

2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

On May 2, 2024, the [Department of Labor announced](#) the award of \$98 million in grants to 72 organizations in 30 states and Guam to provide training and employment services in an ongoing effort to expand access to apprenticeship opportunities, prepare young workers for quality jobs and strengthen the nation's workforce to meet industry demands.

These [YouthBuild Program](#) grants range from \$700,000 to \$1.5 million each and will support pre-apprenticeships to educate and train young people, ages 16-24, who are neither enrolled in school or now in the labor market, for jobs in construction and other high-demand industries. YouthBuild grants will help deliver education and training to enable participants to build or rehabilitate affordable housing in their communities for people in need.

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.

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 occupations. The grants will also enable young people to train for careers in healthcare, information technology, manufacturing and logistics, culinary arts, and hospitality.

Please note: the grant recipients below are listed alphabetically by state/territory, i.e., the first recipient is in Alabama and the last is in Wisconsin.

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Alabama

Bessemer Housing Authority

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CNA

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Bessemer, AL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Our YouthBuild training program provides vital skills and employment opportunities to youth, contributing to economic growth and community revitalization that amplifies impact across the nation with the basic educational foundation (GED attainment) and occupational/Hands-on training they need for future success and economic self-sufficiency. All program participants will receive academic and hands-on skills training in the construction industry by participating in the construction of affordable residential housing for those in need in our community. Construction Skills will be taught through partnership with Lawson State College. 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 Healthcare, through a CNA Program facilitated by Lawson State. Our participants will gain their GED and Industry Certification while taking part in leadership development training and community service-learning projects. During the community service-learning projects, participants will utilize the hands-on construction skills they learn as part of the YouthBuild program to help make our community a better place. We will provide each participant a custom combination of work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. Once participants complete the YouthBuild Program, they will have the opportunity to enter the workforce or continue their journey along a selected career pathway through further education at a community college, 4-year university, or through apprenticeship.

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Pickens County Community Action Committee and CDC Inc.

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: HBI PACT

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Carrollton, AL

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: The program will serve participants facing either 1) housing instability, 2) in foster home or aging out of foster care, 3) youth with a disability, 4) involved with the justice system, 5) parent is incarcerated or 6) a migrant. The program provides both educational and occupational prospects to all participants. As part of the educational curriculum, assistance will be provided to student to achieve gains in numeracy and literacy, and to attain either a high school diploma or a GED certificate. In the construction phase of the program, all participants will attain a PACT certificate (construction industry recognized apprenticeship). In the occupational skills training component, participants will receive both counselling and training which are the requirements to enter a Registered Apprentice Program .

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Eufaula Housing Authority

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,100,000

City, State: Eufaula, AL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Guided by a comprehensive mission, the program engages in collaborative efforts with community organizations, educational institutions, and businesses to create a robust support network. Program management is led by a dedicated Program Manager, ensuring effective coordination, resource allocation, and curriculum development. A focus on customized training aligns with the requirements of infrastructure projects, supported by a strategic partnership with a specialized organization. Personnel roles are diversified, with competitive compensation structures to attract skilled professionals. Community partnerships, marked by financial commitments, are integral to the program's success. Transparent budgeting outlines direct and indirect costs, contributing to financial clarity. The program's impact extends through extensive outreach, mentorship, counseling, and preparation of participants for job opportunities, thereby fostering local workforce development and economic growth. The Eufaula Housing Authority YouthBuild Program is a testament to educational excellence, community collaboration, and strategic planning aimed at empowering youth and making a lasting positive impact on the community.

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Alabama Department of Commerce

Training participants in: Construction, **Automotive Manufacturing TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: HBI PACT, **Automotive Service Excellence TBD**

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Montgomery, AL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: YouthBuildUp Birmingham will provide adult education, career-focused training, and work-based learning opportunities to students from disinvested and low-income communities. Students will perform various service projects and renovate rundown homes, showcasing their skills and making a positive impact in their communities. They will also earn credentials to attract high-demand opportunities in their selected pathway. Youth will be trained with personalized learning plans, earning GEDs and credentials in safety projects.

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City of Montgomery

Training participants in: Construction, Advanced Manufacturing

Occupational credentials offered: HBI PACT, Certified Production Technician

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Montgomery, AL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The YouthBuild Montgomery (YBM) program will consist of two, 12-month cohorts. Participants will receive 30 hours of program services per week. Active programming will consist of 50 percent academic services, 40 percent hands-on skills training, and 10 percent leadership development. Each cohort will receive an additional 12 months of post-program support services. The academic services that will be offered to YBM participants include Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Educational Development (GED), Job Readiness, Construction, and Advanced Manufacturing. The training strategy will utilize the andragogy model of learning, methods, and approaches used in adult education. Andragogical approaches are highly participatory, with a strong focus on hands-on learning experiences. There will be a combination of lecture, discussion, practice, and reflection. Students will be given the opportunity to learn in ways that are relevant to their lives.

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Arizona

Portable Practical Educational Preparation Inc.

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,467,565

City, State: Tucson, AZ

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: PPEP's YouthBuild Program will integrate program components of academic learning with course credentialing and certification, experiential job training, leadership, and community service involvement in a seamless program model. In addition, counseling, case management, and ongoing support for graduate success and placement in a career pathway is provided.

64 youth are split into 2 groups, alternating weekly, spending time in computer equipped classrooms (4 days) for GED/NCCER/Leadership, and (4 days) on the construction site. This schedule allows students to grasp information learned in class and on site and apply learning to all settings. On Fridays, 8 hours are set aside for community service projects, other activities, or presentations involving Leadership development or college tours. The program will develop a youth council for youth involvement in program decision making, and community activities. The program is designed to help the community and foster relationships, build leaders, and provide an avenue for economic sustainability for youth who were at one time "at-risk".

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California

Alliance for Community Empowerment Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Solar Photovoltaic Installer (SPI)

Occupational credentials offered: MC3, North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners Solar Photovoltaic Associate Credential

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Canoga Park, CA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Alliance for Community Empowerment (ACE) participants will continue to receive certificate-based training and hands-on work experience in Construction, and now Solar Photovoltaic Installer (SPI) training as a Construction Plus pathway. Construction Training will be provided at the RYB service center in Canoga Park by the program's employed Construction Trainer. Training will utilize the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) along with various safety trainings. Hands-on training will be provided on a construction worksite building affordable housing with Habitat for Humanity of Ventura County, and at a local transitional home for justice-impacted individuals. SPI training and certification will be based on GRID Alternatives Greater Los Angeles Installation Basics Training and supplemented by additional technical training and worksite exposures from Green Convergence. Green Convergence will support aligning the SPI track with their California state registered apprenticeships for solar electrical and roofing.

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Conservation Corps of Long Beach

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Long Beach, CA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: CCLB YouthBuild Corps will serve 66 young people who will receive hands-on training in the construction industry and will build several units of affordable housing and housing for homeless individuals. CCLB will utilize curricula and training materials that are part of the National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER). CCLB currently and will continue to align training with local and regional specific infrastructure projects. Projects include three projects under the Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program and one under the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program.

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Coalition for Responsible Community Development

Training participants in: Construction, Maintenance and Repair

Occupational credentials offered: HBI-PACT, MC3, Certificate for Apartment Maintenance Technicians (CAMT)

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Los Angeles, CA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Training will align with the Los Angeles County Vision Zero Project in Florence-Firestone, a \$21.49 million project funded in 2023 through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Trainees will learn to improve pedestrian safety (i.e. - sidewalk repair, electrical updates, street repair). All 100 YouthBuild members will earn the HBI-PACT credential, and 25 construction-focused completers will be additionally trained to earn the MC3 credential. The in-house Construction Trainer will also teach the curriculum in-person for the nationally recognized Certificate for Apartment Maintenance Technicians (CAMT) credential. Hands-on experience will consist of customer service, work orders, electrical repair, plumbing repair, HVAC repair, and interior/exterior maintenance and repair. CRCD Academy high school is located on campus at LA Trade Technical College (community college), promoting seamless transitions to postsecondary education and/or advanced training. YouthBuild members co-enroll in the College for general elective & academic courses.

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Inspire Together

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: MC3

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Los Angeles, CA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Participants will build and rehabilitate 7 new units of affordable permanent housing through conversion of shipping containers into 2 two-bedroom modular home units that can be placed on a permanent foundation and rehabilitation of 5 existing apartment units to provide a permanent home for low-income or formerly homeless households. YouthBuild will provide Basic Skills Education for participants, provided by partner Options for Youth, classroom occupational skills training in construction provided by project partner Maxine Waters Employment Preparation Center, hands-on occupational skills training at the Youth Center and a work site overseen by Inspire Together's Construction Supervisor. Inspire Together will train youth with the construction skills needed to secure employment with two infrastructure development projects in Los Angeles, including the FAA Airport Infrastructure Project to make roadway improvements at LAX, and FTA Capital Improvement Project to develop additional miles of double-track, heavy rail transit on the Westside of Los Angeles.

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Playa Vista Job Opportunities and Business Services

Training participants in: Construction, Media Production

Occupational credentials offered: CA Carpentry Apprenticeship Certification, Adobe Certified Professional, ProTools certification

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Los Angeles, CA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: PVJOBS YouthBuild (PYB) provides 66 participants with a fully integrated academic experience, offering basic skills instruction and remediation, advanced applied academic training and vocational training to assist in preparing youth and young adults for hands-on training and a transition into post-secondary or apprenticeship programs.

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The Youth Employment Partnership Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Warehouse & Logistics, Culinary

Occupational credentials offered: MC3, Manufacturing Skill Standards Council Certified Logistics Associate & Certified Logistics Technician, National Restaurant Association – Certified Restaurant Professional (CRP)

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Oakland, CA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The Youth Employment Partnership will provide their education, training, and work experience with hourly wages and performance stipends. As participants near the end of their 200-hour internship, they will work closely with their Counselor and Job Placement Specialist who will help them identify and apply for jobs related to their career interests, enter apprenticeships with partnering union organizations and employers, pursue CTE programs, or continue their postsecondary education. YEP was recently in contract through the Oakland Housing Authority to outreach, recruit, and provide job training to Section 3 residents at YEP. OYBC+ partner CMTC is a current EPA Brownfields Job Training Program provider through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. CMTC's program includes 95 hours of instruction in 40-Hour HAZWOPER, Intro. to EPA & OSHA, Waste Worker Health & Safety, Confined Space Awareness, Asbestos Awareness, Phase II Environ, Site Assessment, the Injury & Illness Prevention Awareness Program, Mold Awareness & Inspection, and more. Participants at CMTC will be trained on the same curriculum and earn up to 6 state & federal certifications, positioning them to enter jobs w/ environmental site remediation and to work on nearby federally funded infrastructure projects including the Port of Oakland.

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City of Richmond

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: MC3

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Richmond, CA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Participants have access to RichmondBUILD's 30,000 square foot state-of-the-art construction training facilities (including dedicated classrooms and a computer lab with GED preparation and career exploration tutorials) that will provide YouthBuild participants with the educational and vocational training they need to successfully compete for well-paid employment. Strong business and labor partnerships increase the likelihood that participants will enter apprenticeship or employment upon completion. The proposed project will be aligned with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Job Training Grant, which was awarded to the City of Richmond to address the need to clean up environmentally contaminated areas in the region while providing training for individuals living in environmentally-impacted communities. YouthBuild participants will receive OSHA 30, HAZWOPER 40, Refinery Safety, and additional remediation training through the Brownfields Job Training Grant. Following completion of the YouthBuild program, participants will have the opportunity to be hired on any remediation jobs related to the EPA Brownfields project. The environmental remediation, clean energy, and construction fields are expected to grow, providing an unprecedented opportunity for the city of Richmond youth to achieve long-term self-sufficiency.

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Rancho Cielo Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Culinary

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, NRAEF Restaurant Ready and ProStart

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Salinas, CA

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: Rancho Cielo Inc. invests in all young people facing challenges for success through diploma education, vocational training, counseling, and life skills development in a safe and affirming environment.

Rancho Cielo YouthBuild construction students earn a high school diploma and stackable certificates in construction via a nationally recognized curriculum while building accessory dwelling units that emphasize sustainable construction practices. Culinary students build vocational skills via a nationally recognized curriculum, culinary certifications, culinary instruction, and practical experience with food preparation, catering and dining service, and a high school diploma.

Both programs benefit from established career and college exploration, job placement, and post-secondary programs supported by local industry and education partners. Rancho Cielo's academic partner, John Muir Charter Schools, delivers academic instruction. Academic and vocational skills instruction occurs at our 100-acre campus just outside the City of Salinas, California. Through our case management model, six professionals – academic, vocational, case managers, CTE experts, and wrap around service providers – track each participant in our program to ensure students obtain high school diploma (or equivalent), receive industry partner-informed occupational skills training through nationally certified curricula, complete work-based learning, and complete internships that lead to registered apprenticeships or continued Career and Technical Education at a local community college. We work to help students empower themselves to be accountable, competent, productive, and responsible citizens in the community.

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Florida

Helping Advance and Nurture the Development of Youth Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, IT

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CompTIA A+, Comp TIA Network+, Certified Fiber Optics Technician

DOL funding amount: \$920,000

City, State: Fort Lauderdale, FL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The primary goal of the HANDY YouthBuild training program is to help youth from the local community who have significant barriers to employment gain due to the lack of skills and knowledge that they need to obtain gainful employment and become contributing members of society. HANDY YouthBuild will use the industry-recognized certification curriculum by National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) as the training foundation to provide participants with a pre-apprenticeship program in standardized basic construction skills training, overseen by certified master trainer from Florida International University, Moss School of Construction. Training will include: concrete forms, steel stub framing, tool safety, blueprint reading, basic electrical, basic building materials, basic plumbing and more. HANDY YouthBuild training aligns with local employer needs and youth interest to obtain portable industry-recognized certifications in various NCCERR trade areas, OSHA/Florida Forklift certification, OSHA 30 Construction, and OSHA 24 hour Disaster Site Worker Certification. Construction Plus training will also be offered to youth in Information Technology, where youth will receive training in CompTIA A+ and Network+ certification, with an optional fiber optics technician certification.

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Lakeland Housing Authority

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare, Logistics

Occupational credentials offered: HBI PACT, CNA, Certified Logistics Technician

DOL funding amount: \$1,358,376

City, State: Lakeland, FL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Our YouthBuild training initiative equips young individuals with critical skills and career opportunities to foster economic advancement and rejuvenate communities nationwide. The program is multifaceted, featuring a construction-focused classroom training component leading to industry certification via the Home Builders Institute (HBI) Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (PACT). Additionally, the program addresses the demands of the in-demand Construction Plus industries by providing classroom training for medical/healthcare fields, as well as logistics. These parallel track leads to Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) certification expanding participants' opportunities in healthcare sectors, and numerous Certified Logistics Professional certifications. Lakeland HA aims to collaborate with Tampa Electric on two clean power projects in Polk County. To strengthen their approach, Lakeland HA seeks to establish a strategic partnership with Tampa Electric. Additionally, the program will leverage existing partnerships with the Tampa Area Electrical Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee to ensure participants receive specialized training in electrical fields, aligning their skills with the demands of clean power projects and contributing to the success of these vital initiatives.

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Valencia College West Campus

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Orlando, FL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Valencia College West Campus will offer a seven-month program supporting eligible participants to develop the academic and occupational skills needed to obtain a GED® (General Education Diploma) and industry certifications in construction. The project's area of service is targeted due to high unemployment and poverty rates, and the need for educational pathways to credentials and employment opportunity. The program provides 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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AMIkids Pensacola Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, Emergency Medical Technician, EKG Technician, Phlebotomy Technician

DOL funding amount: \$1,358,376

City, State: Pensacola, FL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: In eight months, youth will take GED education classes and will prepare for construction careers utilizing the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) curriculum for construction, along with the AMIkids Job Readiness Curriculum. Youth will attain their GED, the program will prepare for the hands-on construction training with Pensacola Habitat for Humanity, place youth in jobs or higher education upon program completion, and 12 months of comprehensive follow-up services for all YouthBuild participants. Participants will gain hands-on experience in construction by building or renovating at least one unit of low-income housing through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity. AMIkids Pensacola will offer Construction Plus training in the Healthcare industry through a partnership with Pensacola State College. CareerSource Escarosa will serve as a One-Stop Partner. The Florida Masonry Apprenticeship and Educational Foundation will sponsor the NCCER curriculum training.

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CDC of Tampa Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, **Customer Service TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, **Certified Customer Service Experience Professional, certified through the International Council of Customer Service Organizations in North America TBD**

DOL funding amount: \$1,456,798

City, State: Tampa, FL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The CDC of Tampa will provide youth and young adults with a comprehensive training program consisting of academic training combined with a rigorous construction skills job training program. The participants will participate in a series of leadership training, community service, and violence prevention opportunities. All participants will receive on-the-job construction skills training while working to complete at least one unit of housing at CDC of Tampa owned affordable housing projects. Construction Plus will provide customer service training. The Director, an individual with YouthBuild, will lead the program and the Manager will provide day-to-day supervision and communication with partners and funders. The Case Manager will create a personal goal plan for each participant and provide services and referrals that will ensure program completion and success in participants reaching their academic and career goals. The Job Developer will work with local employers and registered apprenticeships to place participants in meaningful, long-term opportunities.

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Georgia

Georgia Building Trades Academy Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Logistics

Occupational credentials offered: MC3, Certified Logistics Associate (CLA) & Certified Logistics Technician (CLT)

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Atlanta, Georgia

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: GABTA YouthBuild equips participants with the necessary skills and credentials to confidently enter registered apprenticeship programs. To achieve this goal, the program offers rigorous training in construction and logistics. Participants can earn industry-recognized certifications, including the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) certification, Certified Logistics Technician (CLT) certification, and Certified Logistics Associate certification. These certifications validate their skills and make them highly competitive in the job market. The GABTA YouthBuild Program empowers 16-24 individuals with construction and logistics training, industry-recognized credentials, and leadership competency. Through hands-on MC3 certification training, participants are readied for union apprenticeships and entry-level positions. The program strongly emphasizes safety training, trade tours, and the support of a dedicated Jobs Developer. With the support of Georgia Construction Careers, the Atlanta & North Georgia Building Trades Council (ANGBTC), 19 affiliated construction unions, and their Joint Apprenticeship Training Committees (JATCs), as well as various community groups, contractors, and government agencies, the program ensures participants are thoroughly prepared for direct entry into apprenticeships upon graduation. It provides hands-on experience and certifications in carpentry, electrical work, and logistics. GABTA includes safety training and technological skills essential for modern projects, enhancing employability and industry compliance. These efforts prepare graduates to tackle opportunities from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and related federal initiatives.

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Bibb County School District

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CNA

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Macon, Georgia

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: YouthBuild at SOAR Academy will provide at-risk, out-of-school opportunity youth, ages 16-24 without a high school diploma with workforce educational opportunities in construction and in-demand construction plus training in Certified Nursing Assistant pathways (CNA). The program will achieve this objective by providing academic support through SOAR Academy's Twilight program, along with robust pre-apprenticeship in-demand pathways in partnership with Hutchings College and Career Academy. To provide hands-on experiential learning, while also expanding access to affordable housing in Macon-Bibb County, YouthBuild at SOAR Academy will partner with Macon-Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to complete one renovation construction project for local families in need. Additionally, The YouthBuild program will particularly focus on increasing participant knowledge of sustainable building practices, including efficient use of resources, better integration with local climate/environment, energy conservation, and reduction of hazardous materials through our Clean Energy 20-day bootcamp, which will occur once participants are accepted into the program, immediately following Mental Toughness.

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Guam

Guam Community College

Guam Community College

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,308,679

City, State: Mangilao, GU

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: Participants in the GCC Adult Basic Education program will dedicate four hours each morning towards the pursuit of their high school diploma or equivalency. The GCC Adult High School facilitates this with daytime and evening classes, accommodating students' work schedules. GCC is the state agency for adult education, therefore, the administrator of the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant. The Adult Education program at GCC training includes continuing education programs, post-secondary opportunities, and assistance with completing the FAFSA forms online. Once the participants complete the Adult High or GED program, they are given the opportunity to join the GCC Construction Navigators to continue their education. Participants wishing to continue at GCC in any of its programs will not have to pay the registration fee. GCC programs include a Bachelor of Science degree in Career Technical Education, 23 associate degrees (two-year programs), and 18 certificates (one-year programs). GCC also offers U.S. Department of Labor approved Apprenticeship programs in 91 career fields with over 78 island employers. More than 420 apprentices are currently registered and active in the program. GCC encourages all the participants in our pre-apprenticeship programs to return for further training. The GCC pre-apprenticeship program employer-partners assist the participants with the opportunity to enter a registered apprenticeship program. Once in the apprenticeship, the apprentices return to GCC for additional training to assist them with meeting the requirements to become a journey person.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Idaho

Community Council of Idaho Inc.

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: HBI-PACT

DOL funding amount: \$1,264,361

City, State: Caldwell, ID

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: The construction training project will provide all students with bilingual, competency-based, individualized occupational-skills training and instruction in small classes with a focus on providing transferable career readiness skills, that to move through the program and beyond graduation to achieve self-sufficiency and a positive future. Our collaborators are South Central Community Action Partnership, Canyon Ridge High School, Magic Valley High School, Twin Falls High School, Twin Falls Probation Center, Jerome County Probation, Twin Falls County Fifth Judicial District, Twin Falls Boys and Girls Club, Idaho Department of Labor and The College of Southern Idaho--together, we have received a Key Bank grant to assist our students who transition to college.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Nez Perce Tribe

Training participants in: Construction, Natural Resources-Forestry

Occupational credentials offered: MC3, Associate of Science Forest Operations and Technology, Wildland Fuel and Fire Technology, and Forest Nursery Management and Technology

DOL funding amount: \$1,247,532

City, State: Lapwai, ID

Community type: Tribal

Summary of program activities: This program will provide pre-apprenticeship services that support education, occupational skills training, and employment services to opportunity youth, ages 16 to 24, while performing meaningful work and service to their communities. The YouthBuild program plans to prepare participants for quality jobs in the construction and natural resources trades. The project will offer wrap-around services such as mentoring, trauma-informed care, personal counseling, transportation supports, and employment preparation.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Illinois

Quad County Urban League Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Drone Pilot

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, FAA Remote Pilot Certificate

DOL funding amount: \$1,499,110

City, State: Aurora, IL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The Aurora YouthBuild program for Construction and Construction Plus will serve 66 participants (two cohorts of 33 each). Trainees will develop construction and carpentry skills that will prepare them to enter and enroll into construction trades' registered apprenticeship programs (i.e., carpenter apprenticeship, drywall finisher and decorating painter apprenticeship, and the electrician apprenticeship). Utilizing a comprehensive training program, the trainees will learn applied academic skills from the Quad County Urban League youth and education staff, construction skills under the authority of Squared Away Construction, LLC, work on a housing unit provided by the Aurora Housing Authority, learn leadership skills with a life skills instructor, and work readiness skills through the One-Stop partnership with Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment Workforce Development Division. This Division, WorkNet Batavia, provides services to ready the workforce for employment through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Industry and building trades union partners will provide job shadowing, work-based learning, pre-apprenticeships, and work-site application. As part of the construction training, the trainees will rehab a housing unit from the Aurora Housing Authority. After participating in phases of YouthBuild, trainees may earn the NCCER CORE certification, the OSHA 10 certificate, receive Flaggers and Forklift Training (optional certificates), which lead to a career pathway for participants. The Construction Plus will focus on drone pilot training so participants earn a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Remote Pilot Certificate.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Housing Authority of Champaign County

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Champaign, IL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The Housing Authority of Champaign County will serve youth who are high school dropouts, adjudicated youth, youth aging out of foster care, youth with disabilities, homeless youth, and other disconnected youth populations.

The YouthBuild training scheme equips young people with crucial skills and job prospects, thus contributing to economic development and community renewal. This effort enhances nationwide impact through foundational education (GED completion) and vocational/on-the-job training for future success and financial independence. Participants will gain academic and practical construction skills by helping to build affordable homes for community members in need. Participants will achieve their GED and vocational certification while engaging in leadership and community service-learning initiatives. During these projects, they will apply practical construction skills acquired in YouthBuild to improve our community. We will offer a tailored mix of work experience, mentorship, job shadowing, and internships for each individual. After completing YouthBuild, participants will be prepared to join the workforce or advance their education and career pathways via community college, university, or apprenticeships.

The Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) will align with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act by expanding employment and career opportunities in highway construction. We plan to engage our program with the I-57 and I-74 interchange reconstruction project by IDOT, a significant \$217 million initiative near Champaign.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Lewis and Clark Community College

Training participants in: Construction, IT

Occupational credentials offered: COMP TIA ITF+, COMP TIA A+, Adobe Illustrator Credential, Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Microsoft Office Suite, IC3 Global 6 Certification, HBI PACT

DOL funding amount: \$1,333,760

City, State: Godfrey, IL

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: LCBF will implement the work of previous Lewis & Clark YouthBuild projects by providing the opportunity for 64 targeted youths to earn the ILSHD, build life skills regarding workplace expectations and community services navigation, foster leadership qualities, and expand their skills in a construction trade or a computer careers field. The project will focus on transitioning the youth from the program into a longer-term career plan such as a formal trade apprenticeship, enrollment in a two or four-year college program, or full-time employment in a construction or computer careers trade. The project includes a 12-month follow-up program focused on ensuring the participants maintain those behaviors necessary to retain employment or move forward to meet their educational goals. Ultimately the project will improve the individual opportunities for the participants, improve the alignment of employers' needs and available workforce, and improve the housing supply of the City of Alton.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Spero Family Services

Training participants in: Construction, Customer Service

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, National Retail Federation (NRF) RiseUp – Customer Service and Sales Credential

DOL funding amount: \$968,000

City, State: Mount Vernon, IL

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: YouthBuild combines the educational and career goals of young people while providing a safe and supportive environment for them to be successful. Spero provides job readiness, construction, and customer service training to youth (16-24) using a model of 50% of time in academic courses, 40% in occupational skills training, and 10% in leadership development and community services. Participants receive hands-on construction training as well as earn industry recognized credentials from NCCER (National Center for Construction as well and Research). The program provides Career Readiness, First Aid/CPR/AED, OSHA-10, and GED/HSE instruction for opportunity youth served. This additional training gives participants a solid foundation and a competitive edge when entering the workforce, but the individualized trauma-informed supportive services provided by the YouthBuild staff are what truly make the program successful for the youth.

YouthBuild of South-Central Illinois will work with the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport in Mt. Vernon, IL to connect participants with the field of aviation and to learn about their infrastructure project.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

YBLC Inc. dba YouthBuild Lake County

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, Certified Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant, Pharmacy Technician and Phlebotomist

DOL funding amount: \$ 1,500,000

City, State: North Chicago, IL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: YBLC will implement occupational skills training in Construction, as well as two additional career pathways (Construction Plus): Healthcare, and Transportation/Distribution (TDL). Training will lead to an industry credential and placement in employment and/or college. Participants will receive training and build one affordable housing unit at 2127 Honore, North Chicago.

YBLC will provide customized training to our participants to prepare them to earn the Flagger credential, as well as supporting additional career credentials such as Commercial Driver's License. This will prepare them to work with Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) on the Invest in America highway project located in North Chicago.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Rockford Housing Authority

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Rockford, IL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Our in-house High School/GED component serves as the foundation, preparing students for specialized training in construction skills. The dedicated full-time equivalent (FTE) classroom trainer position ensures comprehensive preparation for NCCER Core certification in construction skills. This tailored approach not only equips participants with essential skills but also positions them for success in high-demand sectors, contributing to community development and national economic advancement.

As part of our commitment, we are actively exploring collaboration with Luminace Solar Illinois 2, LLC, for a significant \$2.5 million solar project investment. Through this outreach, our program aims to establish a valuable partnership that will provide participants with cutting-edge training in clean energy technologies. They will gain hands-on experience in sustainable practices, solar energy, and other essential skills, positioning them at the forefront of the clean energy workforce.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Indiana

Fort Wayne Housing Authority

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$ 1,500,000

City, State: Fort Wayne, IN

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The Fort Wayne Housing Authority will serve youth who are high school dropouts, adjudicated youth, youth aging out of foster care, youth with disabilities, homeless youth, and other disconnected youth populations. The program extends beyond traditional construction roles with a specialized track, Construction Plus, catering to those interested in logistics/material moving. This track offers training in both construction and logistics, along with the opportunity to obtain a CDL (Commercial Driver's License). Participants not only contribute to affordable housing construction but also gain recognized qualifications in high-demand sectors. The comprehensive program includes GED attainment, professional certifications, leadership development, and community service engagement, allowing participants to apply their construction and logistics/material moving training to enhance our neighborhood. The tailored program, encompassing work experience, mentorship, job shadowing, and internships, prepares participants for immediate entry into the workforce or continued education through community colleges, universities, or apprenticeships upon program completion.

The YouthBuild training initiative aims to furnish young individuals with crucial skills and lucrative job prospects. Our curriculum alignment will prepare participants to contribute to relevant regional projects. Partnerships for both Construction and Logistics/Material Movement (Construction Plus) will be engaged to ensure a well-rounded approach to curriculum development that aligns with development and improvement of Interstate highways through infrastructure projects.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

The Indianapolis Private Industry Council Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CNA

DOL funding amount: \$1,379,890

City, State: Indianapolis, IN

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: YouthBuild Indy (YBI) is a community-based, pre-apprenticeship, alternative education program balancing contextualized academic learning and occupational skills training to place youth and young adults on in-demand career pathways. Through comparable integrated education and training, participants interested in alternative occupational skills training may choose to embark on a healthcare career pathway as a Construction Plus program.

EmployIndy will provide 60 opportunity youth with meaningful work experiences, training, and job placement in the high-demand industries, construction and healthcare. Participants will also receive violence prevention, cognitive-based therapy, barrier-busting support, mentoring, career navigation, career exposure, work-based learning experience, transitional coordination, job placement, and at least 12 months of follow-up. Participants will start the program as cohorts of 10-15 through a four-phase experience including:

- 1) Phase one – Power Huddle and Job Readiness: This phase will allow participants to receive job readiness and other leadership training. At this point, participants will also begin exploratory work experiences, group mentoring, and case management.
- 2) Phase two – Occupational Training: This phase will allow participants to begin adult basic education and occupational training with their respective training providers, depending on which career track they have chosen—construction or healthcare. Participants will earn one or more industry-recognized credentials. Participants will continue leadership training, case management, and barrier-buster support.
- 3) Phase three – Work Experience: This phase will allow participants to get hands-on work experience in their industry of focus. Participants will continue to receive case management, barrier buster support, and meeting with their transition coordinator during this phase.
- 4) Phase four – Placement and Follow-Up: Participants will be placed in employment, additional education, or and apprenticeship upon completion of the program. Participants will receive support and follow-up from their case manager and transition coordinator.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Alliance for Strategic Growth Inc. dba Eastern Indiana Works

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,011,994

City, State: Muncie, IN

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: Serve disconnected youth to gain their education, workplace skills, develop leadership skills, career explore, and make life changing moves in 26 weeks (6 months) Muncie YouthBuild provides participants with so many opportunities to positively move their life trajectory forward through our transformative culture.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Iowa

Hawkeye Community College

Training participants in: Construction, Manufacturing

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, Introduction to Industry 4.0 - Basic and Advanced Operations

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Waterloo, IA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: WE Build Waterloo YouthBuild is an Introduction to Construction Trades Quality Pre-Apprenticeship program focused on assisting participants with multiple barriers to sustainable employment explore careers within the construction industry while earning industry recognized credentials and receiving high demand job skills.

WE Build Waterloo YouthBuild will train participants to be skilled professionals and develop and implement quality education and training, build or substantially renovate housing in the service area, actively recruit and retain eligible participants and grow the partner network.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Kentucky

Young Adult Development in Action Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare, Culinary

Occupational credentials offered: HBI PACT, CNA, NRAEF ProStart

DOL funding amount: \$1,358,376

City, State: Louisville, KY

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: YouthBuild Louisville will adhere to the YouthBuild program model and Construction Plus program with fidelity, including the 50/40/10 split for education, work and skill development and community service/leadership development, respectively. Participants can choose between construction, CNA or culinary annually. Our programming will demonstrate a high degree of intentionality and integration across all components and activities. Tetra Tech, a leading, global provider of consulting and engineering services with an office in Louisville, Kentucky is often contracted by Louisville Metro Government to work on its infrastructure projects, including the Environmental Protection Agency funding to support its Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund work. YouthBuild Louisville has partnered with TetraTech since 2020. In addition to reviewing our curriculum, Tetra Tech has committed to attending our job fairs and mock interviews in an effort to hire our graduates.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Louisiana

Quad Area Community Action Agency Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CNA

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Hammond, LA

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: Quad Area Community Action Agency, Inc. (QACAA), has served the rural and poverty-stricken parishes of Southeastern Louisiana for 48 years through social and educational programs. Our mission, at the core of all QACAA program, is helping people and changing lives. QACAA has a proven history of positively impacting poverty at its roots with a broad array of successful federal, state, and local programs. QYB proposes a quality youth and community development program that simultaneously addresses core issues facing low-income communities: housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and leadership development. In QYB, underserved youth will work toward their high school equivalency diplomas, learn occupational skills in construction and hospitality, learn leadership development skills, serve their communities by building and rehabilitating affordable housing, as well as transform their own lives and roles in society. Not only academic needs are addressed, but also social, physical, and emotional issues. QYB will work in partnership with the New Orleans Mission for building and rehabilitating affordable housing for low-income families. Participants will divide their time between occupation and education training while maintaining time for leadership development and community service. Quad YouthBuild will offer construction plus training in the industry of healthcare, which is an in demand, high growth careers in the areas being served.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Start Corporation Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare, Customer Service

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CNA, Customer Service and Sales Certification (CSSC)

DOL funding amount: \$1,432,901

City, State: Houma, LA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Start Corporation will provide an expansion of its successful YouthBuild program to include two Construction Plus tracks in line with local demand. Participants will have the opportunity to earn stackable and portable industry-recognized credentials in construction, healthcare, and customer service which will position them for in-demand jobs in the service area.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Northshore Technical Community College

Training participants in: Construction, CNA, Welding

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Technical Competency Area Certificate, LA Department of Health and Hospitals Certificate, Core and Welding Level 1.

DOL funding amount: \$1,334,000

City, State: Lacombe, LA

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: Northshore Technical Community College (NTCC), has sponsored YBB for 23 years and there has been a significant shift in YBB's program culture from pre-employment education/training to comprehensive career readiness; incorporating enhanced postsecondary & workforce transition and employment follow-up services. YBB partners include NTCC (Sponsor), The City of Bogalusa, Area 20 Workforce Investment Board and GeauxJobs, AmeriCorps, Bogalusa City School District, Bogalusa Housing Authority, Washington Parish Habitat for Humanity, Inc., Bogalusa Rebirth, and other union, legal, educational, health, social, and faith-based services. Collectively, these organizations provide support to all elements of the YBB program that help make this one of the leading rural programs in the YouthBuild network. All occupational curriculums and programs are annually reviewed by local NTCC Program Advisory Committees and YBB will serve 58 participants. Academics focuses on the five content areas of Educational Testing Services' High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) and the High School Diploma (HSD) using the Penn Foster curricula. Occupational skills learning includes Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Building Technology Carpentry & Welding (NCCER) training. All curriculums result in state & nationally recognized credentials (LA Certified Nursing Aide, and NCCER), college credit, and student enrollment in state or national registries, and both integrate classroom, web-based, lab/shop & on-site practical experience learning. YBB is fortunate to have a funded infrastructure project at our local airport, George Carr Memorial. Recognizing a significant need for welders in consultation with the City of Bogalusa and Airport Personnel, we will align our Welding pathway to assist with this need. Job readiness skills are developed through Life Skills training and on work sites. AmeriCorps service-learning projects with City public works and other partners are at the core of community service. Career exploration accomplished through student research, work-based learning opportunities and group presentations by community partners.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Maryland

GapBuster Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, IT

Occupational credentials offered: Construction credential TBD, CompTIA Security+

DOL funding amount: \$700,000

City, State: Silver Spring, MD

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Program participants will receive comprehensive training, integrating academic learning with hands-on construction skills development. The Construction Plus program offers Information Technology training, specifically in CompTIA Security+, for those with career interests beyond construction. Alongside technical training, participants will engage in leadership development and community service-learning projects, enhancing English literacy, supporting GED attainment, and acquiring industry-recognized certifications. Individualized plans will include work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. For IT-focused participants, collaboration with IT-Busters and partners will secure jobs in the IT security field, aligning with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for Prince George's County expansion.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Massachusetts

Old Colony YMCA

Training participants in: Construction, Culinary/Hospitality

Occupational credentials offered: HBI, NRAEF Restaurant Ready

DOL funding amount: \$1,100,000

City, State: Brockton, MA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: OCY operates a traditional YouthBuild program with a Construction Plus component with training in the much-needed culinary industry in partnership with Bristol Community College. The education component of the program will be handled by two teachers on staff who will provide instruction leading to the attainment of the HiSET, the HS equivalency diploma accepted by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The housing project is supervised by YBFR's two credentialed staff members. This team is working together to address the issues of affordable housing, undereducated youth, and an extremely high youth unemployment rate. YBFR has produced strong outcomes for almost two decades. YBFR prepares participants for community conscious initiatives by providing registered apprenticeship opportunities in both the construction and C+ culinary industries. Additionally, YBFR C+ partners, St. James Pub, Christopher's, and Thyme Blossom, provide information focused on sustainable practices with an eye toward our country's food security.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Just-A-Start Corp.

Training participants in: Construction, Retail and Customer Service

Occupational credentials offered: HBI PACT, Retail Industry Fundamentals (RIF) Certificate

DOL funding amount: \$1,030,776

City, State: Cambridge, MA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The Just A Start Corporation (JASYB) is an approved 501(c)(3) nonprofit and previously DOL-funded applicant. In addition, JASYB operates a Construction Plus program that focuses on the much-needed area of retail, in this metropolitan district. Career development training provides exposure to growth. JASYB provides a comprehensive integrated program consisting of rigorous academic instruction; occupational skills training; life skills; leadership, community service learning; and career training. Students alternate between occupational training and classroom. All students participate in construction skills training including workshop and on-site training. Credentials: The program utilizes the Home Builders Institute Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Training (PACT) curriculum leading to the industry recognized PACT credential in the construction component. In addition, C+ students will earn the Retail Industry Fundamentals (RIF) Certificate. Students can continue their retail and customer service training to pursue stackable credentials, including the Customer Service and Sales credential, and the Retail Management Certification.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Community Teamwork Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Hospitality and Culinary Arts

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, NRAEF Restaurant Ready

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Lowell, MA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: CTI YBL has operated successful YouthBuild programs for over 28 years and has developed a strong collaborative network. Our program integrates academic education with occupational skills training. Students will receive academic education to enable them to earn their HiSET HS equivalency diploma if needed, one-on-one tutoring and mentoring, post-secondary training opportunities, access to apprenticeship programs, as well as financial literacy and entrepreneurial training. For construction, the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) curriculum is employed. Participants must complete an approved 10-hour on site OSHA safety course taught by certified instructors at YBL. For their construction project, students will work on a comprehensive gut and rehab on a Habitat for Humanity home, which will result in housing for two low-income families. YBL will offer a Construction Plus design, with Hospitality and Culinary Arts as our second skills track. For the Construction Plus training, students receive Certification from the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) Restaurant Ready program. YBL works directly with the Lowell One-Stop Career Center (MassHire Greater Lowell) on placement into internships, entry-level construction/non-construction jobs, and access to Registered Apprenticeship Programs. Graduates may go onto post-secondary education, primarily at Middlesex Community College, or advanced skills training.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

New North Citizens Council

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: HBI, CNA

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Springfield, MA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: NNCC has been operating successful social service programs for more than 40 years, utilizing a combination of federal, state, and local funding, and has developed a strong collaborative network. CRVYB is a viable, dedicated, strategic partnership of public and private organizations. NNCC operates a Construction Plus program with additional training in the much-needed healthcare industry in partnership with Springfield Technical Community College. The education component of the program will be handled by teachers on staff who provide instruction leading to the attainment of the HiSET, the HS equivalency diploma accepted by the Massachusetts Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education. The housing partner provides access to the worksite and will provide housing costs leading to a new home for a low-income family. The housing project will be supervised by Connecticut River Valley YouthBuild's two credentialed staff members. NNCC is uniquely structured and has been successful in developing social service programming in the area. The partnerships that have been developed have added strength to the overall mission. Under the strong leadership of NNCC, this team works together to address the issues of affordable housing, undereducated youth, and an extremely high youth unemployment rate.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Training Resources of America Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Culinary

Occupational credentials offered: HBI, ACF Certified Fundamentals Cook

DOL funding amount: \$1,167,576

City, State: Worcester, MA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: TRA-YB Worcester will serve fifty-six youth in a traditional construction-based program located in Worcester, MA via a successful partnership with Worcester Common Ground and other collaborators. Additionally, TRA is adding a new Construction Plus training by offering a Culinary Training track via a partnership with The Worcester Regional Food Hub which will serve a total of sixteen eligible participants. YB students will construct a new 3 family LEED certified home, with three 1,000 square foot units in partnership with Worcester Common Ground (WCG), Saint-Gobain Corp. (SGC), YBUSA, and TRA-YB Worcester. SGC will be lending its expertise, substantial product donation, and volunteer support to the project.

Based on the high demand for employees in the culinary field in Central MA, the culinary track will pair a variety of industry recognized certifications with a required hands-on internship at a restaurant in our community. The industry recognized certifications include National College Credit Recommendation Services- Culinary Arts Cook Certification, ServSafe Certification, and ServSafe Manager Certification. The YB program will serve a total of 56 eligible youth and they will receive ABE/HiSET/GED instruction, life skills, and financial literacy.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Michigan

Detroit Housing Commission

Training participants in: Construction, IT

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CompTIA A+ PC Technician Certification, CompTIA Network+ Certification, CompTIA CySA+ Certification, and CompTIA Linux+

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Detroit, MI

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The YouthBuild program by the Detroit Housing Commission aims to empower young individuals with essential skills and promising job opportunities. Going beyond traditional education, participants receive comprehensive vocational training, leading to NCCER-based certification in construction. This focus not only contributes to affordable housing but also addresses critical needs in the medical sector. Enrollees actively engage in leadership development, community service, and practical application of construction skills to enhance community life. The program's holistic approach, including mentorship, internships, and job shadowing, prepares individuals for successful entry into the labor market or further education. YouthBuild stands as a versatile and empowering pathway, combining construction expertise with medical training for comprehensive skill development and community impact.

Detroit Housing Commission's YouthBuild program is strategically adapting its training focus to align with key investment projects. Specifically, the program aims to collaborate with "Our Next Energy," a significant battery/Electric Vehicle (EV) project with a substantial \$1.6 billion investment and the potential to generate 2,100 jobs. The Detroit Housing Commission (DHC) seeks to facilitate a partnership with Our Next Energy Inc to ensure that the YouthBuild training program remains closely aligned with the needs and skill requirements of the "Our Next Energy" battery/EV project.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

SER Metro-Detroit, Jobs for Progress Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: MC3, CNA

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Detroit, MI

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The program will be implemented under the umbrella of SER YouthBuild Learning Academy (SYLA). The SYLA program enables economically disadvantaged young adults to obtain the education and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency through employment and advancement in in-demand construction trades and healthcare. SER will enroll 46 and 35 participants in construction trades and healthcare (PCT) tracks, respectively. SYLA integrates education and occupational skills training on a daily basis throughout the intensive six-month program schedule. The education component of the program focuses on applied basic skills with a problem-solving emphasis in preparing participants for the Michigan High School Diploma (HSD) and/or General Education Diploma (GED). The vocational skills training component provides participants with job specific skills in the construction field. In addition, the program also focuses on building participants' leadership skills by providing meaningful opportunities for community service where students develop decision making, problem solving, and negotiating skills.

The goal is to effectively equip participants with the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to pursue entry into career pathways in post-secondary schools, colleges and apprenticeships within the building trades.

SER has had the opportunity to work closely with the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) on a plan for the Mega Construction Project that will allow students and graduates to gain access to employment opportunities with subcontractors of the \$25 million effort. Through this program the OFCCP is looking to foster equal opportunities in the construction trades workforce and meets with SYLA team members regularly to ensure that the components of the MC3 curriculum allow for an easy on ramp to employment opportunities driven by the needs of the Mega Project contractors. The skills needed have been clearly outlined and mirror the curricula provided to SYLA participants.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Bethany Christian Services

Training participants in: Construction, Hospitality/Customer Service and Hospitality

Occupational credentials offered: HBI PACT, Customer Service & Sales Certification

DOL funding amount: \$1,358,376

City, State: Grand Rapids, MI

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The project will continue to provide educational GED/HS completion, vocational training (construction and customer services/retail training) and a leadership development/community service curriculum that is evidence-based and trauma-informed.

Upon enrollment, students participate in a 28-week curriculum (with the first two weeks consisting of Power Huddle content such as orientation) for 26 hours per week that consists of an integrated mix of classroom, online, and worksite-based instruction. There will be three cohorts and one contingency cohort of 23-25 youth per cohort. Each cohort alternates days of instruction that include 1.) academic/GED: 13 hours per week of teaching, educational supports, and construction/business math; 2) worksite-based: 10 hours per week of on-site or worksite occupational training; and 3) youth development skills: 3 hours per week of leadership development, community service learning, networking, and life skills training.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Minnesota

Bi-County Community Action Programs Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CNA

DOL funding amount: \$1,242,000

City, State: Bemidji, MN

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: BI-CAP YouthBuild will serve 54 opportunity youth who are high school dropouts, low income, involved in the judiciary system, transitioning out of foster care, are homeless or otherwise at risk. BI-CAP's YouthBuild Program has become a comprehensive on-site training, leadership development and educational program that addresses the needs of disadvantaged opportunity youth. YouthBuild gives youth the training and structure needed to compete in the workforce and become self-reliant citizens. Participants are assisted with independent living, economic empowerment and educational opportunities through a variety of activities. YB utilizes the Area Learning Center Model. Each participant receives individual instruction and works at their own pace to achieve competencies. The program utilizes project based/expeditionary, service/problem-based learning. Emphasis is placed on post-secondary education, apprenticeship, and job placement.

YouthBuild will contact USDA Rural Development/U.S. Dept of Agriculture to inquire about possible collaboration, training possibilities, or employment regarding the nearest investment project, Rural Energy for America (REAP).

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Mississippi

Meridian Housing Authority Housing Development Corp.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CNA

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Meridian, MS

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The Meridian Housing Authority's YouthBuild program incorporates cutting-edge training that reflects the nation's commitment to progress. Our construction curriculum integrates classroom education on clean energy technologies, sustainable building practices, and the use of reclaimed and recycled materials. Hands-on skills training occurs on a HUD-assisted site, adhering to the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, ensuring compliance with the latest energy codes. By fostering skill development in these critical sectors, our program not only contributes to the nation's economic revival but also empowers participants to actively participate in reshaping America's workforce landscape.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Missouri

St. Joseph Youth Alliance Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CNA

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: St. Joseph, MO

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Youth Alliance requests funds to continue its successful implementation of YouthBuild St. Joseph (YBSJ) in urban St. Joseph, Missouri.

Youth Alliance proposes to continue implementation of YouthBuild St. Joseph which since 2017 has provided 125 youth with training and support to help them attain living wage jobs.

YBSJ will offer two employment tracks: construction and healthcare. Participants will concurrently achieve a high school equivalency certificate (HiSet®). YA will provide simultaneous project-based academic learning, occupational skills training, and case management.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Pennsylvania

YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CNA, Phlebotomy

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Philadelphia, PA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: An independent charter school since 1997, YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School (YBPCS) provides a variety of academic services, and those who complete the program earn a high school diploma credential ratified by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Participants must be previously disconnected from school or career opportunities as a condition of enrollment. We will support a construction training program, as well as construction plus programs in healthcare and customer service/hospitality. This will include workforce education, academics, worksite experience, internships/job placements, support during program and follow-up year with higher education or career placement, and barrier reduction to support short- and long-term success. Participants prepare for the workforce by engaging with employer partners (e.g., PECO, BlueSky Power, PVT) in employee mentoring, shadowing journeymen in various trades, and visiting worksites. This is in addition to their core hands-on work experience on the YBPCS worksite where they practice skills for three, five-week sessions.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Nevada

Northern Nevada Literacy Council

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: MC3

DOL funding amount: \$1,357,079

City, State: Reno, NV

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The NNLC YouthBuild Project will address Washoe County School District's low literacy outcomes and high dropout rate by providing the NNLC YouthBuild Project. This unique workforce development program will provide high school equivalency certifications, while integrating the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) as a comprehensive pre-apprenticeship training for disadvantage and underserve youth ages 16-24, resulting in reward and sustainable careers within the construction industry.

The proposed NNLC YouthBuild Project will provide out-of-school youth the components needed to break the cycle of poverty and diminished expectations. Given a strong curriculum that includes completion of a high school certification, additional literacy and math skill-building, individual counselors, small classroom sizes, a full sequence of core classes needed for apprenticeships in the construction industry and assignment to pre- and current apprenticeship programs with the Operating Engineers Local 3, these individuals will be equipped to work in an in-demand industry in our community.

These tangible activities that help these youths to have a better life, feel more connected, secure, and connected to the community, will help to heal the isolation and deprivation they currently experience outside of the norms of their age group.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

New Jersey

YouthBuild Newark

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, Certified Nurse Aide, Certified Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy Technician, Electrocardiogram Technician

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Newark, NJ

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: YouthBuild Newark (YBN) will serve 100 low-income opportunity youth in the City of Newark, New Jersey. Working in partnership with Invest Newark, the City of Newark's land bank entity, YBN students will rehabilitate a single-family home during the performance period.

YBN is supported by a robust network of partners that collaborates on the design, implementation, and sustainability of the program. To better serve its students and support their overall academic growth, YBN has LEAD Charter School as its educational partner, the State of New Jersey's first alternative charter high school. For occupational skills training, YBN implements the curriculum developed by the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER), which develops standardized construction and maintenance curriculum and assessments with portable credentials. The occupational skills curriculum is implemented through classroom instruction and on-site training. The construction training component integrates Mathematics, Science, English, and Social Studies with construction theory and hands-on activities. Upon completion of the initial modules, students transition to YBN's 11,000+ sf construction training facility that allows students to hone their skills by constructing and deconstructing modular housing units. As its Construction Plus option, YBN offers Allied Health whose curriculum is approved by the nationally recognized American Medical Certification Association (AMCA). It, too, integrates classroom instruction with experiential learning.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

New Mexico

Youth Development Inc.

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Albuquerque, NM

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: YDI YouthBuild will provide comprehensive education, occupational skills training, on-the-job training and leadership development to prepare young adults ages 16-24 for quality jobs in the construction industry, an in-demand and high growth industry in New Mexico.

YDI has an established MOU with Albuquerque Housing Authority who provides public housing and Section 8 for residents of Bernalillo County. This agreement will provide referrals for YDI YouthBuild to work with youth housing residents to build education and employment skills for job placement and economic stability.

YDI will sub-contract with Associated Builders and Contractors New Mexico (ABCNM), an Accredited Training Sponsor for the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) to provide occupational skills training in the construction field. ABCNM provides portable, stackable construction credentials and direct pathways to apprenticeship and careers for the construction industry. ABCNM will use a blended method of live instruction and virtual reality simulation training to provide a pre-apprenticeship training aligned with industry-recognized credentials, including, but not limited to NCCER and OSHA 10.

YouthBuild participants will complete their HSEs through YDI's high quality, individually tailored HSE classes which includes wrap-around services with case management and supportive services. Participants will work with the Greater Albuquerque Housing Partnership to practice their classroom training to build affordable housing in their community for low-income families. Leadership development will increase participants' social and developmental skills and instill the confidence to make a difference in their community. Leadership development will also address violence and crime and provide intervention strategies for self-learning and community awareness and change. Extensive wrap-around services will be provided to include behavioral health, mentoring, and transitional living. Participants will receive strategic follow-up services for 12 months after completion of their HSE's and occupational training and will successfully transition into employment, registered apprenticeship opportunities or other post-secondary education.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Three Rivers Education Foundation

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: MC3

DOL funding amount: \$1,358,376

City, State: Farmington, NM

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: TREF will provide a pre-apprenticeship program that will support education, occupational skills training, and employment services to 66 opportunity youth. 4CornersYB is a partnership between TREF, Northern New Mexico College, San Juan Community College, tribal entities, local school districts and alternative high school programs primarily located in San Juan and Rio Arriba counties in northern NM. Community partners include Habitat for Humanity, local, state, and national trade unions, businesses, and the Northern NM Workforce Development Board, all which are committed to economic and community development through education, training, job development and housing. The program will prepare participants for quality jobs in a variety of careers in infrastructure sectors, and includes wrap-around services such as mentoring, trauma-informed care, personal counseling, employment preparation, and GED or High School Equivalency training. All individuals selected for this the program will participate in a construction skills orientation training through the Building Trades Apprenticeship Readiness Program developed by the North American Building Trades Unions. This training results in a stackable credential that will lead to the next level of apprenticeship training more specific to a particular field within the construction industry. Each of the education entities partnering with 4CornersYB have curriculum for industry readiness programs that are also stackable and approved by the state and NM Department of Higher Education geared toward the construction industry's vocational education they provide. 4CornersYB will be a feeder program into vocational training at the colleges or full apprenticeship programs offered through trade unions or construction related business sectors.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

New York

St. Nicks Alliance

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, PCT, CNA

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Brooklyn, NY

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: North Brooklyn YouthBuild will serve 74 participants, providing HSE education and a choice of construction or healthcare training with hands-on experience and connections to apprenticeships, union membership, and Good Jobs.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

The Service Collaborative of WNY Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Advanced Manufacturing, Customer Service

Occupational credentials offered: HBI PACT, Certified Production Technician (CPT), National Retail Foundation- Rise Up Retail Industry Fundamentals Specialist National Retail Foundation- Rise Up Customer Service & Sales Certified Specialist

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Buffalo, NY

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The Service Collaborative of WNY, Inc. (TSC) will serve youth in the City of Buffalo and Western New York through the Western New York YouthBuild program (WNYYB) and will administer YouthBuild programming to 68 participants. Construction Plus programming will be in Advanced Manufacturing and Customer Service, while maintaining a Construction component. TSC will engage community partners to assist in the delivery and integration of program components and Education training will be administered through partnerships with SUNY Erie and Catholic Charities of Buffalo. Youth will work to achieve a NYS High School Equivalency Diploma. SUNY Buffalo State University and SUNY Erie will enroll youth in pre-collegiate courses to prepare them for post-secondary education. WNYYB will implement three distinct occupational skills training pathways, all leading to industry-recognized credentials in construction, advanced manufacturing, and customer service. All training pathways will have a strong work experience component and employer engagement. Habitat for Humanity Buffalo (HFHB) will be our construction partner and youth will work to achieve a Home Builders Institute Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate. Several local Registered Apprenticeships will provide additional training and internships. Community Services for Every1 will facilitate customer service training through the NRF Rise Up curriculum, resulting in a Retail Industry Fundamentals Specialist and/or a Customer Service & Sales Certified Specialist credential(s). The Foundry will be our advanced manufacturing partner and will facilitate the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council's Certified Production Technician training.

TSC will enroll eligible youth as AmeriCorps members and maintain a strong leadership development component. There will also be project-based learning opportunities integrated throughout program components.

TSC will customize specialized construction training to align with Invest in America's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program. We will train our youth to be qualified to work on the NYS Route 33 Kensington Expressway project, which is located in the heart of our service area.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

New York City Housing Authority

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,380,000

City, State: New York, NY

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The NYCHA YouthBuild Program is a pre-apprenticeship program that will serve 60 NYCHA residents ages 16-24 who left high school prior to graduation and who have barriers to employment. The six-month program will run in two cohorts of 30 students. Each cohort will include: 1) occupational training in construction, construction safety training and industry-recognized credentialing, 2) hands-on construction skills application at NYCHA worksites, 3) HSE instruction and career readiness support, 4) leadership development and wraparound supports, and 5) 12 months of program placement and follow-up support. NYCHA will leverage Section 3 opportunities, union/employer partnerships, and the NYC Workforce Development Board to connect graduates to careers. The program is aligned with the federally funded project at Broadway-Junction in the nearby neighborhood of East New York Brooklyn. Occupational construction training modules on electrical wiring and safety, masonry and painting all connect to this transportation and neighborhood revitalization project.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Volunteers of America-Greater New York Inc.

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: Volunteers of America of Greater New York will implement a YouthBuild program in New York City for industry-recognized training/credentialing in construction. The program will serve 66 youth ages 16-24 residing in Manhattan and the Bronx, who left high school prior to graduation and have other identified risk factors. Academic services include educational/career assessments, GED instruction/test preparation, career readiness/life skills training, tutoring, and Mental Health First Aid. Construction skills training includes NCCER, OSHA training, shadowing/supervision of experienced staff, and hands-on skill training through housing renovations. Leadership development activities include Front Line Leadership, violence prevention/intervention training, a Policy Committee, and volunteering opportunities, including Operation Backpack.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Ohio

Towpath Trail High School

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, National Healthcareer Association Certified Phlebotomist, PCT, CMA, State Tested Nursing Assistant

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Akron, OH

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Towpath Trail High School (TPTHs) will offer occupational training in the construction and healthcare fields. The project will serve 84 participants (42 participants in each of two years).

In partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Summit County, permanent funding for the construction component has been secured and can make assurances of an adequate supply of properties and projects throughout the grant period. The Ohio State Apprenticeship Council has designated Towpath Trail High School's Construction Program as pre-apprenticeship program for both union and non-union companies. With employment projections high for both of these pathways, construction participants will be trained in NCCER Core and in healthcare, participants will study in the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) track where they earn stackable credentials starting with: Phlebotomy Technician, Certified Patient Care Technician and then Certified Clinical Medical Assistant. Students will also be offered an opportunity to become State Tested Nursing Assistants (STNA) through the Ohio Department of Health.

Using a Sector Strategy Approach, TPTHs engages 3 local companies and 1 trade association (Associated Builders and Contractors) to help guide our program and keep us abreast of critical skills employers are seeking in an emerging workforce, through quarterly meetings of a Workforce Advisory Committee (WAC). Our construction program is a recognized union and non-union pre-apprenticeship program. In healthcare, 4 local companies serve on our WAC, each with multiple campuses and available service opportunities for youth to gain workforce experience. These close partnerships with local businesses as well as a developing relationship with the Ohio Means Jobs | Job Center of Summit County (an American Job Center or one-stop center) should provide an extensive network of resources for postsecondary placements. In addition, we plan to partner with The ACORN (Akron Community Owned Reforestation Network) project to expand their urban canopy replacement program to the North Hills neighborhood where we are building our home with Habitat.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

OhioGuidestone

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CNA, State Tested Nursing Assistant

DOL funding amount: \$1,472,000

City, State: Berea, OH

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: The program addresses individual needs with a full spectrum approach by incorporating occupational training, academic remediation, job readiness training, leadership development, financial literacy, case management, and placement services. In addition, participants help meet a critical need by renovating houses for homeless and low-income families.

The community service learning projects and leadership activities for participants fosters civil engagement, gun violence intervention, decreases the likelihood of incarceration, and establishes role models for other young adults. Participants receive up to 6 months of academic and occupational training, and support in their transition into employment and post-secondary opportunities. Participants will be offered an industry-recognized credential that aligns with their correlating industry. Participants enrolled in Construction Plus will have the opportunity to earn a nationally recognized Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) credential, accredited through the Department of Health. Upon attainment of their CNA, participants are eligible to take Ohio's STNA exam. Upon passing the exam, participants will have a state recognized STNA credential through the Ohio Department of Health. OhioGuidestone plans to offer construction and Construction Plus programming through our contracted partners, and will follow procurement procedures and policies to find qualified training providers.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Project Rebuild Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Customer Service

Occupational credentials offered: HBI, Retail Industry Fundamentals

DOL funding amount: \$1,149,269

City, State: Canton, OH

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Project REBUILD has operated a YouthBuild Program since 2003. Our organization offers young people three high school diploma program options, Stark High School, Summit Academy, and Penn Foster High School. We use the HBI PACT Curriculum to guide our construction training as we rehabilitate low/moderate-income housing. Our worksite is the renovation of a single-family home owned by Project Rebuild, Inc. We are offering Construction Plus in Customer Service career pathway and the expected credential to be earned. Recruitment efforts will concentrate on our partner schools, partnerships with the youth and adult court systems, community partners, and referrals from participants.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Oklahoma

LIFT Community Action Agency Inc.

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: HBI PACT

DOL funding amount: \$1,219,000

City, State: Hugo, OK

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: the LIFT YouthBuild Program of Southeast Oklahoma will serve 53 youth in a tri-county area in Southeast Oklahoma. LCAA has extensive knowledge and experience with Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968. LCAA is a designated Community Housing Development Organization, a recipient of HOME Investment partnership funds, current management entity for three separate HUD 202 Senior Supportive housing complexes, a chartered member of NeighborWorks America, and owner/operator of multifamily apartments. This proposal involves an incentive-based structure for recruitment and retention where participants receive incentives upon completion of specific milestones. They will gain first-hand industry skills training in construction while completing significant renovations on one unit of housing. During their active participation, students will complete educational instruction to gain their High School Diploma and Occupational Skills Construction Training, Partners include LCAA Dave's Electrical Services and Systems Registered Apprenticeship Program; Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Educational Opportunity Center; Oklahoma State University's Cooperative Extension Office; the City of Hugo; and Southern Workforce Board (member of the American Job Center Network) as well as various community businesses. A minimum of six partnerships between resource providers will be established and/or strengthened because of this collaborative effort.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Oregon

Klamath Works Inc

Training participants in: Construction, Retail

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, NRF Fundamentals with customer service and sales, business, and warehouse inventory and logistics specialties

DOL funding amount: \$1,179,011

City, State: Klamath Falls, OR

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities Klamath Works will offer academic education services to YouthBuild participants to enable them to receive a high school diploma or earn a GED. Apprenticeship programs are available at KCC and the Crater Lake Electrical Training Center. In addition to NCCER curriculum, Klamath Works will provide additional classroom and onsite training for each aspect of the construction project—from excavation and foundation setting to flooring, framing, drywall, doors and windows, roofing, insulation, basic and finish carpentry, painting, concrete, driveways, decking, and landscaping. Electrical and plumbing training will be observed. Klamath Works will supplement the construction portion of the program with industry training in the Retail Industry. Participants who chose this program will receive retail training using the National Retail Foundation’s Rise-Up Program as well as its portable retail industry specialty credentials.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Portland YouthBuilders

Training participants in: Construction, Technology

Occupational credentials offered: Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries Pre-Apprenticeship Credential, IC3 Global Standards 6 Digital Literacy, CompTIA IT Fundamentals+ FCO-U62

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Portland, OR

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: PYB is a diploma-granting high school, accredited by Cognia. Students attain a high school diploma or GED & college credits. Youth receive training in construction or tech. PYB is also certified by the state of Oregon as a pre-apprenticeship program, earning graduates an industry-recognized credential & direct entry or preferred status with apprenticeships. Youth will build two 3-4-bedroom energy efficient homes with Habitat for Humanity. Youth will teach tech classes to seniors, job seekers, & community members. Leadership development & community service are integrated throughout. PYB's vast network of partners include apprenticeships, employers, school districts, colleges, DOL workforce development partners (AJC, WDB), industry associations, community organizations, & public/private funders. PYB's tech employment partner, Microchip, is investing \$800M for an infrastructure project which will triple semiconductor production & create 600 new jobs. A recipient of Oregon's first CHIPS Act grant, Microchip & PYB have designed training to meet the specifications of these new jobs. Microchip also hires tech graduates, serves as guest speakers, conducts mock interviews, & hosts jobsite tours.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Texas

CLC, Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Welding, Manufacturing and Production, Supply Chain Logistics, Aircraft Structure, Surfaces, Rigging and Systems Assemblers, Machining, and HVAC

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, American Welding Society 1-G Certification, Certified Production Technician, Certified Logistics Associate, Manufacturing and Aerospace Assembly Training Certificate, Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) Safety Certificate, NIMS Machining Level 1, NATE Ready to Work Certificate

DOL funding amount: \$1,250,000

City, State: Fort Worth, TX

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: CLC, Inc. YouthBuild Fort Worth will serve 70 youth and will offer Construction Plus programming. Students will receive up to nine months of education, classroom vocational training, and hands-on experience during their program. CLC, Inc. uses the Pearson VUE GED program for its primary educational component. Students may also opt to complete their high school credits through the distance learning program the Victory Learning Center offers. Victory is an accredited alternative high school in Texas. The construction component will use The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) curriculum, which leads to a national industry-recognized certificate that is stackable and transferrable. Participants will receive classroom training from certified instructors and extensive hands-on training at approved work sites. After completing construction skills training, job/apprenticeship placement services are provided to participants. Youth participating in the YouthBuild Construction Plus program will be afforded occupational skills training for high-demand advanced manufacturing or logistics jobs, including welding, machining, and certified logistics technician. This project will give youth from underserved communities the basic education and skills needed to enter the workforce in good-paying jobs, including apprenticeships in Union and Non-Union building trades and industrial manufacturing sectors. Students will learn construction and HVAC, welding, CNC machining, and other pertinent skills.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Community Preschools

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$700,000

City, State: Houston, TX

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Eight Million Stories YouthBuild (8MSYB) will educate and train at-risk youth and young adults in a holistic program that will integrate academic and occupational/hands-on training in the construction industry with leadership development. 50% of program time will be spent in a nontraditional classroom setting with certified and experienced educators. Our proven curriculum will prepare them to earn a GED and acquire essential soft skills. 8MSYB will implement the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) construction curriculum.

Each 8MSYB participant will have the opportunity to earn stackable, portable, and industry-recognized credentials, including NCCER, OSHA 10 and 30, S/P2, and First Aid/CPR certification. 8MSYB will partner with Houston Habitat for Humanity (HHH) to renovate at least one unit of affordable housing for low-income families. This and an onsite construction lab will ensure youth receive consistent and meaningful hands-on construction experience that incorporates multiple phases of construction. In addition to education and workforce training, participants will complete leadership development training and community service-learning projects. CP and 8MS will benefit from other valuable partners including the local Workforce Solutions office (a partner of American Job Center) and Sunset United Methodist Church (UMC). Each participant will receive a mentor and complete case management services from staff who coordinate and coach them to support successful outcomes and performance achievement.

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2023 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Walker Montgomery Community Development Corp.

Training participants in: Construction, Culinary

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, ACF Certified Fundamentals Cook

DOL funding amount: \$1,307,697

City, State: New Waverly, TX

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: WMCDC will provide an integrated educational and construction skills training program for 60 at-risk youth from New Waverly, Texas, and the surrounding areas to build three new, single-family homes in Montgomery, Texas. The Raven School's Thomas M. Buzbee School will provide the classroom occupational skills resulting in NCCER credentialing and OSHA-10 certification. Safety instruction will be provided by a certified NCCER and OSHA instructor on staff. The Gulf Coast Trades Building Trades shop will prepare the selected youth that progress through the process, on-site, with skills training provided by the certified and licensed Construction Supervisors. In addition, the program will also train 20 of the 60 participants in the Culinary Arts program to learn the fundamentals of cooking and learning how to manage a kitchen. They will earn credentials that are both stackable and portable.

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Virginia

New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: HBI-PACT, CNA

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Radford, VA

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: On behalf of a multi-partner collaboration, the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium Board will serve 66 disadvantaged youth. Build Your Career is an integrated education and training program that provides academic preparation to develop basic and critical work skills and earn a secondary credential, occupational training in Construction and Healthcare, and leadership opportunities intended to help youth build critical thinking and problem-solving skills, deepen their understanding of themselves and others, enhance civic participation, and form positive relationships with peers and adults. Wraparound supportive services, coaching, and mentoring are provided during active participation and follow-up to promote participant success. This program includes occupational training funds for tuition and/or work-based learning to the Healthcare Academy of Southwest Virginia, incentives for milestone completions, a virtual reality program for skill practice in a low-risk environment, a partnership with Habitat for Humanity to support costs of the dwelling being constructed, HBI instructors for construction training, and curriculum and assessment in Conover® (work readiness and Leadership) and HBI-PACT. This program offers co-enrollment in WIOA Youth through People Incorporated, enrollment in a TANF work readiness program for parenting youth, and shared space at Wytheville Community College where the comprehensive Virginia Works Center (AJC) is located.

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Washington

YouthCare

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: Career Connections Residential Construction

DOL funding amount: \$1,432,212

City, State: Seattle, WA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: YouthCare's YouthBuild program will prepare young adults for registered apprenticeships and careers in the construction and commercial real estate industries.

The YouthBuild Program is a six-month pre-apprenticeship program for young adults. During their time in YouthBuild, participants may earn a GED equivalent, gain skills and certifications needed to join the workforce, and give back to their community by building affordable housing units.

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West Virginia

Randolph County Housing Authority

Training participants in: Construction, Retail and Hospitality, Allied Health

Occupational credentials offered: HBI-PACT, NRF Fundamentals with customer service and sales, business, and warehouse inventory and logistics specialties, NHA Billing & Coding, CMA, EKG Technician, Medical Administrative Assistant, Phlebotomy Technician, Personal Care Aid Certificate

DOL funding amount: \$1,265,000

City, State: Elkins, WV

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: RCHA YouthBuild North Central (YBNC) provides Adult Basic Education, construction training, MedPrep, and Retail and Hospitality training. The Adult Basic Education YBNC prepares its trainees to attain a High School Diploma Equivalency. All trainees will participate in the construction path and the retail and hospitality curriculum. Trainees will also have the option to take MedPrep classes. This training is accompanied by wrap-around services intended to address the needs of each individual participating in this program. Staff are also trained in how to encourage youth participants' input in program activities, implemented through the Policy Committee. Staff also receives specialized training to learn how to detect situations of domestic violence, how to work with those who are on the Autism spectrum, and those who are struggling with drugs or alcohol.

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Wisconsin

Operation Fresh Start

Training participants in: Construction, Forestry

Occupational credentials offered: HBI, Urban Forestry Tree Care Technician

DOL funding amount: \$982,060

City, State: Madison, WI

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The mission of OFS is to provide Dane County emerging adults a path to self-sufficiency through education, mentoring, and employment training. Through this grant, 50 youth will be served. OFS developed a construction-based education model for disadvantaged youth in 1970. Since joining the YouthBuild movement in 1995, OFS participated in the first YBUSA/Gates Foundation pilot for the development of bridge programming and has been singled out to be featured in Department of Labor videos highlighting our worksite safety techniques and ability to bridge participants into apprenticeships. OFS is a community mainstay with over twenty formalized partnerships.

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