



# YouthBuild



## YouthBuild by the numbers

<b>\$100 million*</b> annual funding for competitive grants	<b>&gt;200*</b> housing units constructed or renovated annually
<b>200*</b> active DOL YB programs	<b>5,000*</b> YB participants served per year
<b>40*</b> states with DOL YB programs	<b>40</b> months of activity per grant

\* approximate

## What is YouthBuild?

YouthBuild is a workforce development pre-apprenticeship program administered by the US Department of Labor’s (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) that provides education, training, and wraparound supportive services to young people who face barriers to employment.

## Who is eligible to participate in YouthBuild?

YouthBuild participants must be between the ages of 16 and 24. Most participants left high school without a diploma and are either a member of a low-income family, a foster care youth, a court-involved youth, a youth with a disability, a child of an incarcerated parent, or a migrant youth. There are [limited exceptions](#) to these eligibility requirements.

## How do YouthBuild participants spend their time in the program?

Participants spend at least 50 percent of [program time](#) receiving education services that may lead to either a high school diploma or its State-recognized equivalent. They spend at least 40 percent of program time engaged in workforce and skills development activities. All DOL-funded YouthBuild programs must train participants in construction while they build or significantly renovate at least one unit of housing for homeless individuals or low-income families, or transitional housing for homeless individuals. Most programs also train participants in other in-demand industries such as healthcare, advanced manufacturing, or hospitality – this additional training is known as [Construction Plus](#). Participants spend up to 10 percent of program time engaged in leadership development and community service activities.

## What supportive services do YouthBuild participants receive?

Supportive services include, [but are not limited to](#): assistance with transportation, childcare, housing, legal aid, , and reasonable accommodations for youth with disabilities. Supportive services enable participants to succeed in the classroom and the workforce by addressing barriers that may hinder educational and career progress.

## Where are YouthBuild programs currently operating?

Find details, including Construction Plus industries and contact information, about active programs on the [DOL YouthBuild website](#), under “Grant Recipients.”

## What is the connection between YouthBuild and apprenticeship?

The [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act](#) (WIOA) designates YouthBuild as a [pre-apprenticeship](#) program. YouthBuild programs engage with the local workforce system and apprenticeship sponsors to establish pipelines to opportunity while preparing participants with the skills they need to enter apprenticeship after program exit. YouthBuild seeks to create apprenticeship opportunities for participants in both the building trades and industries that are innovating apprenticeship models, such as IT, healthcare, and manufacturing. The DOL YouthBuild team aligns with initiatives from the DOL [Office of Apprenticeship](#) and provides technical assistance on pre-apprenticeship to apprenticeship pipelines.



## How do organizations receive YouthBuild funding?

[Eligible applicants](#) for DOL YouthBuild grants include non-profit agencies or organizations. When funding is available, DOL publishes a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) on [grants.gov](#). While each FOA is different, the most recent one is a good resource to prepare for future opportunities. To receive the next announcement, [subscribe to a saved search](#) for YouthBuild. More information about applying for grants is available on the [ETA grants website](#).

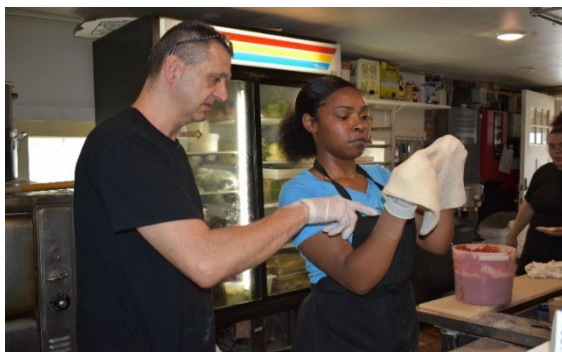
## What timeframes apply to YouthBuild grants?

The period of performance for YouthBuild grants is 40 months: a planning period of up to 4 months; two years of active program services for one or more cohorts of youth; and 12 months of [follow-up services](#) and participant outcome tracking. Cohort schedules vary, but an eligible individual selected for participation in the program must be offered full-time participation in the program for not less than 6 months and not more than 24 months.



## How does DOL assess the effectiveness of YouthBuild programs?

Grantees submit required reports to DOL, including Quarterly Performance Reports that track progress on six WIOA [performance indicators](#). Grantees report on participants' outcomes in employment, education, and training; credential attainment; measurable skill gains; and earnings. The latest outcomes are available [here](#).



## How does DOL support YouthBuild programs?

Each grantee receives compliance assistance from a DOL Federal Project Officer stationed in a regional office. DOL offers technical assistance (TA) in the form of events and webinars, toolkits and guides, and other materials. As required by WIOA, DOL also contracts with a national nonprofit to provide additional TA, such as coaching, a help desk for data management systems, and other resources in collaboration with DOL.

## How can I learn more about relevant laws, regulations, and guidance?

YouthBuild is authorized under Sec. 171 of the [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act](#) of 2014. You can find the YouthBuild regulations at [20 CFR Part 688](#). The Department of Labor issues guidance in [ETA Advisories](#).

## Where can I find more information?

Please visit <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/youth/youthbuild> or email [youth.build@dol.gov](mailto:youth.build@dol.gov).