



## **ARRA GREEN JOBS TRAINING: PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY GRANT AWARDS**



### **Pathways Out of Poverty Grants Overview**

On January 13, 2010, U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis announced approximately \$148 million in Pathways Out of Poverty green jobs training grants, as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. For individuals who are living below or near the poverty level, the economic downturn has created a unique set of challenges, and has heightened the need to find pathways out of poverty and into employment. These individuals may lack basic literacy and job readiness skills, and they may face other barriers to employment, such as the need for childcare or transportation.

To assist individuals in meeting these challenges, the Department is investing in Pathways Out of Poverty grants, which will integrate training and supportive services into cohesive programs that will help targeted populations find pathways out of poverty and into economic self-sufficiency through employment in energy efficiency and renewable energy industries. Despite the economic downturn, these green industries present many potential opportunities for individuals to learn new skills and competencies, gain employment, and advance along career pathways.

In order to most effectively serve the specific populations targeted by these grants, the Department of Labor encouraged applicants to focus project efforts in communities located within one or more contiguous Public Micro Data Areas (PUMAs) where poverty rates were 15% or higher. PUMAs are geographic areas designated by the U.S. Census Bureau.

These investments will prepare participants for employment within energy efficiency and renewable energy industries and are designed to:

- Include sound recruitment and referral strategies for targeted populations;
- Integrate basic skills and work-readiness training with occupational skills training, as necessary;
- Combine supportive services with training services to help participants overcome barriers to employment, as necessary; and,
- Provide training services at times and locations that are easily accessible to targeted populations.

Thirty-eight (38) awards ranging from approximately \$1 million to \$8 million each were made to two categories of grantees: (1) national nonprofit organizations with networks of local affiliates; and (2) local public organizations or private non-profit organizations. In both categories, projects will be implemented at the community level by partnerships that include nonprofit organizations, the public workforce system, the education and training community, employers and industry-related organizations, and labor organizations.

The list of Pathways Out of Poverty grant awards is provided below.

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### Pathways Out of Poverty Grant Awards

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>TYPE OF Grant</b>	<b>LOCATION: PUMAs Served</b>	<b>Award AMOUNT</b>	<b>PARTICIPANTS Served</b>
Alternative Opportunities Inc.	Local	St. Louis, Mo. (PUMAs 01801, 01802, 01803)	\$2,308,200	High school dropouts, unemployed individuals, ex-offenders and veterans
Better Family Life Inc. (BFL)	Local	St. Louis, Mo. (PUMAs 01703, 01701, 01801)	\$3,305,493	Unemployed individuals, high school dropouts and individuals with criminal records
Boley Centers Inc.	Local	St. Petersburg, Fla. (PUMA 02607)	\$2,300,678	Disadvantaged and unemployed urban youth
Citrus Levy Marion Regional Workforce Development Board Inc.	Local	Ocala, Fla. (PUMA 01501)	\$2,985,175	Unemployed workers, low-income adults, high school dropouts and individuals with a criminal history
City of Minneapolis	Local	Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn. (PUMAs 01501, 01502, 01301, 01302, 01303)	\$4,000,000	Individuals living in poverty, veterans and unemployed young adults who do not have a high school diploma
CNY Works Inc.	Local	Syracuse, N.Y. (PUMA 00700)	\$3,715,931	Low income individuals, ex-offenders, disadvantaged young-adults and displaced workers
Community College of Philadelphia	Local	Philadelphia, Pa. (PUMAs 04105, 04107)	\$3,184,428	Unemployed workers, ex-offenders and veterans
Consortium for Worker Education	Local	Bronx, N.Y. (PUMAs 03708, 03710)	\$4,000,000	Individuals with limited English proficiency, veterans and eligible spouses, persons with criminal records, disconnected youth and women
East Harlem Employment Services Inc. doing business as STRIVE	National	New York, N.Y. (PUMAs 3804, 3803, 3710, 3705); Philadelphia, Pa. (PUMAs 04105, 04107, 04108); Hartford, Conn. (PUMA 00800); Benton, Mich. (PUMA 2400); Flint, Mich. (PUMA 2200); and Baltimore, Md. (PUMAs 00804, 00805)	\$4,728,419	Unemployed individuals, high school dropouts and individuals with a criminal record
Eastern Maine Development Corp.	Local	Piscataquis County and Penobscot County, Maine (PUMA 00900)	\$2,109,088	Disadvantaged adult job seekers, dislocated workers, returning offenders, public assistance recipients, high school dropouts and veterans

Florida State College at Jacksonville	Local	Duval County (PUMA 01102)	\$2,229,642	Unemployed individuals, high school dropouts and individuals with a criminal record
Goodwill Industries International (GII)	National	Atlanta, Ga. (PUMA 01204); Austin, Texas (PUMA 05301); Charlotte, N.C. (PUMA 0902); Grand Rapids, Mich. (PUMAs 02100, 01100, 01000); Phoenix, Ariz. (PUMA 00117); Washington, D.C. (PUMA 00103)	\$7,303,634	People with disabilities, chronically unemployed individuals, ex-offenders, older workers, homeless individuals and high school dropouts
Grand Rapids Community College	Local	Grand Rapids, Mich. (PUMA 01300)	\$4,000,000	Unemployed workers, high school dropouts and individuals with a criminal record
It's My Community Initiative	Local	Oklahoma City, Okla. (PUMA 01301)	\$4,000,000	Underemployed individuals and ex-offenders
Jobs for the Future Inc. (JFF)	National	Chicago, Ill. (PUMAs 03514, 03515, 03516); Detroit, Mich. (PUMAs 03701, 03702, 03707); Los Angeles, Calif. (PUMAs 05421, 05422, 05424, 05500, 05701, 05702, 06115, 06119, 06123, 06124); Milwaukee, Wis. (PUMA 02003); Philadelphia, Pa. (PUMAs 04109, 04110)	\$7,997,936	Unemployed and disadvantaged individuals
Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board Inc.	Local	Allentown, Pa. (PUMA 03600)	\$4,000,000	At-risk youth, veterans and eligible spouses, and underemployed and unemployed individuals
Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)	Local	Los Angeles, Calif. communities of Watts (PUMA 06115), Willowbrook (PUMA 06119), and Florence-Graham (PUMA 06114)	\$4,000,000	Dislocated, unemployed, underemployed, low-income workers and veterans
MDC Inc.	National	Charlotte, N.C. (PUMAs 00901, 00902, 00903, 00904); North Charleston, S.C. (PUMA 02010); Orangeburg, Calhoun and Bamberg Counties, S.C. (PUMA 01800); Wise and Dickenson Counties, Va. (PUMA 02500); Scott County, Va. (PUMA 02600)	\$3,780,816	Low-wage workers and unemployed individuals
Mi Casa Resource Center for Women Inc.	Local	Denver, Colo. (PUMA 00812)	\$3,633,195	Unemployed individuals, high school dropouts, individuals with a criminal record, women

				and minorities
Mott Community College (MCC)	Local	Flint, Mich., and adjoining suburbs (PUMAs 02301, 02200)	\$3,662,403	Low-income individuals
Moultrie Technical College	Local	Tift County, Ga. (PUMA 03900)	\$3,753,579	Individuals on probation, high school dropouts, residents with disadvantaged backgrounds and displaced workers
National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)	National	Apache Junction, Ariz. (PUMA 00800); Bisbee, Ariz. (PUMA 00900); Midland, Texas (PUMAs 03100, 03200) ; Odessa, Texas (PUMA 03300); Dayton, Ohio (PUMA 04000)	\$7,994,999	Limited English proficiency individuals, Native Americans, ex-offenders
National Council of La Raza	National	San Jose, Calif. (PUMAs 02709, 02714); San Diego, Calif. (PUMA 08105); Chicago, Ill. (PUMAs 03511, 03512)	\$3,063,839	Low-income and unemployed individuals, and individuals with limited English proficiency
Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium (NoRTEC)	Local	Butte, Calif. (PUMA 00600); Del Norte, Lassen, Modoc and Siskiyou, Calif. (PUMA 00100); Shasta County, Calif. (PUMA 00300); and Tehama and Trinity, Calif. (00500)	\$4,000,000	High school dropouts, at-risk youth, welfare recipients, individuals with a criminal record, unemployed and dislocated workers, and veterans
Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America Inc.	National	Asheville, N.C. (PUMA 00202); Broward County, Fla. (PUMAs 03605, 03607); and Phoenix, Ariz. (PUMA 00117)	\$4,900,000	Unemployed individuals, high school dropouts and individuals with a criminal record
PathStone Corp.	National	Rochester, N.Y. (PUMA 00901); Scranton, Pa. (PUMA 00801); Juana Diaz, Santa Isabel and Villalba, Puerto Rico (PUMA 01700); and Arroyo, Coamo, Guayama and Salinas, Puerto Rico (PUMA 01600)	\$8,000,000	Unemployed individuals, high school dropouts and individuals with a criminal record
Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/ Fayette Inc.	Local	Fayette County, Pa. (PUMA 02300)	\$2,732,719	Unemployed individuals, high school dropouts and individuals with a criminal record
Providence Economic Development Partnership	Local	Providence, R.I. (PUMA 00100)	\$2,489,111	Ex-offenders and low-literacy individuals
Roca Inc.	Local	Chelsea and Revere, Mass. (PUMA 02900)	\$2,398,778	High-risk youth
SER – Jobs for	Local	Houston, Texas (PUMAs 04601,	\$3,122,554	High school dropouts, ex-

Progress of the Texas Gulf Coast Inc.		04602, 04603, 04606, 04608, 04610, 04611, 04625)		offenders, unemployed individuals and disadvantaged individuals
Southeast Community College Area	Local	Lincoln, Neb. (PUMA 00801)	\$2,331,278	Unemployed individuals, veterans, high school dropouts, individuals with a criminal record, refugees and immigrants
Southwest Housing Solutions Corp. (SWHS)	Local	Southwest Detroit, Mich. (PUMAs 03701, 03706)	\$4,000,000	Unemployed individuals, high school dropouts, individuals with a criminal record and veterans
West Hills Community College District	Local	Mendota, Firebaugh, San Joaquin, Huron, Coalinga, Lemoore, Avenal and the unincorporated communities of Tranquility, Riverdale, Biola and Five Points in Fresno and Kings Counties, Calif. (PUMAs 03600, 03401)	\$3,000,000	Disadvantaged individuals
Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC)	Local	Woodbury County, Iowa (PUMA 01100)	\$3,999,459	Dislocated workers, low-income adults and disconnected youth
White Earth Band of Chippewa	Local	Mahnomen, Clearwater and Becker counties, Minn. (PUMA 00200)	\$3,086,817	High school dropouts, unemployed individuals and individuals with a criminal record
Workforce Development of Seattle-King County	Local	Southeast Seattle, Wash., (PUMAs 01804, 02005)	\$3,639,530	High school dropouts, unemployed adults, veterans, previously incarcerated youth and adults, and other disadvantaged individuals — with a specific focus on communities of color, individuals with limited English proficiency and individuals with disabilities
The WorkPlace Inc.	Local	City of Bridgeport, Conn. (PUMA 02400)	\$4,000,000	High school dropouts, individuals with a criminal record, unemployed individuals and people facing other significant disadvantages
Worksystems Inc.	Local	East Multnomah County, Ore. (PUMA 01302, 01301)	\$4,000,000	Native Americans, African-Americans, Latinos, immigrants, veterans, individuals with a criminal record and homeless individuals