

2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

To continue to expand Registered Apprenticeships, prepare young workers for good quality jobs and strengthen the nation's workforce to meet industry demands, the [U.S. Department of Labor announced the award](#) of \$90 million in grants to 68 organizations in 32 states to provide training and employment services on April 28, 2023.

Ranging from \$700,000 to \$1.5 million each, the awards' announcement follows the department [announcement of the availability of YouthBuild grants](#) in November 2022. The grants will support pre-apprenticeships that will educate and train young people, from ages 16 to 24, who are neither enrolled in school nor in the labor market for jobs in high-demand industries. These industries include the construction industry, for which YouthBuild grants will help deliver education and training to enable students to use their abilities to build or rehabilitate affordable housing in their communities for low-income or unhoused families.

"The YouthBuild grants we're announcing today will strengthen the nation's workforce. They will also make sure young people have access to the training and skills they need for good quality jobs, made possible by the historic investments by Biden-Harris' administration to rebuild our nation," explained Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Brent Parton. "These investments will also help meet the demands of employers in high-demand industries as they seek to expand their workforces."

Administered by the department's [Employment and Training Administration](#), and supported by the [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act](#), YouthBuild grants support a pre-apprenticeship model that provides disadvantaged young people with occupational skills training, employment services and educational guidance, with emphasis on green building techniques, including understanding sustainable building materials, solar panel installation, weatherization processes and the use of [Energy Star](#) appliances.

YouthBuild participants will divide their time between classroom instruction – where they earn their high school diploma or equivalency degree – and workplace training to prepare for postsecondary opportunities. The grants will also enable young people to train for careers in healthcare, information technology, manufacturing and logistics, culinary arts and hospitality.

In August 2022, the department [added the YouthBuild program to the Biden-Harris administration's Justice40 initiative](#), which aims to ensure that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are overburdened by pollution.

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Housing Authority of the City of Opelika

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare TBD
Occupational credentials offered:	Basic Electricity Short Term Certificate, CNA
DOL funding amount:	\$1,356,750
City, State:	Opelika, AL
Community type:	Rural
Summary of program activities:	<p>OHA is committed to providing a successful YouthBuild program for participants, including a basic educational foundation (GED attainment) and occupational/Hands-on training 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, as a Construction Plus program, individuals with career interests outside the construction industry will have the opportunity to receive training and earn industry-recognized credentials in the in-demand healthcare industry. Our participants will gain their GED and Basic Electricity Short Term Certificate while participating in leadership development training and community service-learning projects. During the community service-learning projects, to help make our community a better place, participants will utilize the hands-on construction skills they learn as part of the YouthBuild program.</p> <p>Each participant will receive a customized combination of work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. Completing the YouthBuild Program will allow participants to enter the workforce or continue their chosen career path via additional education at a community college, 4-year university, or apprenticeship.</p>
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Yukon Koyukuk School District

Training participants in:	Construction
Occupational credentials offered:	MC3
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Fairbanks, AK
Community type:	Tribal
Summary of program activities:	<p>The Yukon Koyukuk School District (YKSD) EMPLOY project will provide opportunities for a minimum of 66 Alaskan youth (ages 16 to 24) through a program designed to provide community-based alternative education programs. The project will also partner with the Alaska Department of Labor-One Stop (WIOA), Plumber and Pipefitters UA Local 375, the Fairbanks Construction Trades Council, the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Tanana City School District, and AKGRAD. YKSD is a Rural Education Attendance Area (REAA) encompassing a geographic region of 65,000 square miles (an area larger than the state of Washington) in interior Alaska. Our nine school communities are in highly remote and economically disadvantaged areas; only ONE of our schools is accessible by dirt road, and small aircraft reach the rest at a high cost. YKSD proposes to annually build one small mini home. These homes will be made available for low-income housing at one of our ten extremely remote rural sites. Outcomes of the project will include trained students in the construction field, passing of industry credentials\certifications, social-emotional supports, reduce barriers to employment, post-secondary enrollment, GED or High School Diploma, career coaching, financial literacy and development of leadership skills.</p>
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Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas

Training participants in:	Construction, CNA
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, Certified Nursing Assistant
DOL funding amount:	\$1,205,176
City, State:	DeQueen, AR
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	Program length varies with alternating cohorts governed by a college schedule, but Pathway Preparation (Phase I) will last one month, Career Pathway (Phase II), education and occupational skills training will last 6-9 months, and Alumni Follow-Up Services (Phase III) will be provided for 12 months. Construction cohorts will consist of 16 students and CNA cohorts will consist of 12 students. Phase I will include Mental Toughness and Pathway Selection courses. Phase II will include contextualized education and occupational skills training in one of the two pathways. Students will complete community service projects related to their fields of study, including rehabilitation of one worksite donated by AHW, LLC. Both pathways include OSHA safety and First Aid/CPR training and lead to Phase III, which targets advancing in each pathway through further training, enrolling in college, finding employment, enrolling in any required exams for state certification, and follow-up services.
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City of Anaheim

Training participants in:	Construction, Clinical Medical Assistant
Occupational credentials offered:	Hope Builders, CMA certification
DOL funding amount:	\$960,814
City, State:	Anaheim, CA
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	Anaheim Workforce Connection (AWC) and its partners - Hope Builders and Learn4Life - will support a minimum of 43 youth, focusing on those ages 18-24, with mentoring, job and life skills training, job placement support, wrap-around support, and hands-on experiences to help them overcome barriers to attaining and retaining full long-term employment in well-paying jobs with benefits and opportunities for growth. The program provides 12-16 weeks of controlled learning in a classroom/workshop setting and hands-on experience at a real world job site, resulting in the complete renovation of up to 30 affordable housing units (by construction trainees). Upon completion of the YouthBuild Anaheim program, HopeBuilders will match participants with full-time job placements in the high-demand industries of healthcare and construction that offer family-sustaining wages and career ladders for growth.
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Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission

Training participants in:	Construction, Sterile Processing Tech, Forestry
Occupational credentials offered:	HBI Pact, CRCST, FEMA certifications
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Fresno, CA
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>66 students will receive vocational training while earning a high school diploma onsite at YouthBuild Charter School of California. Vocational opportunities in Fresno County include construction, solar and weatherization, and Construction Plus: SPT and Forestry Maintenance training. Students will be paid \$16.50 per hour and have access to wrap-around services.</p> <p>YB Fresno will subcontract the following to provide services under the grant; NorCal Laborers Union (training), Amber Aquino (SPT Instructor), Self Help Enterprises (construction supervision), DSE Consulting (substance abuse counseling), Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (access to One-Stop).</p>
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Los Angeles Communities Advocating for Unity, Social Justice and Action

Training participants in:	Construction, Hospitality/Culinary
Occupational credentials offered:	HBI PACT, NRAEF Restaurant Ready
DOL funding amount:	\$1,200,000
City, State:	Los Angeles, CA
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>La CAUSA has a strong history in developing partnership to deliver social services in the area. All partners have been trained and helped develop the current YouthBuild program. Our education training is provided through YouthBuild Charter School of CA, an accredited public charter school that provides a responsive and individualized program, resulting in a high school diploma, a requirement for nearly all occupational pathways and a barrier for the young people. La CAUSA has formed numerous relationships in the construction trades, providing access to state-of-the-art training facilities and on-site feedback that results in greater efficacy of the occupational skills training curriculum. La CAUSA will provide the Hospitality/Culinary training to 34 of the 68 participants enrolled as its Construction Plus component. The training will follow the prescribed 50-40-10 model with the Hospitality/Culinary training provided for the 9-12 students in each of three cohorts.</p>
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Rising Stars Business Academy

Training participants in:	Construction
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Moreno Valley, CA
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	RSBAYB will accept 66 youth into the training program who will help renovate a house for homeless youth while also acquiring NCCER certification and their High School Diploma. The scope of this DOL grant funded project is to provide youth with education, construction and leadership skills which result in further education, an apprenticeship or a well-paying job. Statistically, we will strive to achieve at least a 75% attainment rate of youth attaining: their high school diploma, NCCER certification, post-program placement, retention in that placement, and an above average wage.
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Riverside County Office of Education

Training participants in:	Construction, Logistics
Occupational credentials offered:	HBI PACT, MSSC CLA/CLT
DOL funding amount:	\$1,292,019
City, State:	Riverside, CA
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>RCYB+ is a comprehensive program to assist youth in completing high school diploma or high school equivalency credential while being trained in the construction and logistics industries. Participants will earn industry-recognized credentials. Home Builders Institute Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Training will be taught to 29 youth. RCYB+ participants will construct housing units on Riverside Habitat for Humanity projects (CalVet REN) houses for low-income veterans and their families. The logistics program will be taught to 28 youth to learn the skills necessary for entry-level employment in warehousing, distribution, material handling, and distribution in supply chain facilities. Work experience training for logistics is at Deckers, a logistics distribution center.</p>
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San Joaquin County Office of Education

Training participants in:	Construction, Logistics
Occupational credentials offered:	MC3, Supply Chain Warehousing Certificate
DOL funding amount:	\$1,196,000
City, State:	Stockton, CA
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>YouthBuild San Joaquin (YBSJ) will serve 52 at-risk youth and young adults, ages 16 to 24. In Stockton, YBSJ is known as the place for second chances, transforming the lives of disenfranchised young people in the community for 17 years. YBSJ empowers opportunity youth through the delivery of a comprehensive and interdisciplinary system of support that allow youth to focus on academic achievement, occupational skills training, community service learning and leadership development, college and career readiness, on-the-job experience, job placement and employment, and follow-up support and services, while addressing barriers to success. SJCOE will continue to partner with San Joaquin County WorkNet, an American Job Center, which opens the door to resources, support services, and work experience opportunities to program pre-apprentices. YBSJ has established industry relationships and has direct-entry agreements for program graduates with the local Laborers and Carpenters Unions. The Laborers Union also grants a 450-credit towards the first the 600-hour requirement for a YouthBuild graduate's first pay increase. YBSJ will provide construction occupational skills training to 42 participants who will renovate at least one unit of affordable housing for low-income families, in partnership with Stocktonians Taking Action to Neutralize Drugs (STAND). The program also provides logistics occupational skills training to 10 participants, who will learn logistics skills in partnership with the SJCOE Operations Division Warehouse. All 52 participants will have the opportunity to earn industry-recognized credentials and safety certifications that are stackable and portable. SJCOE is also offers training using GPRO: Fundamentals of Building Green curriculum, which is a component of MC3 and developed by the Urban Green Council, the New York City Chapter of the US Green Building Council, Paxton Patterson Solar training, and hands-on experience with sustainable construction practices through their work experience with STAND.</p>
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Medici Road

Training participants in:	Construction
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, OSHA 10
DOL funding amount:	\$1,499,685
City, State:	Washington, DC
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	Medici Road's Workforce Development Training program will serve 80 youth over the grant period. These amazing youth will come from Washington, DC's most underserved communities in Wards 5,6,7 and 8. MRYB will provide industry-recognized training in construction through NCCER and OSHA 10 construction skills training certification, soft skills training, and leadership development for opportunity youth. MRYB will partner with local American Job Centers, architects and general contractors, apprenticeship programs, quality employer partners, as well as other local workforce programs to provide participants with curriculum training, employment and educational assistance, and the hands-on training needed to prepare participants to obtain gainful employment in the Construction field.
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Florida Institute for Workforce Innovation, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, CNA
DOL funding amount:	\$1,400,000
City, State:	Gainesville, FL
Community type:	Rural
Summary of program activities:	<p>Project YouthBuild will blend an appropriate mix of academic education with occupational skills development. We are partnering with Santa Fe College (SFC) to provide supplemental instruction and occupational skills training. The Alachua County Housing Authority will provide worksite access for hands-on construction occupational training. ACHA leadership is aware that YouthBuild participants qualify as Section 3 Workers and is committed to providing employment opportunities for Project YouthBuild graduates.</p> <p>GatorCNA will oversee healthcare certification training and we have hands-on healthcare training taking place at University of Florida Health and CVH Health locations. Penn Foster will provide a self-paced, web-based high school diploma curriculum, supplemented by PYB and partner staff instruction. Credentials will consist of a high school diploma, industry recognized healthcare certificates, and various construction certificates offered through the National Center for Construction Education and Research. PYB will also expose youth to entrepreneurial training and education events designed to introduce them to the possibility of owning and running their own business. The exact mix and type of training will be based on initial and ongoing assessments of youth progress. PYB will leverage American Job Center services, where youth will be co-enrolled in the WIOA program and have the opportunity to participate in paid internships, receive individualized employment placement, and job development. Youth will also have access to registered apprenticeship programs, military enlistment, AmeriCorps service or enrollment in a post-secondary occupational pathway. Follow-up services will be provided for a period of at least 12 months post-program exit.</p>
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Valencia College

Training participants in:	Construction, Front Office Medical Assistant Program and Warehouse Logistics Specialist Program
Occupational credentials offered:	OSHA 10, forklift, Certified Logistics Associate, Manufacturing Skills Standard Council, CPR and First Aid, National Healthcare Association (NHA), Certified Medical Administrative Assistant, America Heart Association (AHA)
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Kissimmee, FL
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	Valencia College will continue the highly successful Greater Orlando-YouthBuild Plus (GO-YB+) program, providing learning and employment opportunities to 84 low-income, disconnected youth (ages 16-24) in Osceola County, Florida. This region is targeted due to high unemployment and poverty rates, and the need for educational pathways to credentials and employment opportunity. Eligible participants will develop the academic and occupational skills needed to obtain a GED and industry certifications in construction, healthcare, or logistics tracks. All programs provide a project-based learning environment, service learning opportunities, support services and, due to strong industry partnerships, a network of multiple employment opportunities for graduates.
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Greater Miami Service Corps

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare, Technology, Business Ownership TBD
Occupational credentials offered:	Patient Care Assistant, CNA
DOL funding amount:	\$1,100,000
City, State:	Miami, FL
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>The YouthBuild Miami Construction Plus program will engage 47 young people between the ages of 16-24 in a rigorous academic, occupational and pre-apprenticeship program in high growth industries of Construction, Technology, and Healthcare in Miami-Dade County, FL. GMSC is a 501 (c)3 non-profit, services and conservation corps, with over 35 years of experience engaging young people in academics, training, workforce development, and service projects that improve the infrastructure of our community. Members will receive construction training building new and/or rehabilitating apartments for move-in. YB Members will enroll in a twelve-month training program designed to support academic achievement by earning a high school diploma or GED, earning a minimum of one industry credential, and participating in pre-apprenticeship services in high skill industries of Construction, Technology, and Healthcare. Members will be provided mentorship and supportive services, and exposed to entrepreneurship, vocational and college pathways. Partnership with unions, housing developments, and employers are in place to ensure the success of the program.</p>
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Palm Beach County Housing Authority

Training participants in:	Construction
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, Welding Technology Career Certificate
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	West Palm Beach, FL
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>Palm Beach County Housing Authority is committed to providing a YouthBuild program for participants including 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, as a Construction Plus program, 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 massage therapy. 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, to help make our community a better place, participants will utilize the hands-on construction skills they learn as part of the YouthBuild program. Each participant will receive a customized combination of work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. Completion of the YouthBuild Program will allow participants to enter the workforce or continue their chosen career path via additional education at a community college, 4-year university, or apprenticeship.</p>
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Winter Haven Housing Authority

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare TBD
Occupational credentials offered:	CNA
DOL funding amount:	\$915,166
City, State:	Winter Haven, FL
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>Our YouthBuild Program will provide participants with basic educational skills (GED attainment) and occupational/hands-on training needed 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, as a Construction Plus program, individuals with career interests outside of the construction industry will have the opportunity to receive training and earn industry-recognized credentials in high-demand fields such as CNA. In addition to education and workforce training, participants will complete leadership development training and community service-learning projects. During the community service-learning projects, participants will utilize the hands-on construction skills they learn in the YouthBuild program to help improve our community. We will customize a plan for each participant to include hands-on work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. Each participant receives complete case management services from staff who coordinate and coach them throughout program participation to support successful outcomes and performance achievement. Upon completing the YouthBuild Program, they can enter the workforce or continue their journey along a selected career pathway through post-secondary education or apprenticeship.</p>
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Albany Housing Authority

Training participants in:	Construction, Nursing TBD
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, CNA
DOL funding amount:	\$1,371,354
City, State:	Albany, GA
Community type:	Rural
Summary of program activities:	Participants will have the opportunity to receive training and certification in the construction and medical fields. Upon graduation from the program, youth will gain employment, enter an apprenticeship, or continue their education at a 4-year university. Participants receive NCCER classroom instruction in basic construction skills, carpentry, concrete, electrical, HVAC/R, and plumbing. Participants will receive their hands-on experience by constructing a duplex. Each unit will be a 2-bedroom, 2-bath unit equating to nearly 1,700 square feet per unit. Integrity Healthcare Institute will provide education for participants who choose the medical field. They will be required to participate in an internship after their educational training. The housing authority will provide supportive services and youth mentorship, and leadership in-house and through partner services.
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Northwest Georgia Housing Authority

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare TBD
Occupational credentials offered:	HBI-Pact, CNA
DOL funding amount:	\$1,099,300
City, State:	Rome, GA
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	The goal of NWGHA YouthBuild is to provide a comprehensive, community-driven program for 90 youth to improve their education, employment, and leadership skills while also increasing the availability of affordable housing for residents living in low-income communities. By participating in NWGHA YouthBuild, socioeconomically disadvantaged youth will have an opportunity to earn the following industry-recognized certificates through HBI PACT: Carpentry, Electrical, Brick Masonry, Plumbing and Weatherization. Earning stackable and industry-recognized certifications in these fields will ensure that graduates master the skills and techniques employers are looking for in employees.
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Lumity

Training participants in:	Construction
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER
DOL funding amount:	\$1,035,000
City, State:	Chicago, IL
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>Lumity and our partners will engage out-of-school youth from partnering communities in Chicago’s western suburbs in YouthBuild: STEMWorks for Construction, a comprehensive program that prepares out-of-school youth to earn their high school equivalency and a construction industry certification, and guides their placement into a construction apprenticeships/jobs with 12 months of follow-up supports. Their experience will include: 1- Individualized education, career, and personal asset-based co-planning with Lumity staff, using holistic assessments to inform planning and track progress; 2-Connections to wrap-around services; 3-Hands-on, meaningful activities in: a) occupational skills training, including work-site construction experience; b) GED courses and tutoring for literacy/math skills; and c) Life-long career skills development in social-emotional learning, life skills, career awareness and leadership; 4- Community service d (e.g., Maywood Village-Pride/Village-Wide events, Participant Advisory Committee); 5-Placement in a construction job or apprenticeship; and 6- 12 months of post-placement supports (e.g. coaching, connections to services; Lumity Alumni Network for career development). Lumity will continuously perform sustainability audits, including identifying key areas for improvement within work sites construction sites, ensuring the upgrade to energy-efficient lighting machinery, educating participants on responsible waste disposal, and minimizing unnecessary use of electrical equipment.</p>
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Metropolitan Family Services

Training participants in:	Construction
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER
DOL funding amount:	\$1,371,354
City, State:	Chicago, IL
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>This project will offer a career path that builds skills, knowledge, and networks that promote career advancement for low-income and underserved youth in construction and the trades. Youth will be enrolled in 3 cohorts. Trainees will receive mental toughness life skills, construction classroom skills, project-based learning, and on-the-job training three afternoons per week, four hours per day. Concurrently, youth will be enrolled in Alternative School for their HSD or City Colleges for their GED. MFS will provide tutoring with a focus on math and a computer science project-based learning module while youth are in the program. Leadership training, mentoring, restorative justice, financial literacy, and community service will also be provided. MFS has established a collaboration with the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) to implement this project. With this partnership, CHA will provide the worksite for Metro YB participants to have the opportunity for hands-on experience in the renovation of CHA housing. MFS, a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, has served Chicago and its suburban communities for over 165 years. Serving 117,000 persons last year, the mission is to provide and mobilize the services needed to strengthen families and communities. MFS has been providing workforce development since 2002 for high-risk adults and youth.</p>
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Homework Hangout Club, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, Food Service/Food Management
Occupational credentials offered:	MC3, ServSafe Food Protection Manager Licensing
DOL funding amount:	\$1,472,000
City, State:	Decatur, IL
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>After recruitment, screening, and selection, HHC Youthbuild participants begin by competing in Mental Toughness and a Leadership and Work Readiness training curriculum to prepare them for the program ahead. Participants are also assessed for supportive services and their industry-of-focus while in HHC Youthbuild: the traditional Construction program or the Construction Plus industry, Food Service. Participants are placed into: 1) GED/ABE instruction; 2) Occupational Skills Training to obtain industry-recognized credentials: for Construction, NCCER core construction and Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) credentials implemented in partnership with the Decatur Building Trades; for Food Service, Servsafe Food Protection Manager licensing; both industry tracks also complete ISSA-certified Cleaning Industry Management Standard (CIMS) Credentials relative to their career field; 3) hands-on training and work-based learning through on-the-job construction skills training at HHC worksites (Construction) or through on-site meal preparation in collaboration with Hazel’s Kitchen (Food Service); Upon graduating, participants receive follow-up services to place them into registered apprenticeships – including within collaborating Building Trades, living-wage employment, and/or postsecondary education. North America’s Building Trades Union Multi-Craft Core Curriculum – Green Construction Training includes sustainable and eco-friendly construction building practices, sustainable site development, efficient use of water resources, energy conservation, the use of sustainable building materials, reducing and recycling construction waste, and protecting indoor and outdoor environmental quality.</p>
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The Housing Authority of Elgin

Training participants in:	Construction
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Elgin, IL
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>The YouthBuild Program will help participants gain their GED and a construction credential. The program will include 3 cohorts, lasting 8 months each, hands-on training renovating residential homes, leadership development/mentoring, follow-up, and linkages to supportive services and employers. The program will support eligible youth in education, occupational skills training, employment services, leadership development, and community service. HAE's YouthBuild Program will provide participants with an opportunity for HSE attainment, construction training, hands-on training, job readiness skills, and supportive services through the career pathways approach. HAE is a recipient of HUD financial assistance; therefore, HAE and its contractors/subcontractors are required to provide economic opportunities, to the greatest extent possible, consistent with existing Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Peoria Housing Authority

Training participants in:	Construction
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Peoria, IL
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	Partnerships with community stakeholders include the Peoria Public School System and METEC Resource Center. Participants will go through the program as one of 3 cohort groups enrolling every 8 months through the 24-month active service delivery portion of the program. To help attract students to the program we will provide project stipends for time spent in the hands-on training portion of the project. This incentive will engage them in the program and ensure participation in the hands-on training and residential construction phase. We will also refer students to supportive services to overcome barriers that might prevent them from enrolling in and completing the PHA YouthBuild Program. These supportive services will include assistance such as transportation, healthcare, mental health, TANF, financial aid, substance misuse treatment, childcare, mentoring, and SNAP assistance to help ensure the opportunity youth we are targeting are able to participate and complete the YouthBuild Program. Our 2-year active services portion of the program shares time between high school equivalency classes, construction classroom training, hands-on training, and leadership development, mentoring, and community service opportunities.
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Housing Authority of the City of Evansville

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare, IT, and Manufacturing
Occupational credentials offered:	Building Construction Technology, CNA, CompTIA+ITF, and Production Technician
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Evansville, IN
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>EHA is committed to providing a YouthBuild program for participants including basic educational foundation (GED attainment) and occupational/hands-on training 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, as a Construction Plus program, 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 fields of Manufacturing, Healthcare, and CompTIA +ITF. 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 construction skills they learn as part of the YouthBuild program. Each participant will receive a customized combination of work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. Completion of the YouthBuild Program will allow participants to enter the workforce or continue their chosen career path via additional education at a community college, 4-year university, or apprenticeship.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Manhattan Housing Authority

Training participants in:	Construction
Occupational credentials offered:	HBI
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Manhattan, KS
Community type:	Rural
Summary of program activities:	<p>The goal of YouthBuild: Bountiful Bridges is to address systemic violence and neglect of youth by connecting them to community organizations solving social and environmental problems. The program focuses on the social problem of affordable housing and its relationship to energy efficiency and climate change. Using a novel Community Engaged Construction (CEC) education and training program, YouthBuild: Bountiful Bridges offers participants safe, secure, and healthy housing while they contribute to high-performance housing options in the community and improve their own placement opportunities in an evolving construction industry. Participants will receive training in Energy Auditing; Solar Energy, Photovoltaic system installation; Energy efficient appliances and HVAC; Insulation and other weatherization; and Permaculture.</p>
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LearningWorks

Training participants in:	Construction, Hospitality—Culinary Focus
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, National Restaurant Association ProStart Level 1, American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute: Gold Certified Guest Service Professional, American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute START (Various)
DOL funding amount:	\$1,380,000
City, State:	Portland, ME
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>LearningWorks YouthBuild (LWYB) is a community-based alternative education and occupational training program that will serve 60 youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who are high school dropouts, adjudicated, aging out of foster care, disabled, homeless, or otherwise disadvantaged. LWYB addresses core issues important to low-income communities: affordable housing, education, employment, leadership development, and energy efficiency. The program's two-year training cycles balance project-based learning with occupational skills training to prepare underserved youth for career placement. Its rigorous academic component assists youth in obtaining their HiSET (High School diploma equivalent) while receiving training that supports placement into career pathways and/or further education and training. LWYB supports the goal of increasing affordable housing by teaching youth construction skills as they renovate affordable housing units for rent to low-income families. LWYB also offers an alternative occupational track using the Construction Plus model in two integrated high-demand employment fields: Culinary Arts & Hospitality Services. LWYB students, upon successful training, will receive industry-recognized U.S. DOL-approved certifications. All LWYB students will participate in an internship placement and have the option to receive support in pursuing further post-secondary education. Construction work sites feature the substantial rehabilitation of two vacant apartment units in Portland Housing Authority's low-income public housing developments, where students will receive on-site training using the NCCER curriculum. Acquired construction skills include: work site evaluation and preparation; blueprint reading; masonry; framing; sheathing; roofing; siding, window, and door installation; drywall; bathroom installation; cabinetry; carpet, and flooring installation; painting; rough and finish carpentry; weatherization, energy conservation, and sustainable building; power and hand tool use; and job safety.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Civic Works, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction
Occupational credentials offered:	HBI
DOL funding amount:	\$1,472,000
City, State:	Baltimore, MD
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>Civic Works' YouthBuild Program, in partnership with Rising, LLC, Baltimore Mayor's Office of Employment Development, and TRA Construction, will assist opportunity youth in completing their high school education; provide on-site construction training experiences which result in the construction of housing for low-income families; foster job-readiness and leadership skills; and further opportunities for participants' placement in apprenticeship programs and full-time employment in jobs paying a living wage.</p> <p>Participants will receive intensive academic assistance, leading to a high school diploma, and skills development training in the construction field, leading to nationally recognized industry certifications from the Home Builders Institute. YouthBuild participants will rehabilitate two homes within the Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park community, creating affordable housing units for low-income owners.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Volunteers of America Chesapeake and Carolinas, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare and Green Technology TBD
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, Journeyman’s Electrician’s License Solar Certification, CMAA (Certified Medical Administrative Assistant), CCMA (Certified Clinical Medical Assistant), CPHT (Certified Pharmacy Technician), CSRCST (Certified Registered Central Service Technician), MCBC (Medical Billing and Coding Certification)
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Lanham, MD
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>Participants of VOACC’s YouthBuild II will have access to a wide variety of services such as career planning and exploration, job readiness and life skills training, assessment of skills, needs, strengths, and preferences, opportunities to learn industry-recognized credentials and enter Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs), community service and leadership development opportunities, and provision of supportive services with a case management model. Participants will learn skills to enter trades that align with local labor demand (construction, healthcare, and green technology) and have multiple opportunities for advancement. VOACC will offer GED instruction, construction training utilizing the NCCER curriculum, and hands-on learning experiences. Medcerts and Metrix Learning will provide the healthcare career pathway and Bay Electric will provide participants interested in learning green trades exposure to solar panel installation and EV charger installation in its 4-Year RAP.</p> <p>Worksites will be provided by the Newport News Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HUD Choice Neighborhood) and Habitat for Humanity.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Rockville Housing Enterprises

Training participants in:	Construction, Human Resources Management TBD
Occupational credentials offered:	National Center for Housing Management – Certified Manager of Housing Certificate
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Rockville, MD
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>All program participants will receive academic and hands-on skills training in the construction industry by engaging in the construction of affordable housing for those in need in our area. As a Construction Plus program, the opportunity to receive training and industry-recognized credentials in the in-demand field of Human Resources Management will be provided to individuals with career interests outside of construction. While participating in leadership development training and community service-learning projects, our participants will gain their GED and Industry certifications. To help make our community a more hospitable place, participants will take advantage of the hands-on construction skills they learn during their time in the YouthBuild program.</p> <p>Each participant will receive an individualized mixture of work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. Participants then earn the opportunity to enter the workforce or continue their chosen career path through additional education at a community college, 4-year university, or apprenticeship upon completing the program.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

North Shore Community Development Coalition, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, Culinary, Healthcare
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, National Restaurant Association ProStart Certification and ServSafe--Management, Certified Nursing Assistant
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Salem, MA
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>NSCDC is uniquely structured and has been successful in developing the first YouthBuild program on the North Shore. NSCDC operates a Construction Plus program with additional training in the much-needed Healthcare Industry and in Culinary Arts in partnership with North Shore Community College for healthcare and with ROOT in culinary. NSCDC has been operating a successful YouthBuild program for over 10 years and has developed a strong collaborative network. YBNS is a viable, dedicated, strategic partner of public and private organizations. The education component of the program will be handled by two certified teachers currently on staff who will provide instruction leading to the attainment of the HiSET, the equivalency degree accepted by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. YBNS provides the primary construction skills training at the projects where the housing construction worksite training will consist of significant housing rehabilitation. Additional worksite training occurs at the YBNS lab and classroom. All partners have been trained and helped develop the current YouthBuild program. Under the strong leadership of the North Shore Community Development Coalition, this team is working together to address the issues of affordable housing, undereducated youth, and a high youth unemployment rate. Throughout its history, YBNS has consistently produced strong outcomes.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Southwest Economic Solutions Corporation

Training participants in:	Construction
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER and MC3
DOL funding amount:	\$1,246,615
City, State:	Detroit, MI
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	Southwest Economic Solutions will offer a YouthBuild program for youth who are residents of Detroit, Michigan. Construction skills training will be based on the NCCER and MC3 requirements, which was developed through a partnership with the construction industry and was intentionally designed as a comprehensive occupational skills training. Leveraging integrated education and training, participants will earn the NCCER, MC3, and customer service credentials, as well as the HVAC 608. Certification includes OSHA 10, First Aid/CPR, and Work Keys.
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Charles Stewart Mott Community College

Training participants in:	Construction and Healthcare
Occupational credentials offered:	MC3, CNA
DOL funding amount:	\$1,499,865
City, State:	Flint, MI
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>MCC is a postsecondary institution/community college. As Flint's Title II Adult Education and Literacy provider for 16 years and the Jobs for Michigan's Graduates (JMG) Out-of-School service provider for the local Workforce Development Board, MCC is well-positioned to deliver program services directly. 51 youths will be enrolled in construction training and 17 in Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). MCCYB will provide rigorous educational attainment, high-demand occupational construction and healthcare training, and career-focused placement to youth with the support of community partners and employers. The MCCYB program has six core components: Education: providing learner-centered individualized curricula by certified teachers leading to the attainment of a high school diploma or GED; Construction Training: providing Building Construction certification, involving hands-on training for the substantial renovation of a home to serve as permanent housing for homeless and/or low-income individuals and families in Flint; Certified Nursing Assistant: providing training that results in portable credentials and employment with an opportunity of potential apprenticeship; Case Management: providing career and education support, including advising and referral for participants for co-enrollment into WIOA; Leadership Development: providing leadership training and opportunities to practice leadership elements, including community service; Transition Services: provide employment and post-secondary placement assistance and 12-month follow-up with supportive services. Mott will include a 30-hour Green Construction course, teaching the key methods and techniques to reduce the overall environmental impact and an overview of the Energy Star program.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Change, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare
Occupational credentials offered:	MC3, CNA
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Saint Paul, MN
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>Change Inc.'s YouthBuild program will serve two cohorts with training in either construction or healthcare career pathways. Participants work towards industry-recognized credentials as they complete their high school diplomas. Training is provided on-site and with employer partners. The YouthBuild Construction Career Pathway program for this grant period will culminate in the construction of a single-family home for which we plan to break ground in the summer of 2023. After exiting, we provide at least 12 months of job search support and follow-up. The program also provides in-house social-emotional supports such as mentoring, trauma-informed practices, and case management. Change Inc.'s YouthBuild program works to help underserved young adults of color overcome education and career barriers, increase availability of affordable housing for low-income families, and increase community connections through meaningful employment. Specific to the YouthBuild Construction Careers Pathway, participants learn about green building practices as one module in the MC3 curriculum. The design of the new construction of the single-family home worksite is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification eligible. As participants are on site, they learn about green practices related to insulation, heating/cooling, and incorporation of sustainable energy practices in both the construction of the house and the use of construction supplies. We work closely with the U.S. Green Building Council in Minnesota to both educate program participants as well as gain LEED certification.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Tree Trust

Training participants in:	Construction and Tree Care
Occupational credentials offered:	HBI PACT and Tree Care Industry Association Introduction to Arboriculture Safety Certificate
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Saint Paul, MN
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>Tree Trust will provide occupational training for 66 opportunity youth as they pursue their high school diplomas. Students will be enrolled in a combined pre-apprenticeship Construction program building houses in low-income communities and pre-apprenticeship Construction Plus Tree Care program. Students alternate weeks between attending high school and participating in occupational skills training during the school year. They spend 50% of their time attending high school, 40% of their time in occupational skills training, and 10% of their time in leadership/life skills training. Students can earn two industry-recognized credentials during their training year: the Home Builders Institute Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training and the Tree Care Industry Association Introduction to Arboriculture Safety Certificate. We provide youth with 12 months of individualized follow-up services to support them in meeting career and educational goals. Tree Trust partners with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, who uses LEED and ENERGY STAR sustainable techniques to steward the environment and conserve resources and energy during construction. YouthBuild participants learn and participate in these efforts during Construction training. In Construction Plus, students learn to plant and care for trees, study the role of trees to mitigate climate change, and explore career opportunities in arboriculture.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Goodwill Industries, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction and Automotive Service Technician
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence Certification, Automotive Lift Institute Hoist Safety, S/P2 Safety & Pollution Prevention
DOL funding amount:	\$1,200,000
City, State:	Saint Paul, MN
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota (GESMN)—a licensed, accredited, private postsecondary career school and provider of sector-specific career pathway programming for diverse populations—will expand its successful YouthBuild platform by integrating Construction Plus training in the automotive service sector. The program will continue to serve truly disconnected youth in the Twin Cities and features a robust network of employers, unions, educators, government entities, community-based support providers, and more. These integrated, comprehensive pathways in automotive service and construction offer stackable, nationally recognized certificates; blended learning models; placement/advancement services with robust follow-up and support; and postsecondary articulation options, unions, registered apprenticeships, on-the-job training, and more. The model also integrates pro-social youth leadership development; essential skill workshops; service-learning projects; advocacy events; community violence intervention; and more. To encourage engagement, incentives (wages and/or stipends) will be offered for milestone achievements. This program seeks to increase affordable housing, reduce community violence, bolster green/sustainable skills in the workforce, and reduce the disparities that affect women and people of color in our community.</p>
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Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, Manufacturing
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER and Welding
DOL funding amount:	\$732,000
City, State:	Virginia, MN
Community type:	Rural
Summary of program activities:	<p>The program provides valuable life and work skills through education and industry-specific training. The program works with the local alternative and charter schools and Adult Education program to connect youth with high school equivalency education. Youth Career Advisors provide instruction in construction theory and onsite hands-on project-based learning opportunities parallel to community worksite opportunities. Each participant will also receive training in manufacturing/welding through a partnership with the Minnesota North College Applied Learning Institute. Special emphasis will be placed on apprenticeship, job placement, and postsecondary education options. AEOA is partnering with Minnesota North College, Itasca County Habitat for Humanity, and L&M Radiator, and will be providing youth training in Weatherization home energy efficiency services.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Community Partnership of Southeast Missouri

Training participants in:	Construction
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER
DOL funding amount:	\$1,258,273
City, State:	Cape Girardeau, MO
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	Cape Girardeau YouthBuild Program commits to delivering three rehabilitated homes for low-income housing, improved job competence among program participants, completion of GED by program participants, and placement into employment in the construction field and/or enrollment in further education or advanced skills training. One of our core values at CGYBP is preserving the environment and ensuring that we are building safe, long-lasting, sustainable homes. CGYBP demonstrates this commitment through our building practices of repurposing materials, selecting products with less environmental impact, improving air quality, and ensuring that our homes achieve maximum energy efficiency standards through Energy Star and Leadership in Energy Education and Design (LEED) designations.
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Job Point

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare, Highway Maintenance, Warehouse
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, CNA, Highway Maintenance & Repair Certification, Supply Chain Warehousing Certificate
DOL funding amount:	\$1,499,981
City, State:	Columbia, MO
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>The program will support young men and women to receive high school equivalency and/or diplomas and invaluable construction and life skills, which will benefit them for years to come, regardless of their chosen career. Construction training for traditional YouthBuilders, or one of our Construction Plus offerings (Highway Maintenance and Repair, Certified Nursing Assistant or Warehouse Worker), will result in a nationally recognized, portable and stackable credentials. Most importantly though, comprehensive services will lead to youth reengagement as fully functioning and productive community citizens. Through integrated assessment/career planning, work readiness, community service learning, innovative educational instruction and vocational training, with leadership development as the backdrop, students will emerge as role models for others, fully equipped for their future. Services will emphasize career and college exploration and enrollment in postsecondary education or advanced vocational technical training. With a focus on cultivating future leaders, project youths will develop civic-minded qualities and engage in meaningful community service, tied to their chosen vocational industry and their vocational/educational aspirations.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare, Logistics
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, Shield/Metal Gas Arc Welding, CNA, CompTIA A+
DOL funding amount:	\$1,244,503
City, State:	St. Louis, MO
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	SLATE and its partners recruit eligible youth from areas of high poverty and high youth unemployment within the St. Louis metro area. Participation in STL-YB includes: Basic Skills Development to earn a high school diploma or its equivalent and develop the reading, math, and language skills needed for each participant's chosen career field; Construction, Healthcare, and Logistics Skills Training through both classroom training and hands-on experience; and Life Skills and Soft Skills Development consisting of training in leadership, financial literacy, and workplace survival skills reinforced through work experiences and mentoring. Upon completion, STL-YB will assist participants with pursuing further training, placement in postsecondary education, or in gaining full-time employment, while continuing to provide support.
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Chicanos Por La Causa Nevada, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, Welding, Nursing, IT
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, Shield/Metal Gas Arc Welding, CNA, CompTIA A+
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Las Vegas, NV
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>CPLC Nevada (CPLC-NV) collaborates with Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. (CPLC), College of Southern Nevada's Division of Workforce and Economic Development (CSN-DWED); Workforce Connections, Southern Nevada's Workforce Investment Board; Equus; Habitat for Humanity Las Vegas (HHLV); and Southern Nevada Local Laborers Training Trust 872 (Laborers Local 872).</p> <p>YouthBuild Las Vegas (YBLV) will serve 75 youth, including 15 youth who will enroll in one of three Construction Plus options: (i) welding training in partnership with Las Vegas Institute of Welding, (ii) Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training in partnership with Standards of Excellence, or (iii) CompTIA A+ and Cisco IT Essentials training in partnership with Tech Impact. YBLV uses high school equivalency (HSE) curriculum approved by Nevada Department of Education and NCCER curriculum to teach basic building trade skills. CSN DWED is CPLC-NV's primary education partner (for HSE). Laborers Local 872 is its primary occupational and skills training partner (for basic building trade skills). YBLV enrollees will construct two attached single-family homes.</p>
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The Children's Cabinet

Training participants in:	Construction, Advanced Manufacturing, Community Health
Occupational credentials offered:	MC3, Smart Automation, Adv Mfg & Automation, CHW I
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Reno, NV
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>Washoe YouthBuild (WYB) is a collaborative project led by The Cabinet, in partnership with Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC), Step2, High Sierra Area Health Education Center (AHEC), Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), and Community Services Agency (CSA). The project will serve 65 youth between the ages of 16-24. The program is designed for three cohorts of 20-24 each. Goals are to: assist disconnected youth with attaining their HS diploma or HSE; expose youth to construction careers, identify youth who have interest and aptitude for the industry, and train them to be work ready; create transitional living for families experiencing homelessness; create a pipeline of youth for local apprenticeship programs; solidify leadership skills; and connect youth to college and in-demand community jobs. Youth in the construction cohort will construct a single-family home for a low-income family, selected by Step2. The Cabinet, in partnership with TMCC, has developed a construction education program to meet the needs of youth as well as area contractors and construction companies. Youth completing this program will earn construction certifications, including MC3 certification, and up to 12 college credits. TMCC and Toll Brothers will teach students on topics of sustainable building material, solar panel mounting strategies and orientation, optimum solar gain collection, and weatherization concepts as applied to human thermal comfort and code compliant air exchange rates. After completing MC3 training, through Construction Plus, we will have up to 10 youth per cohort participate in Advanced Manufacturing or Community Health Worker I, in-demand industries. Youth in Advanced Manufacturing will receive 65 hours of training and apprenticeship opportunities OR they will complete CHW I certification through AHEC which offers pre-apprenticeship, service-learning, and apprenticeship as well as support for entryway into careers or higher education.</p>
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United Community Corporation

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, HBI PACT, Certified Dental Assistant, Certified Dental Technician, Home Health Aide, Certified Nursing Assistant
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Newark, NJ
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>The United Community Corporation of Newark (UCC) YouthBuild program will serve 84 low-income students ages 16-24 during the two years of the grant. The project is located in northern New Jersey, serving youth primarily in the City of Newark's South and West sections, as well as the adjacent cities of East Orange and Irvington, all of which experience some of the most serious socioeconomic problems in the area. UCC YouthBuild participants are provided Mental Toughness orientation (program expectations and OSHA safety training), followed by Academic Studies (50% of time), Construction/Construction Plus (Healthcare) Skills Training (40% of time), and Leadership-Community Service experience (10% of time). Graduates receive 1 year of follow-up services. Wraparound support is provided throughout the program.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

YouthWorks

Training participants in:	Construction, Culinary/Hospitality Arts, Retail
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, National Restaurant Association Restaurant Ready Certification, Certified Restaurant Professional: Restaurant Youth Registered Apprenticeship (RYRA), National Retail Foundation Rise Up Customer Service Specialist
DOL funding amount:	\$1,399,985
City, State:	Santa Fe, NM
Community type:	Rural
Summary of program activities:	SFYB intends to complete 3 new energy efficient homes for low-income families with Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity. 31 youth will train and certify with the NCCER curriculum. 31 youth will train and certify in the C+ Culinary/Hospitality Arts program, utilizing industry-recognized curriculum, Restaurant Ready. SFYB is adding two C+ tracks, Customer Service/Sales and Manufacturing/Digital Fabrication for co-enrollment for ten participants per year. These co-enrolled students will be part of either the Construction or Culinary Arts Track, but also receive the additional occupation skills training and credentialing. SFYB will increase access to higher education by increasing literacy/numeracy skills. The SFYB will assist youth to earn a high school equivalency credential; to gain occupational skills; to develop leadership skills; to perform community service; and to attain access to career pathways or employment upon graduation. SFYB participants will receive wrap-around and trauma informed counseling and case management services.
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, CNA
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER and Certified Nursing Assistant
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Brooklyn, NY
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation is a new grantee as the lead agency but a longtime partner of DREAMS YouthBuild. CLHDC has a rich history of providing services to the needy citizens of the target area. DREAMS operates a Construction Plus program with additional training in the much-needed Health Care Industry in partnership with CUNY Kingsborough Community College. DREAMS has been operating a successful YouthBuild program for over 17 years and has developed a strong collaborative network. CHLDC is a viable, dedicated, strategic partner of public and private organizations. The education component of the program will be handled by teachers from the New York City Department of Education District 79 who will provide instruction leading to the attainment of the GED. DREAMS provides the primary construction skills training at the projects where the housing construction worksite training will consist of significant gut rehabilitation. All partners have been trained and helped develop the current YouthBuild program. Under the strong leadership of CHLDC, this team is working together to address the issues of affordable housing, undereducated youth, and a high youth unemployment rate. Throughout its history, DREAMS has consistently produced strong outcomes.</p>
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Rural Ulster Preservation Company, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare/Certified Medical Assistant
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, Certified Medical Assistant, Certified Nursing Assistant
DOL funding amount:	\$1,300,000
City, State:	Kingston, NY
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	YouthBuild Newburgh will serve 57 out of school, underserved youth ages 16-24 from the city of Newburgh, NY. YouthBuild Newburgh provides HSE preparation and College readiness in an academic setting. The classes will be taught in English and Spanish by our two licensed educational staff from SUNY Orange, who will focus their curriculum to include the core subjects needed to pass the TASC-HSE exam, Math, Reading, Writing, Science and Social Studies, while using technology, project-based learning and service learning as a way to engage the YouthBuild members. YouthBuild Newburgh offers construction training, which includes but is not limited to the OSHA 10 and NCCER curriculum. The construction component includes hands-on learning while building affordable housing for our partner, Orange County Habitat for Humanity. Orange-Ulster BOCES will offer healthcare professions training in Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) certificate program through our partnership with Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital and paid apprenticeships at Woodland Pond CCRC.
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Research Foundation, CUNY-Manhattan Community College

Training participants in:	Construction
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	New York, NY
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	The Manhattan Educational Opportunity Center (MEOC) will launch a YouthBuild program in Central Harlem, NYC. The Central Harlem YouthBuild program will address educational and equity gaps in this historically economically depressed community by providing construction skills training, education, leadership development, supportive services, and high-quality, post-program placement for youth who are neither in school nor employed.
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Youth Action Programs and Homes, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthy Food and Food Services Sector, Building Operations, Maintenance, and Management
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, National Retail Foundation Customer Service and Sales Certification (food focus with NYC Food Protection Certificate), BPI-Building Science Certification, BPI-Healthy Homes Certification
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	New York, NY
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	Youth Action YouthBuild (YAYB) will serve 70 disconnected, low-income youth ages 17-24 from Harlem neighborhoods. YAYB will provide these young people with classroom and hands-on construction training rehabilitating at least 2 units of low-income housing in East Harlem, while studying to earn a GED. Students will earn NCCER, OSHA, and other credentials, and will be eligible for apprenticeships and/or secondary education. We will offer 2 Construction Plus tracks: Building Operations Training teaches students about building operations, maintenance, and property management, as well as green building techniques; and the Good Foods Jobs Training Program prepares students to enter into apprenticeships and the local workforce in the healthy food and food services sectors.
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Social Enterprise and Training Center, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, Hospitality/Culinary
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, National Restaurant Association Ready
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Schenectady, NY
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>SEAT provides a robust Construction + program with two C+ industries, in the contiguous Capital District cities of Schenectady, Albany, and Amsterdam. In the area of manufacturing, students receive the nationally recognized credential of Manufacturing Associate from the Society for Manufacturing Engineers (SME). In culinary, students receive the nationally recognized NRAEF credential from the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation. SEAT has developed a strong collaborative network of agencies and partners who have been involved with the SEAT YB program for more than ten years. SEAT has utilized multiple funding sources, both public and private, to provide services for youth within the service area. SEAT leads a viable, dedicated, strategic partnership of public and private organizations.</p> <p>SEAT YB has demonstrated success with its previous programs, maintaining exceptionally high outcome performance measures in all areas and has continuously met or exceeded enrollment goals. High school equivalency achievement utilizes the GED equivalency diploma. For construction, National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) is employed leading to a nationally recognized credential. Prior to beginning hands-on training, participants must complete an approved 10-hour on-site OSHA safety course.</p>
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Workforce Development Board of Herkimer, Madison, and Oneida Counties, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER
DOL funding amount:	\$1,499,204
City, State:	Utica, NY
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>YouthBuild will recruit 65 opportunity youth of diverse backgrounds from Utica and will provide educational solutions, vocational skills training in either construction or hospitality, and links to college and careers through meaningful community service of building low-income housing. Youth will upgrade their academic skills, bolster basic skills deficiencies that may have emerged due to COVID-19-era educational constraints, earn a high school equivalency, connect with services to enter higher education, and gain hands-on work experience and industry-recognized credentials. The program’s individualized approach is designed to guide youth to success. To meet specialized needs (such as intensive tutoring or English as a Second Language instruction), a personalized service strategy aids youth who need extra supports. The academic component helps youth achieve competency for union-based or employer-based apprenticeships. Youth achieve a college-ready academic level, explore options for post-secondary education, and connect with post-program supports to encourage retention in higher education. Construction skills training helps transform a former YWCA into housing for low-income individuals while teaching youth how an old, energy-inefficient structure can be made to become energy efficient. Skills translate into high-growth jobs and industry-recognized credentials. Career exploration workshops in local opportunities ensure youth exit with soft skills / leadership abilities, a professional resume, and job search & interviewing experience. The project has multiple partnership with employers and unions that ensure that the program aligns with the union and employer requirements.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Franklin Vance Warren Opportunity, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, Practical Nursing TBD
Occupational credentials offered:	Residential Foundations & Framing Certificate
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Henderson, NC
Community type:	Rural
Summary of program activities:	<p>It is Franklin Vance Warren Opportunity's mission to provide a YouthBuild program for participants including basic educational foundation (obtaining a GED) and occupational/hands-on training they need to be successful and self-sufficient in their futures. All program participants will receive academic and hands-on skills training in the construction industry by engaging in the construction of affordable residential housing for those in need in our area. Additionally, as a Construction Plus program, individuals with career interests outside of construction will have the opportunity to receive training and industry-recognized credentials in the in-demand field of healthcare (nursing). Our participants will gain their GED and Industry Certification while participating in leadership development training and community service-learning projects. During said projects, to help make our community a more hospitable place, participants will utilize the hands-on construction skills they learn during their time in the YouthBuild program. Each participant will receive a customized blend of work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. Completing the YouthBuild Program will allow participants to enter the workforce or continue their chosen career path through additional education at a community college, 4-year university, or apprenticeship.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Central Carolina Community College

Training participants in:	Construction, Nursing, Culinary Arts TBD
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, Nurse Aide I, Culinary Foundations TBD
DOL funding amount:	\$1,499,996
City, State:	Sanford, NC
Community type:	Rural
Summary of program activities:	CCCC's YouthBuild program will serve 76 students through three career pathways including Construction, Nursing, and Culinary Arts. Each pathway will lead to industry-recognized credentials in in-demand careers. These include NCCER Core and OSHA-30 (Construction), Nurse Aide I (Nursing), and Serv-Safe and CCCC Culinary Foundations Certificate (Culinary Arts). Each pathway includes hours in the classroom, lab, and work-based learning with local employers. CCCC's YouthBuild Program provides participants with a unique opportunity to complete their high school education and begin career training while on a college campus. Participants' classrooms/labs are on campus, their instructors are college faculty, and their coursework articulates to college credit. Participants can see themselves succeeding in college, because they are already there.
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

YouthBuild Columbus Community School

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy Technician, Patient Care Technician
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Columbus, OH
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>YBCCS will continue the operation of YouthBuild Columbus, a comprehensive education and job-training program for dropout youth and young adults. The program has been in continuous existence since 1995, formerly utilizing HUD and then DOL YouthBuild funding secured by related organizations. YBCCS began as the program's academic training partner when first chartered in 2001. A GED-track construction training initiative that began under HUD has grown to become a diploma-track construction and medical training program that includes registered pre-apprenticeship construction training and healthcare education offering certifications as a medical assistant, phlebotomist, and patient care technician. All vocational certifications can earn college credits under long-term articulation agreements with Columbus State Community College. We have entered into an AMP contract with our local workforce development system, which makes us a direct provider of WIOA funding and services. Construction-track students earn NCCER certifications as they complete at least one unit of housing over the term of the grant. Healthcare-track students experience hands-on clinical training as part of their NHA certification processes. All students receive high school academic instruction as prescribed by the State of Ohio.</p>
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Youth Over Us, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER and Patient Care Technologist
DOL funding amount:	\$1,371,354
City, State:	Columbus, OH
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	Franklin County YouthBuild maintains a relationship with NRT Associates, a private firm that serves owners and developers on both public and private construction projects with contract award requirements, including Section 3. NRT solicits candidates for construction jobs from FCYB and makes referrals to interested Sec.3 contractors. FCYB also partners with Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority and area employers to ensure that our graduates have maximum access to job opportunities available under HUD Section 3 and have a track record of placement of graduates in Section 3-eligible apprenticeship and employment positions. Franklin County YouthBuild will support underserved youth by providing opportunities to earn their secondary degrees, gain employment skills, find quality job placements, and learn life and leadership skills. Franklin County YouthBuild revitalizes neighborhoods, promotes low-income home ownership (building 3 new single-family homes), and changes young lives. Additionally FCYB and its partner IMPACT will teach accessible/universal design, green construction methods and materials, and will offer workshops on weatherization techniques, careers, additional certifications (e.g., Energy Auditing, Building Envelope), and opportunities as weatherization subcontractors.
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County Corp

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare, and Manufacturing
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, Phlebotomy Technician, Certified Patient Care Technician, Certified Clinical Medical Assistant, and Production Technician
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Dayton, OH
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>Construction participants will be trained in NCCER Core as well as green skills including weatherization, which will allow us to support the Justice40 Initiative. In manufacturing, participants will earn two certifications from MSSC's Certified Production Technician program. In healthcare, participants have two options – they may either study in the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) track where they earn stackable credentials starting with: Phlebotomy Technician, then Certified Patient Care Technician and then Certified Clinical Medical Assistant. Participants can also pursue a healthcare track which focuses on working with individuals with developmental disabilities. The Certificate of Initial Proficiency (CIP) credential comes through the Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals. Participants pursuing the entrepreneurship option will receive certification through the Ohio Academy of Science's "Believe in Ohio" entrepreneurship certification program and start their own LLC in ed tech, product/service, or social impact, including using their weatherization training to work with the Dayton Energy Collaborative to reduce the severe energy burden of the more than 30,000 households in Dayton with incomes below the 200% Federal Poverty Level. With a Workforce Advisory Committee (WAC) comprised of local companies in all 4 pathway options, County Corp – YouthBuild Dayton, utilizes a Sector Strategy Approach to stay abreast of critical skills employers are seeking for entry level workers.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Community Development Support Association, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare-CNA
Occupational credentials offered:	HBI PACT, HBI PACT-Green Building, Long Term Care Certified Nursing Assistant
DOL funding amount:	\$1,368,756
City, State:	Enid, OK
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>CDSA's 12-month program has youth spending 50% of their time in an academic component, at least 40% of time in a construction technology or healthcare component, and 10% of time participating in leadership development, job readiness, or community service. The academic component supports the construction and healthcare components to integrate hands-on opportunities in both training industries, including sustainable and green techniques. The comprehensive design of the YouthBuild program allows communities to address multiple needs. Youth work toward learning job skills and industry-recognized credentials as they serve their community, create affordable housing, and develop their own leadership abilities through a greater understanding of the importance of civic engagement. Ultimately, youth benefit from the support of the YouthBuild community and the Enid community benefits from involved young citizens. The program begins after the completion of Mental Toughness orientation to prepare students for the rigorous program that concludes after 12 months of programming. Youth will receive one-on-one services in a supportive environment with focus on civic leadership. Weatherization training will be provided by CDSA staff that currently operate the Department of Energy and Department of Human Services funded weatherization program across northwest Oklahoma. In addition, students will earn the Home Builders Institute PACT green building certificate upon completion of HBI PACT curriculum.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Heart of Oregon Corps, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, Childcare
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, CCYB Child & Youth Care
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Bend, OR
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>Heart of Oregon Corps (HOC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit with the mission to empower youth and young adults through employment, job training, education, and service to Central Oregon communities. HOC established its YouthBuild Program (HOCYB) in 2009 to serve the tri-county Central Oregon region. The HOCYB project will enroll 66 opportunity youth in 4 cohorts. Each cohort receives 1 year of evidence-based programming (with education, occupational skills training, career preparation, counseling, and leadership components) with 1 year of follow-up services.</p> <p>Construction track participants will build 3 affordable homes while Construction Plus-Childcare track participants will contribute over 5,000 hours in non-profit childcares.</p> <p>Academic and industry-recognized credentials offered include a high school Diploma, GED, NCCER Core Craft Skills Certification, and CCYB Child & Youth Care Certification. Youth transition from the program into employment, postsecondary, or apprenticeship with placement support.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Garfield Jubilee Association, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, CNA TBD
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER/H-PACT, Customer Service, Retail (CSR), Plumbing, Welding, Facilities Maintenance Technology
DOL funding amount:	\$1,493,284
City, State:	Pittsburgh, PA
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	Participating youth will be part of restoring community pride and respect by helping to revitalize the targeted communities and assisting in the renovation of 2 houses that will be safe and affordable for low-income and homeless families. The education component will operate 50% of the time and consist of high school preparation, academic enrichment, specialized instruction for participants with disabilities, and postsecondary information and education. The occupational skills training will be 40% of the time. The construction track will consist of on-site construction training, construction theory for the obtainment of the NCCER/H-PACT certifications, and construction skills certificate program at CCAC. Leadership/life skills will be 10% of training time and consist of leadership development, life skills, work readiness/career exploration, community service, and customer service. Participants can receive additional certification in customer service to make them more marketable. Intensive case management, supportive services, follow-up, and retention will be provided to help youth to master success in completing the program and maintaining employment or advance training. Industry-recognized certifications are NCCER/H-PACT and Customer Service and Retail (CSR); Plumbing, Welding, Facilities Maintenance Technology, CNA, and State approved high school diploma/GED.
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Knoxville Leadership Foundation

Training participants in:	Construction, Culinary
Occupational credentials offered:	HBI PACT, NRAEF Restaurant Ready
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Knoxville, TN
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>KLF YB program combines experienced staff, a proven workforce development model, and an extensive network of 52 invested employer and wrap-around services partners fully supporting 16- to 24-year-old opportunity YAs to gain industry-recognized certifications, academic degrees, and long-term, high-value employment. YB-C+ offers (1) high school equivalency test (HiSET) preparation/basic skills instruction to address academic deficiencies with a focus on English and math; (2) skill training fully supported by employer partners and career coaches leading to construction and C+ culinary arts career paths; (3) leadership and life skill training embedded in construction and culinary community service projects; and (4) intensive case management, services, and resources to address barriers YAs face that prevent them from meeting their YB goals—such as behavioral health issues, addiction, or housing instability. Case management, support services, and academic programs are co-located at our Elm Street Workforce Training Facility, ensuring services are as available as training programs.</p>
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American YouthWorks

Training participants in:	Construction, IT, Healthcare, Manufacturing
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, NCCER-Electrical 1, CompTIA IT Fundamentals with IC3 Digital Literacy and Adobe Associate, Community Health Worker (CHW) Certification, Certified Additive Manufacturing
DOL funding amount:	\$1,499,872
City, State:	Austin, TX
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>American YouthWorks (AYW) is a holistic youth services agency with over 30 years' experience serving historically under-resourced neighborhoods in Austin, TX. The 72 low-income, out-of-school, unemployed youth AYW-YB proposes to recruit, educate, train and support will meet a critical local need. AYW-YB has worked closely with Workforce Solutions-Capitol Area Workforce Board (WFS) to create and implement a sector-based Construction Plus pre-apprenticeship program to connect opportunity youth to entry-level opportunities in Healthcare, Information Technology, Manufacturing, and the Skilled Trades. With a solid reputation for experience, innovation and excellence, we have the staff and infrastructure in place to provide our participants with the complex, but effective blend of Education integrated with Occupational Skills Training and support services, to prepare them for placement and retention in employment and post-secondary education with post-program support. We have successfully implemented a Construction Plus Model for over seven years and are expanding our Service Area to match the evolving Austin economy & demographics. AYW-YB has forged the collaborations needed to support effective programming, creating strong, active partnerships with Austin Community College, Workforce Board, Goodwill WIOA Youth Services, City and County governments, Registered Apprenticeships and more than 20 local employers. We have MOUs with Juvenile Justice and Probation to better serve court-involved youth and 2-Gen programming to meet the needs of young parents. AYW-YB has demonstrated its sustainability and dedication to the YB mission by offering continuous, effective programming for over 25 years.</p>
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Community Development Corporation of Brownsville

Training participants in:	Construction, Machining, Welding
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, Machining Level 1: CNC Mill Operations, NCCER-Welding Level 1
DOL funding amount:	\$1,495,715
City, State:	Brownsville, TX
Community type:	Urban, Rural
Summary of program activities:	<p>cdcbYB will assist 60 youth ages 16-24, who have become disengaged from both education and employment. As participants of the cdcbYB program, students will receive the opportunity to earn their HSE and industry-recognized credentials in the fields of construction, manufacturing, and welding. These credentials will equip students with the knowledge and skills to enter the workforce, continue their post-secondary education, and break the cycle of poverty. Students can earn the following credentials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HSE certificate• NCCER Basic Construction Certificate• OSHA 10 certification• NIMS CNC Machining Certification• NCCER Level 1 Welding Certificate <p>Following their program exit, students will be involved in follow-up activities. These activities include career counseling, and supportive services to ensure that their transition period goes smoothly.</p>
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SER-Jobs for Progress of the Texas Gulf Coast, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, Customer Service, Phlebotomy
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, HBI PACT, National Retail Federation Rise Up Certificate, National Phlebotomy Technician Certification
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Houston, TX
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>SERJobs' YBH will ensure participants enter employment, apprenticeships, or further education upon program exit, utilizing a holistic model that combines academic instruction, occupational training, community service learning/leadership development, career exploration and coaching, trauma-informed care, mentoring, job placement services, wraparound services, and follow-up services, combined with a broad base of committed employer, apprenticeship, and community partners to provide youth with the knowledge, skills, resources, and work supports needed to achieve and maintain employment in high-quality, in-demand industries and apprenticeship pathways. SERJobs will enroll 65 participants during the period. The project includes extensive educational services and occupational training in construction trades utilizing resource-efficient and environmentally responsible processes, as well as Construction Plus components in the medical and customer service industries. YBH will assist participants to grow into community leaders as they build brighter futures for themselves, their families and their neighborhoods.</p>
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Pharr Housing Authority

Training participants in:	Construction
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Pharr, TX
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>PHA will produce a YouthBuild program for youth participants including basic educational foundation (obtaining a GED) and occupational/hands-on training they need to become successful and self-sufficient. All program participants will receive academic and hands-on skills training in the construction industry by engaging in the construction of affordable housing for those in need in our area. While participating in leadership development training and community service-learning projects, our participants will gain their GED and Structural Welding Certificate. To help make our community a more hospitable place, participants will take advantage of the hands-on construction skills they learn during their time in the YouthBuild program. Each participant will receive an individualized combination of work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. Participants earn the opportunity to enter the workforce or continue their chosen career path through additional education at a community college, 4-year university, or apprenticeship upon completing the program</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Ogden-Weber Technical College

Training participants in:	Construction, Nursing Assistant
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, Certified Nursing Assistant
DOL funding amount:	\$1,369,111
City, State:	Ogden, UT
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>The program will serve a minimum of 84 youth, ages 16-24, residing in Ogden City. Following YouthBuild's 50-40-10 model, program time will be dedicated to education, construction occupational skills training, leadership, career exploration and planning, community service learning opportunities, and 12-month post-program support. Students will be offered a nursing assistant (NA) program track as part of a Construction Plus initiative. The program is designed for a 30-hour week: academics for 15 hours (50%), construction technology/NA for 12 hours (40%), and leadership training for 3 hours (10%). Skills will be integrated through project-based, problem-based learning while constructing a net zero, energy efficient, single-family home for a low-income family with Weber Housing Authority. Staff members build a culture of retention through pre-enrollment contact, transition services within the first month, and individualized development plans. A transition assessment helps determine the best placement pathway, e.g., employment, further postsecondary education, or military service. Staff includes a YouthBuild project director, construction trainer, instructors, case manager, job developer/placement specialist, success coach, and teacher's aide, along with existing college administration, staff, and faculty. The OTECH construction occupational advisory committee, comprising local industry employers, provides advice, evaluation, and critical job placement assistance for program participants. Over 35 community partners support the OTECH YB program, assisting with recruitment and resource access for participants.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

West Piedmont Workforce Investment Board

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, CNA
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Martinsville, VA
Community type:	Rural
Summary of program activities:	<p>West Piedmont YouthBuild integrates in-demand, industry-recognized, credential-based training and work readiness skills while providing wraparound services, coaching, and mentoring to promote participant success. These efforts will assist participants in obtaining employment that leads to self-sufficiency along an identified career pathway in Construction or Healthcare. Foundational and Occupational skills training address barriers that often impede youth from successfully completing occupational training, earning credentials, and obtaining (and retaining) employment. Contracted partners include (1) Ross Innovative Employment Solutions, WIOA Operator, to staff a Program Manager and Case Manager position, (2) the West Piedmont Regional Adult Education Program to provide Foundational Training, (3) Habitat for Humanity to support costs of the dwelling being constructed, (4) Transfr VR for a Virtual Reality program to support skill practice in a low-risk environment, and (5) fiscal agent services. Match funds from The Harvest Foundation will provide for Guided Career Exploration participants to be co-enrolled in the program.</p> <p>The Regional Adult Education Program and Patrick & Henry Community College will provide, respectively, Foundational and Occupational training. Foundational Training includes academic and employability skills to help youth develop their basic skills and/or earn a secondary credential as well as helping youth develop their personal effectiveness. Occupational Training career pathways target the Construction and Healthcare career pathways in alignment with in-demand job in the region. Participants will earn industry-recognized credentials in collaboration with Patrick & Henry Community College's FastForward training and, upon completion, can transition into employment or advanced education at PHCC. Youth will practice skills and provide community service by constructing a dwelling in partnership with Habitat for Humanity.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority

Training participants in:	Construction, Cable Inspector
Occupational credentials offered:	NAVSEA Cable Inspection Certification
DOL funding amount:	\$700,000
City, State:	Portsmouth, VA
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>Our YouthBuild Program emphasizes basic education (GED attainment), vocational training, hands-on training, and employment, along with case management, mentoring, and supportive services to prepare youth to excel in today's modern workplace. Program participants will complete the hand-on skills construction training component by substantially renovating a unit of housing for low-income residents. Because the Construction Plus program is included as part of our YouthBuild program, individuals with non-construction career interests will have the opportunity to receive training and earn industry-recognized credentials in high-growth and industry cluster occupations. The leadership development training and community service-learning project will enhance participants' leadership development skills and increase their involvement in community projects. In the community service-learning projects, participant will utilize the hands-on construction skills acquired in the YouthBuild program.</p> <p>Each participant will receive an individualized action plan consisting of work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. Upon successfully completing the YouthBuild Program, participants can enter the workforce earning a self-sustaining wage or follow a post-secondary education plan.</p>
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2022 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, Healthcare
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, HBI, Clinical Medical Assistant, CNA
DOL funding amount:	\$1,200,000
City, State:	Roanoke, VA
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	<p>Goodwill Industries of the Valleys will partner with Build Smart Institute, the Greater Roanoke Workforce Development Board, and Habitat for Humanity of the Roanoke Valley to assist 53 at-risk youth in Roanoke, Virginia in gaining academic proficiency, leadership skills, construction and healthcare credentials, work-based learning, and career placement through its existing YouthBuild Roanoke program. Credentials include NCCER and HBI Core Construction Certificates, Clinical Medical Assistant certification, Certified Nurse Aide licensure and additional stackable credentials.</p> <p>Build Smart Institute has a wide range of experience in the design, construction, and maintenance of residential and commercial structures utilizing sustainable building practices including passive house design, LEED-Silver certifications, geothermal heating, and comprehensive knowledge of sustainable building practices regarding weatherization and renewable energy sources. These subjects are incorporated into BSI's NCCER-certified Construction Industry Instructional program.</p>
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Opportunities Industrialization Center of Washington

Training participants in:	Construction, Food/Beverage Services, Agriculture TBD
Occupational credentials offered:	HBI-PACT, ServSafe Manager,
DOL funding amount:	\$1,500,000
City, State:	Yakima, WA
Community type:	Rural
Summary of program activities:	<p>YB-OIC will serve 65 youth in upper Yakima County, WA, through a Construction Plus Career Pathways Program. Our skilled and experienced staff and partners will implement a project-based, integrated skills development curriculum to increase students' employment eligibility, career readiness, and interpersonal skills. YB-OIC will continue to address a lack of affordable housing for low-income families while providing education support and occupational training in construction and the in-demand fields of manufacturing, retail, and logistics to at-risk youth. A Labor Market Analysis of recent job trends informed the grant development team of expanding the Construction Plus industries. Program Outcomes include building two affordable houses in collaboration with Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity (Habitat) and other housing rehab and tiny home projects. Several other residential and community projects were added to anticipate the social distancing restrictions and other challenges resulting from the severe impacts of COVID-19. These meaningful hands-on learning activities allow students to attain the required training and community service hours. Students will apply skills learned during on-the-job training/job shadows/pre/apprenticeship opportunities in route to obtain a career pathway. Partners include local in-demand employers, secondary/postsecondary education and training institutions, American Job Centers, building and contracting associations, legal, community business organizations, and healthcare agencies. Students will be co-enrolled in other OIC programs, including WIOA National Farmworker Jobs Programs, etc. Other expected outcomes for students include reduced gang involvement, crime, and recidivism. An increased sense of leadership, self-efficacy, and quality of life will also result from program participation. Outcomes are tracked and measured in the students' Individual Development Plan.</p>
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Elkhorn Area School District

Training participants in:	Construction, Manufacturing TBD
Occupational credentials offered:	NCCER, Snap-On Precision Measurement and Forklift Operations
DOL funding amount:	\$827,964
City, State:	Elkhorn, WI
Community type:	Rural
Summary of program activities:	<p>The Elkhorn YouthBuild (EYB) seeks to create an in-demand career pathway for the underserved youth of Southeastern Wisconsin. The program addresses core issues for targeted low-income and disadvantaged area participants ages 16-21 by providing a high school education beyond a conventional pathway, apprenticeship opportunities, practical occupational skills training, leadership development, and community service. Elkhorn YouthBuild also collaborates with key community partners through this program to address and lower area violence and create affordable housing within the local community. Successful program participants will obtain a high-school diploma, practical industry skills, knowledge of financial literacy, time management and communication, as well as assistance finding a skilled apprenticeship program, navigating the professional workforce, or pursuing post-secondary education. Twelve months of follow-up services and mentoring are provided to all program graduates to ensure their success and adjustment as young adults. EYB hopes to continue its 100% career placement rate for graduates to help address the critical shortage of skilled trades workers in Wisconsin. The City of Whitewater has been targeted as the focus for area affordable housing. EYB is partnering with Habitat for Humanity in Walworth County to target the rise of homelessness in Whitewater and increase the stock of affordable housing for low-income families. The Whitewater Unified School District reported that homelessness among youth almost tripled between 2015-2019. The Elkhorn YouthBuild embraces Green Building Technology and recognizes this as an educational priority for participants. Using an on-campus Green Energy lab, participants see the practical applications of energy conservation and outcomes, learn directly from a renewable energy generation system, and observe green building using reclaimed and energy-efficient materials.</p>
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Employ Milwaukee, Inc.

Training participants in:	Construction, Transportation
Occupational credentials offered:	HBI, MANTU MC3 Pre-Apprenticeship training
DOL funding amount:	\$1,496,882
City, State:	Milwaukee, WI
Community type:	Urban
Summary of program activities:	Employ Milwaukee's Cream City YouthBuild (CCYB) program is rooted in over a decade of partnerships and staff expertise delivering the YouthBuild model's education, occupational skill training, paid hands-on work experience, and leadership development/community service learning for opportunity youth in high poverty, high unemployment neighborhoods in the city of Milwaukee. CCYB will provide industry-recognized training in construction through HBI-PACT and OSHA 10 and in Construction Plus Transportation through MANTU MC3 Pre-Apprenticeship training. CCYB program highlights include leveraging of WIOA funding and services, integration with public workforce system, public housing authority worksites, contextualized HSED in both industries, and direct relationships with industry employers and Registered Apprenticeship. CCYB includes a blended learning model that features an online learning platform with innovative modules and gamification features including leader boards and badges.
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