied academic skills from the East Aurora School District, construction skills under the authority of Squared Away Construction, LLC., work on a housing unit provided by the Aurora Housing Authority, learn leadership skills with a life skills instructor, and work readiness skills through the One-Stop partnership with Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment Workforce Development Division. This Division provides services to ready the workforce for employment through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).</p> <p>As part of the construction training, the trainees will rehab a housing unit from the Aurora Housing Authority (AHA). After participating in phases of YouthBuild, trainees may earn the NCCER (National Center for Construction and Education Research) CORE certification, and the program includes OSHA 10 &amp; 30, Flaggers and Forklift Training, and GPRO for green environment, which lead to a career pathway for participants. The Construction Plus component of the program will focus on industry credentials for customer service and TDL (Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics).</p>
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	Urban
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Queens Community House, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, <b>I.T. TBD</b>
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,259,199
<b>City, State:</b>	Jamaica, NY
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	The Queens YouthBuild program will help youth attain their HSED as well as give them hands-on occupational skills experience and work with industry leaders in the construction and information technology sectors (through Construction Plus). They will be primed for future employment and/or continued education in high-demand sectors. We anticipate 45 youth participating in the construction track and 25 youth participating in the Construction Plus track.
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Randolph County Housing Authority

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,198,500
<b>City, State:</b>	Elkins, WV
<b>Community type:</b>	Rural
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	YouthBuild North Central (YBNC) participants will spend one week in a classroom setting working toward HiSET attainment followed by a week working on construction skills or in the Construction Plus Allied Health program. This pattern will follow for the entirety of the program's core two years. The construction program will focus on PACT attainment, building one single family house and building one accessible apartment during the core performance period of 24 months. In addition to the standard construction track, YBNC will provide a Construction Plus training program in the Allied Health industry.
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

SER Metro-Detroit, Jobs for Progress, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,458,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Detroit, MI
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The program will be implemented under the umbrella of SER YouthBuild Learning Academy (SYLA). The YB program enables economically disadvantaged young adults to obtain the education and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency through employment and advancement in in-demand construction trades and the Patient Care Technician (PCT) Curriculum. SER will enroll 46 and 35 participants in construction trades and healthcare (PCT) tracks, respectively.</p> <p>The SYLA integrates education and occupational skills training on a daily basis throughout the intensive six-month program schedule. The education component of the program focuses on applied basic skills with a problem-solving emphasis in preparing participants for the Michigan High School Diploma (HSD) and/or General Education Diploma (GED). The vocational skills training component provides participants with job-specific skills in the construction field. In addition, the program also focuses on building participants' leadership skills by providing meaningful opportunities for community service where students develop decision-making, problem-solving, and negotiating skills.</p> <p>The construction training program (based on the MC3 curriculum) will follow the established YB model that integrates individualized GED instruction with hands-on construction training, both of which lead to credentials that increase employability and long-term economic self-sufficiency. The goal is to effectively equip participants with the skills, knowledge, and experience necessary to pursue entry into career pathways in post-secondary schools, colleges and apprenticeships within the building trades.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## South Carolina Regional Housing Authority #3

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, <b>Healthcare TBD</b>
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Barnwell, SC
<b>Community type:</b>	Rural
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The program will provide participants with the basic educational foundation (GED attainment) and occupational/hands-on training they need for future success and economic self-sufficiency. All program participants will receive academic and hands-on skills training in the construction industry by participating in the construction of affordable residential housing for those in need in our community. Additionally, individuals with career interests outside of the construction industry will have the opportunity to receive training and earn industry recognized credentials in the in-demand field of Healthcare. Our participants will gain their GED and industry certifications while taking part in leadership development training and community service-learning projects. During the community service-learning projects, participants will utilize the hands-on construction skills they learn as part of the YouthBuild program to help make our community a better place. We will provide each participant a custom combination of work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. This will be accomplished through the generous support of our network of employer partners. Once participants complete the YouthBuild Program, they will have the opportunity to enter the workforce or continue their journey along a selected career pathway through further education at a community college, 4-year university or through apprenticeship.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## South Memphis Renewal Community Development Corporation

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, <b>Healthcare, Manufacturing TBD</b>
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Memphis, TN
<b>Community type:</b>	Rural/Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>YouthBuild Memphis transforms the lives of opportunity youth by helping them earn their GED, high school diploma, or college credits, learn job skills, and serve their community. Participants divide their time between the classroom, construction sites, and leadership development.</p> <p>Youth earn a stipend during the program for work in the classroom, in training sessions, and on the construction sites.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Spero Family Services

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Hospitality
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$864,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Mount Vernon, IL
<b>Community type:</b>	Rural
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The long-term goal of the YouthBuild of South Central Illinois is to increase economic self-sufficiency of at-risk youth by increasing their educational and employment skills. Recruitment strategies will ensure that youth who are most in need and most likely to benefit from the program will be enrolled.</p> <p>The YouthBuild Program will provide occupational training in construction skills and hospitality. A project-based learning environment will be provided throughout the YouthBuild Program. Credentials earned will include: OSHA 10 Training and the National Work Readiness Credential. Construction track participants will receive The National Center for Construction Education (NCCER) certification, and the Hospitality participants will earn an industry recognized credential through the partnership with SI TRAIN. Additional services include leadership development activities and community service projects. Post-program transition services include life skills training, employability training, job shadowing, career preparation, and mentoring. Follow up services include education, career counseling, support services, and leadership activities.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## St. Joseph Youth Alliance

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,350,000
<b>City, State:</b>	St. Joseph, MO
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>YouthBuild St. Joseph (YBSJ) participants can concurrently achieve a high school equivalency certificate (HiSet®) AND an industry-recognized credential in construction or healthcare. YA will partner with The City of St. Joseph and St. Joseph School District (Webster Learning Center and Hillyard Technical Center) to provide project-based academic learning, occupational skills training, and case management to ensure participants have the highest opportunity for success. Participants will have access to educational and career counseling and other supportive services to reduce barriers to successful completion of the program, including two years of active participation with twelve months of follow-up services. YBSJ participants choosing the construction pathway earn the National Center for Construction Education &amp; Research (NCCER) Core Introduction to Basic Construction Skills through the YA while constructing low-income housing under supervision of City of St. Joseph. Participants choosing the healthcare pathway earn a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) credential using the Missouri Association of Nursing Home Administrators (MANHA) curriculum under the supervision of YA with clinical training and competencies provided by Gower Convalescent Center. These industry-recognized credentials prepare participants for meaningful unsubsidized employment.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## St. Nicks Alliance

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Brooklyn, NY
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>North Brooklyn YouthBuild (NBYB) will provide training towards certification in either construction or Construction Plus (Healthcare) along with Educational Services to support High School Equivalency (HSE) outcomes, Worksite Experience leading to at least 3 units of affordable housing renovated, and Career Support through job readiness, workplace success skills, life skills, leadership training, and job placement, job retention and career progression. After direct services, program participants are tracked and monitored for an additional year.</p> <p>The Construction Training Program consists of training prepares participants for a construction employment path, providing 8-week hands-on training resulting in NCCER; Green Construction; OSHA 30, Flagger, Scaffolding User; 10-Hour Site Safety and First Aid certifications; optional Fire Guard F-60. Participants will engage in hands-on worksite experience, creating of 3 affordable housing units for the community. The Construction Plus Training Program will focus on the Healthcare sector. Participants who choose this path will become a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA), Patient Care Technician (PCT), and/or EKG-Phlebotomy Technician. In addition to certification training, participants will benefit from a 175-hour paid clinical internship.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

The Crenulated Company, Ltd., dba New Settlement Apartments

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare, Hospitality, Customer Service
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	New York, NY
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>New Settlement YouthBuild (NSYB) participants will rehabilitate apartments for low-income residents as the core community service activity.</p> <p>The Academic curriculum for High School Equivalency (HSE) will be offered in collaboration with the NYC Department of Education (NYCDOE) program. Social Services Support will include counseling and case management and referrals, as needed, and a permanent commitment to alumni and past participants.</p> <p>Construction skills training will ensure that participants acquire knowledge/skills to: 1) complete classroom NCCER and hands on OSHA-30 training as well as project based learning; 2) safely use hand and power tools; 3) master fundamentals of rough and finish carpentry/plumbing/electrical; and 4) search, apply for, obtain, and maintain apprenticeship, employment or placement in post-secondary education or in advanced skills training; and 5) competency in green construction and sustainable building.</p> <p>NSYB will prepare participants for the High School Equivalency (HSE) certification and these credentials: NCCER, OSHA 30, BPI, Supported and Suspended Scaffold, Flagging Training, First Aid and CPR, as well as union apprenticeships. Industry partners will support participants with apprenticeships, work shadowing and job placements.</p> <p>Health Care industry training will be provided by instructors from NYSB and from partner SUNY Bronx Educational Opportunity Center and will lead to certification as a Home Health Aide or Certified Nursing Assistant, apprenticeships with partner agencies, and job placement. Hospitality and Customer Service will be taught by NSYB SUNY Manhattan Educational Opportunity Center instructors. Training will result in a National Retail Federation Foundation in Customer Service &amp; Sales and a possible ManageFirst Certification from the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, resulting in paid, hands-on apprenticeship experience at neighborhood hotels or restaurants, which may lead to permanent employment.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

The Service Collaborative of Western New York, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Hospitality, Advanced Manufacturing
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Buffalo, NY
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>Education training will be administered through partnerships with SUNY Erie and Catholic Charities of Buffalo and will provide a rigorous curriculum that aligns with the College and Career Readiness and Adult Common Core Standards. Youth will work toward achieving a NYS High School Equivalency Diploma. SUNY Buffalo State College and SUNY Erie will enroll youth in pre-collegiate courses to prepare them for post-secondary education. WNYBYB will implement three distinct occupational skills training pathways which will lead to industry-recognized credentials in construction, hospitality, and advanced manufacturing. All training pathways will have a strong work experience component and employer engagement. Habitat for Humanity Buffalo (HFHB) will be our primary construction partner, providing two housing projects for on-site training. Youth will work toward achieving a Home Builders Institute Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate. A variety of industry partners, including several local Registered Apprenticeships will provide additional training opportunities and internships. Community Services for Every1 will be our Hospitality partner and will facilitate the American Hotel &amp; Lodging Educational Institute's Certified Guest Services Professional, Certified Restaurant Server, Certified Guestroom Attendant and Front Desk Representative trainings. The Foundry will be our Advanced Manufacturing partner and will facilitate the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council's Certified Production Technician and Tooling-U/SME's Certified Manufacturing Associate training to a minimum of 20 youth. TSC will enroll eligible youth as AmeriCorps members and maintain a strong leadership development component. There will also be project-based learning opportunities integrated throughout program components.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Towpath Trail High School

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Akron, OH
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The Ohio State Apprenticeship Council has designated Towpath Trail High School's Construction Program as pre-apprenticeship program. Construction participants will be trained in NCCER Core, and healthcare participants will study in the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) track where they earn stackable credentials starting with: Phlebotomy Technician, Certified Patient Care Technician and then Certified Clinical Medical Assistant. Students will also be offered an opportunity to become State Tested Nursing Assistants (STNA) through the Ohio Department of Health.</p> <p>With a Construction Workforce Advisory Committee (WAC) and the Healthcare Workforce Advisory Committees, Towpath Trail High School will stay abreast of critical skills employers are seeking in an emerging workforce. These close partnership with local businesses as well as a developing relationship with the Job Center of Summit County (an American Job Center or one-stop center) should provide an extensive network of resources for postsecondary placements.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Ulster YouthBuild, LLC

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Manufacturing
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,069,258
<b>City, State:</b>	Kingston, NY
<b>Community type:</b>	Rural
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	UYB is a viable, dedicated, strategic partnership of public and private organizations. High school equivalency achievement utilizes the GED equivalency diploma. For construction, National Center for Construction Education and Re-search (NCCER) and the Home Builders Institute (HBI) Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (PACT) curriculum are employed. Prior to beginning hands-on training, participants must complete an approved 10-hour on site OSHA safety course taught by certified instructors at KAYB. In the area of Manufacturing, students receive the Certified Production Technician (CPT) credential.
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Urban League of Greater Atlanta

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Atlanta, GA
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>ULGA will collaborate with its partners to support youth with career exploration and coaching, career readiness training, case management, GED/high school diploma prep and labor market credentialing; multiple pre- apprenticeship training certifications; job, life and leadership skills; and access to apprenticeships and sustainable career-focused employment. Participants can choose to pursue career pathways in Construction, Information Technology (IT), and Healthcare-all rapidly growing career fields in the Metro Atlanta area.</p> <p>Participants must first complete a two-week career readiness program to be enrolled in the program of their choice. Each participant will have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma/GED, if needed; obtain industry-recognized credentials; participate in on the job (OJT), hands-on training; and employment placement and support services.</p> <p>GED/Diploma preparation will be provided by partners Atlanta Public Schools (APS). Within the academic component, educational interventions provided will be challenging and rigorous and designed to meet the ongoing needs of each participant, and include Math/Reading remediation, and tutorial. Simultaneous with educational opportunities, partners Atlanta and North GA Building and Trades Academy/Council (GABTA) will provide training to participants to receive industry-recognized credentials in Construction (MC3), which is recognized by DOL as an approved YouthBuild construction curriculum.</p> <p>The IT Career Pathway training and credentialing, project-based learning, OJT, connections to employers in the field, and professional development will be offered by TechBridge and managed by ULGA. Hours needed for Credentialing will depend on which credential path is chosen but range from 6-14 weeks. ATC will offer training and credentialing, as well as OJT, professional development, and access to employment opportunities for the Career Pathways in Healthcare and IT. After certification in Career Pathways in these fields, participants will interview with top companies in Atlanta for potential job assignments.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Urban League of Rochester, N.Y., Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Advanced Manufacturing
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,100,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Rochester, NY
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The primary goals of YouthBuild Rochester are to assist participants in attaining their High School Equivalency (HSE), increase their academic skills, and learn construction or advanced manufacturing skills so they can move toward economic self-sufficiency by entering career pathways in in-demand industries of construction and advanced manufacturing.</p> <p>Participants will have nine months of active enrollment during which they will receive rigorous academic instruction, occupational skills training, leadership development, community service learning, work readiness and career exploration, case management and preparation for placement in post-secondary education, employment, and/or apprenticeships. Each component is integrated to successfully connect the academic, occupational, and leadership skills participants learn in the classroom, training programs, and community service learning projects to internships, apprenticeships, and employment placements.</p> <p>The construction track will include hands-on and classroom training using the Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (PACT) and the Basics of Building Sciences curricula along with hands-on construction training at work sites. Students in the advanced manufacturing track will participate in the Certified Manufacturing Associate (CMfga) training program which prepares individuals for a new career in advanced manufacturing. The online training program is a nationally recognized credential that prepares individuals for high-demand, entry-level careers including assemblers, manufacturing associates, and production laborers. This is offered in partnership with the Rochester Technology and Manufacturing Association (RTMA) and ToolingU &amp; SME. RTMA and ULR work together to deliver NYSDOL registered apprenticeship opportunities once students have earned their Certified Manufacturing Associate credential.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Volunteers of America of Los Angeles

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, <b>Automotive Repair TBD</b>
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,425,519
<b>City, State:</b>	Los Angeles, CA
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>VOALA will operate North Hollywood YouthBuild, which will offer construction skills training to youth participants who will substantially renovate 4 units of affordable permanent housing for formerly homeless households at VOALA's North Hollywood Apartments.</p> <p>VOALA's program design integrates academic education leading to a high school diploma with opportunities for advanced education, occupational skills training (classroom and hands-on), leadership development, career exploration and planning, and community service learning opportunities into a cohesive and effective program based on best practices in youth education and employment services. In addition to construction training, participants will have access to occupational skills training in Automotive Repair through a Construction Plus component.</p> <p>VOALA's program is divided into two training cycles, each lasting one year. YouthBuild will provide Basic Skills Education for participants, provided by partner John Muir Charter School, classroom occupational skills training in construction (and auto repair through Construction Plus) provided by project partner Maxine Waters Adult School, hands-on occupational skills training at the work site overseen by VOALA's Construction Supervisor, and leadership development/community service activities led by the youth participants with supervision by VOALA's Case Managers.</p> <p>Youth participants who complete the program will be prepared to secure industry-recognized credentials (including a high-school diploma, construction certifications, and auto repair certifications), preparing them for post-secondary education, construction and auto repair apprenticeships, and/or living-wage employment in the construction or auto repair industry.</p>
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## Walker Montgomery Community Development Corporation

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,080,000
<b>City, State:</b>	New Waverly, TX
<b>Community type:</b>	Rural
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>WMCDC will provide Occupational Skills Training in Residential Construction and Food Service/Culinary Arts. Our vocational program combines the classroom activities with hands-on on-site applied work-based training. Participants in the pre-apprenticeship construction program will earn OSHA-10 safety credentials and stackable, portable, NCCER Core Curriculum and Level One Certification while putting their classroom learning to use in building affordable housing for low-income or homeless families. Participants in Culinary Arts will earn a food handler's certification, TABC certification, and ServSafe Manager Certificate and/or a Certified Fundamental Cook (CFC) certificate by the American Culinary Federation. YouthBuild participants are also introduced to significant support systems, such as a mentoring, follow-up education, employment, and personal counseling services; and participation in community service and civic engagement.</p>
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## West Jackson Community Development Corporation

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, <b>Healthcare, Phlebotomy, Forklift, VR TBD</b>
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Jackson, MS
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	Jackson YouthBuild will enroll participants at Hinds Community College for the educational component and offer PACT certifications to be earned during on-site housing construction training.
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## Wilmington Housing Authority

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, I.T.
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Wilmington, DE
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>The program will provide participants with the basic educational foundation (GED attainment) and occupational/hands-on training they need for future success and economic self-sufficiency. All program participants will receive academic and hands-on skills training in the construction industry by participating in the construction of affordable residential housing for those in need in our community. Additionally, individuals with career interests outside of the construction industry will have the opportunity to receive training and earn industry recognized credentials in the in-demand field of information technology. Our participants will gain their GED and industry certifications while taking part in leadership development training and community service-learning projects. During the community service-learning projects, participants will utilize the hands-on construction skills they learn as part of the YouthBuild program to help make our community a better place. We will provide each participant a custom combination of work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. This will be accomplished through the generous support of our network of employer partners. Once participants complete the YouthBuild Program, they will have the opportunity to enter the workforce or continue their journey along a selected career pathway through further education at a community college, 4-year university or through apprenticeship.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

## YBLC, Inc. dba YouthBuild Lake County

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,350,000
<b>City, State:</b>	North Chicago, IL
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>YBLC Inc., d/b/a YouthBuild Lake County (YBLC) will offer high school diploma attainment at our programming site, in addition to hands-on occupational training. Training will lead to industry recognized certificate attainment and placement in college and careers.</p> <p>YBLC has thirty committed partners in education, employment, and support services. YBLC has strong relationships with union apprenticeship programs, union contractors, and has experience in assisting students to access construction job opportunities from Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act through our long-term partnership with the Lake County Housing Authority.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Year One, Inc.

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, Healthcare
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,114,987
<b>City, State:</b>	Denver, CO
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>Mile High Youth Corps' YouthBuild program will train youth to earn the Home Builders Institute's Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (PACT) Core Curriculum certification and PACT Green Building certification. MHYC's Health &amp; Wellness track will prepare youth for entry-level positions in the nursing industry. Youth in this track will earn an industry-recognized Certificate in Nurse Aide from the Community College of Denver (CCD).</p> <p>Corpsmembers will spend half of their time participating in education services and activities, including working toward their High School Equivalency Diploma. At least forty percent of their time will be spent developing occupational skills and serving on a worksite building affordable housing or practicing patient communication skills and patient care in healthcare settings. For the remaining time, youth will develop leadership skills and participate in service-learning projects. YouthBuild staff will support participants as they are placed into meaningful careers and post-secondary education placements, and continue to serve as a resource during 12 months of post-program follow-up.</p>
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# 2021 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Young Adult Development in Action, Inc. dba YouthBuild Louisville

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, <b>Healthcare TBD</b>
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Louisville, KY
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>Educational training focuses on students earning their GED or High School Diploma, and then advanced subjects to prepare for college. Occupational skills training gives students hands-on experience learning construction and helps them earn an industry-recognized certification (PACT). For those who are interested in entering the healthcare field, YBL offers a Certified Nursing Assistant track on site with a Registered Nurse as an Instructor. Throughout project-based programming, students participate in project-based leadership and community service activities, being great citizens giving back to the community. Key partnerships support YBL efforts in each facet of the program. Partners such as Jefferson County Public Schools and Jefferson Community &amp; Technical College provide reinforcement in the classroom offering additional teachers and one-on-one tutors to help students achieve Educational Upgrades and earn their GED. For construction, partnership with the Building Industry Association of Greater Louisville provides opportunities to shadow contractors from various trades throughout Louisville, MAC Construction, River City Housing and Habitat for Humanity offering chances to build and rehab low-income housing. YouthBuild has been a partner with Louisville Metro Housing Authority and places students in Section 3 businesses on government projects leading to high wage entry-level jobs. Norton Healthcare, Spalding University, and Smoketown Wellness Center have committed as partners to support the healthcare track, enabling young adults to become CNAs. Workforce partners offer opportunities for job shadowing, internships, and career placements.</p>
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## Youth Conservation Corps

<b>Training participants in:</b>	Construction, I.T.
<b>DOL funding amount:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>City, State:</b>	Waukegan, IL
<b>Community type:</b>	Urban
<b>Summary of program activities:</b>	<p>Members have two high school completion options through GED attainment or a high school diploma through Penn Foster, with support for post-secondary education readiness and placement. Career training through YCC's pre-apprenticeship Construction and Construction Plus (IT) programs provide classroom and hands-on training leading to credential attainment, internships, and placement. Participants will build two single-family affordable housing units for low-income families. They will learn about green construction skills onsite and in the classroom. Life Skills training will include supportive services to reduce barriers and build skills in critical thinking, conflict resolution, financial literacy, and effective communication. Leadership development is integrated throughout the program through community service, servant leadership and personal growth. Workforce readiness and career counseling will provide pathways for success in career exploration, interviewing skills, resume-building, soft and transferrable skill development, and employment retention training.</p> <p>YCC is an active member of the Lake County Workforce Development (LCWD)/One Stop program and serves on the Operations Committee. YCC actively connects participants with LCWD/One Stop for employment, post-secondary placement, financial assistance, and training opportunities. YCC utilizes its strong network of employer and apprenticeship partners to connect participants with placement, while actively supporting them throughout their follow-up year.</p>
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