

2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

On December 12, 2024, the [Department of Labor announced](#) the award of \$99.3 million in grants to 72 organizations in 32 states to provide training and employment services in its continuing effort to expand access to Registered Apprenticeships, prepare young workers for quality jobs and equip them with industry skills.

These [YouthBuild Program](#) grants will support pre-apprenticeships to educate and train young people from 16 to 24 and neither enrolled in school or now in the labor market for construction jobs and employment in 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.

These awards follow [the department's July 18, 2024, funding availability announcement](#).

Overseen by the department's [Employment and Training Administration](#), and supported by the [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act](#), YouthBuild grants promote a pre-apprenticeship model that provides disadvantaged young people with educational guidance, occupational skills training and significant supportive services through participation and in the 12-month follow-up period. The supportive services may include transportation assistance, childcare, healthcare referrals and the provision of work attire and personal protective equipment.

YouthBuild participants will divide their time between classroom instruction – where they earn a high school diploma or equivalency degree – and workplace training to prepare 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

Housing Authority of Birmingham District

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CNA

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Birmingham, AL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Our YouthBuild Program offers participants essential educational skills (GED attainment) and hands-on training for future success and economic self-sufficiency. Participants will receive academic and practical training in construction while helping to build affordable housing. Additionally, those interested in fields outside construction can gain training and recognized credentials in healthcare through Jefferson State Community College's Certified Nursing Assistant program. Participants will also engage in leadership development and community service projects. Each participant will have a tailored plan that includes work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. After completing the YouthBuild Program, they can enter the workforce or pursue further education or apprenticeships.

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Arizona

Chicanos Por La Causa Inc.

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Phoenix, AZ

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: CPLC partners with Habitat for Humanity of Central Arizona (HFHCA) to provide YouthBuild services. Subrecipient HFHCA will provide the education activities, construction skills training, transportation to and from the homesites, and job development services. Other committed project partners include Rio Salado Community College, Maricopa County Workforce Development Board, District Council 36, Finishing Trades Institute of Arizona, Arizona Builders Alliance, and Haskins Electric, LLC. In addition to YouthBuild programming, these partners provide additional offerings including career exploration and college certificate and degree programs, connections to business, and connections to registered apprenticeships.

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Arkansas

Community Services Office

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CNA

DOL Funding amount: \$1,325,712

City, State: Hot Springs, AR

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Community Services Office of Hot Springs Arkansas (CSO) will provide education, job training, and leadership development to low-income youth. The program will ensure participants obtain their high school diploma or equivalent while concurrently participating in hands-on occupational training that enables them to develop competitive job skills through construction work or through a Certified Nursing Assistant track. Throughout the project, CSO will renovate two facilities that will be utilized for low-income housing. Additionally, CSO will offer students supportive services, career counseling, and will coordinate services that create pathways to higher education or employment, including engaging our community partners.

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California

EntreNous Youth Empowerment Services Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Culinary/Hospitality

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, MC3, NRAEF Restaurant Ready and ProStart

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Compton, CA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: EntreNous Youth Empowerment continues to operate its Compton YouthBuild (CYB) program. CYB will serve 66 participants. The program's integrative model ensures collaboration between academic teachers and occupational skills instructors, providing education aligned with social justice-based curricula. CYB's staff will offer soft skills and work readiness classes, while specialists will support trainees' transitions to employment or higher education. This holistic approach is supported by local partners. EntreNous' construction program is strategically aligned with the Port of Los Angeles Rail Mainline/Wilmington Community & Waterfront Pedestrian Grade Separation Bridge project. The curriculum is tailored to include skills relevant to this infrastructure project, such as bridge construction and rail systems. Through collaboration with the Port of Los Angeles and contractors, EntreNous will arrange site tours, create internship opportunities, and invite project professionals to share insights. This approach directly connects participants to potential job opportunities in infrastructure development and port operations.

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Los Angeles Conservation Corps

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Los Angeles, CA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Los Angeles Conservation Corps will provide programming to 70 participants. An Advisory Board composed of construction companies, trainers, and trade unions has developed a curriculum to develop job-ready and competitive program graduates. This YouthBuild program is recognized by construction trade unions and enables program graduates to begin their construction careers at higher level, second-period apprenticeships. Hands-on work experience is provided in partnership with San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity at a project work site developing affordable housing. Participants attend Pico-Union/Saito High School, operated by The Education Corps, to earn their high school diploma.

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MCS Economic Development Corp.

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: TBD

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Los Angeles, CA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: East San Gabriel Valley YouthBuild (ESGV YB) will enroll 70 participants ages 16-24 in one of six cohorts. The program will offer pathways to earning a high school diploma, GED/ HiSet, and enrollment into postsecondary education or Registered Apprenticeship in the trades. Participants will engage in classroom learning three days a week while the other two days will be fully dedicated to hands-on skills training in one of two YouthBuild worksites. Participants will work under the supervision of construction trainers and learn from skilled journey-worker mentors including women and underrepresented individuals who have made careers in construction. Each cohort will receive continuous mental health services, which will include a unit on violence prevention/mitigation, bystander intervention, anger management and intimate partner violence. East San Gabriel Valley YouthBuild will work with LA Metro to build out training curricula.

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Rising Stars Business Academy

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,035,000

City, State: Moreno Valley, CA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The RSBA provides job training and educational opportunities for youth ages 16-24. Youth earn their high school diploma. RSBA-MVYB will accept 45 youth into the construction training program who will help build 2 single family affordable living housing units.

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Riverside County Office of Education

Training participants in: Construction, Logistics

Occupational credentials offered: HBI-PACT, MSSC Certified Logistics Technician, Certified Logistics Associate

DOL funding amount: \$1,311,000

City, State: Riverside, CA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: RCYB+ assists youth in completing their high school diploma or equivalency. Construction Training will be taught to 29 youth. RCYB+ participants will construct affordable senior housing in Riverside in collaboration with Eden Housing. The logistics program will be taught to 28 youth to learn skills necessary for entry-level employment in warehousing, distribution, material handling, and distribution in supply chain facilities. Work experience training for logistics is at Deckers, a logistics distribution center. California Family Life Center, an AJC affiliate, will be the lead operational partner providing case management, mentoring, community service, and leadership development. Participants will have exposure to at least two Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act-funded projects through site visits to the Hemet-Ryan Airport (KHMT) and Riverside Transportation Authority to network and learn about career opportunities.

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San Joaquin County Office of Education

Training participants in: Construction, Logistics and Warehousing

Occupational credentials offered: MC3, Association for Supply Chain Management in partnership with Prologis Supply Chain Warehousing Certificate

DOL funding amount: \$1,288,000

City, State: Stockton, CA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) will serve 56 participants ages 16 to 24. SJCOE will continue to partner with San Joaquin County WorkNet, an American Job Center, which opens the door to resources, support services, and work experience opportunities to participants. YBSJ has established industry relationships and direct-entry agreements for program graduates with the local Laborers and Carpenters Unions. The Laborers Union also grants a 450-credit towards the first 600-hour requirement for a YouthBuild graduate's first pay increase.

YBSJ will provide construction occupational skills training to 46 participants who will renovate at least one affordable housing unit in partnership with Stocktonians Taking Action to Neutralize Drugs (STAND). YBSJ will also be providing logistics occupational skills training to 10 participants, who will learn logistics skills in partnership with the SJCOE Operations Division Warehouse. YBSJ will partner with San Joaquin County Public Works to connect participants to infrastructure employment opportunities funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) with SJC Public Works and connecting completers with Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin (HACSJ) contractors for Section 3 employment opportunities.

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Colorado

Year One Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: HBI PACT, CNA

DOL funding amount: \$1,309,888

City, State: Denver, CO

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Mile High Youth Corps' (MHYC) YouthBuild program will serve a total of 60 young people ages 16-24 in the Denver metro area. The Construction track will prepare 40 youth for entry-level apprenticeship positions. The Healthcare track will prepare 20 youth for entry-level positions in the nursing industry. Youth will earn an industry-recognized Certificate in Nurse Aide from Arapahoe Community College. YouthBuild staff will support participants as they are placed into meaningful careers and post-secondary education placements, and continue to serve as a resource during 12 months of post-program follow-up. MHYC is partnering with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to align a portion of construction-track training to prepare CMs for jobs, which include structural asset management and improvement projects within the Denver metro area.

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Connecticut

The WorkPlace

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CNA, LPN, Registered Medical Assistant, Sterile Processing Technician

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Bridgeport, CT

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: YouthBuild Bridgeport will serve 66 youth and offer: an academic skills component that features both classroom and online contextual learning via a tablet computer supplied by the program; an occupational skills component taught by an NCCER-certified Instructor and leading to industry-recognized certification in NCCER core construction skills and certification in one of the following: carpentry, electrical, or HVAC. For the Construction Plus component, TWP will use its proven HealthCareRx Academy curriculum to achieve training for a variety of medical careers; a leadership component with peer-to-peer direction as well as participation with community; a community service component in which participants work with community agencies to complete construction-related projects; a career readiness component that includes co-enrollment in TWP's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act youth program (WIOA Youth) and access to career readiness and job placement assistance through the American Job Centers.

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Florida

Junior Achievement of South Florida

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,380,000

City, State: Coconut Creek, FL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Junior Achievement YouthBuild will support out-of-school youth in Broward County, Florida in obtaining their GED, while receiving construction occupational skills training, earning industry-recognized certifications, and engaging in community service and leadership development. ABC Institute will provide construction occupational skills hands-on training and classroom instruction. Additionally, participants will receive support services and financial incentives when completing milestones. The program addresses unemployment, poverty, and the shortage of skilled labor in the construction industry in South Florida. Each cohort will engage in an intensive six-month, 800-hour curriculum that seamlessly integrates GED preparation, hands-on construction training, community service, and leadership development. This curriculum is designed to enhance both academic and practical skills, dedicating three days per week to GED preparation and two days per week to practical occupational training in construction. The program also includes Mental Toughness and Resiliency Training provided by Insperity and a community service component where at the end of the program participants will help to build a home for a low-income family through partner organization Habitat for Humanity of Broward.

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Florida Institute for Workforce Innovation Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CNA, Phlebotomy

DOL funding amount: \$1,426,000

City, State: Gainesville, FL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Enrolled youth will obtain multiple credentials by program exit. Credentials will consist of a high school diploma, industry recognized healthcare certificates and various construction certificates offered through the National Center for Construction Education and Research. Project YouthBuild (PYB) will also expose youth to entrepreneurial training and education events designed to introduce them to the possibility of owning and running their own business. The exact mix and type of training will be based on initial and ongoing assessments of youth progress. PYB will leverage American Job Center services where youth will be co-enrolled in the WIOA program and can participate in paid internships, receive individualized employment placement, and job development to obtaining full-time employment. Youth will also have access to registered apprenticeship programs, military enlistment, AmeriCorps service or enrollment in a post-secondary occupational pathway. Follow-up services will be provided for a period of at least 12 months post-program exit.

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Valencia Osceola Campus

Training participants in: Construction, Optics/Photonics/Fiber Optics Technician, Warehouse Logistics Specialist, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, Industrial Laser Safety Officer, Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) Certified Logistics Associate, National Healthcareer Association (NHA) Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA)

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Kissimmee, FL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Greater Orlando YouthBuild Plus will provide eligible participants with the academic and occupational skills needed to obtain a General Education Diploma and industry certifications in construction, medical, logistics, or advanced manufacturing industries. The program provides a project-based learning environment, service-learning opportunities, support services and a network of multiple employment opportunities for graduates.

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Citrus Levy Marion Regional WDB Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Manufacturing TBD

Occupational credentials offered: HBI PACT

DOL funding amount: \$1,058,208

City, State: Ocala, FL

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: Phoenix Rising YouthBuild brings together the local Workforce Board, Eckerd Connects, Habitat for Humanity, the City of Ocala, Marion County and other partners with a long history of successful partnership. This partnership is focused on making a difference in the economically disadvantaged areas of Ocala West, Silver Springs Shores and the Belleview area by providing affordable housing for 4 low-income families and services for youth. Funding will go towards supportive services, high school diploma educational costs and stipends for the participating youth.

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Georgia

100 Black Men of Atlanta Inc.

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,441,780

City, State: Atlanta, GA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The 100 Black Men of Atlanta will leverage its experience in educational initiatives, such as Project Success, to offer a range of academic services to ensure participating youth are achieving their educational goal and securing long-term employment. 100 BMA will provide participants with clear pathways to transition to post-secondary education and advanced occupational skills training, laying the groundwork for sustainable careers. In addition, 100 BMA will engage its partner organizations like higher education institutions, community-based organizations, corporations, and local contractors to help YouthBuild participants achieve meaningful academic and vocational outcomes. Lastly, our training strategy combines classroom-based education with practical, hands-on training to ensure that students master both academic and vocational skills. The program emphasizes *learning by doing*, with the goal of creating a direct connection between what participants learn in the classroom and the skills they apply on job sites.

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Southwest Georgia United Empowerment Zone Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare, **IT TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, Healthcare Personal Assistance Certification, **Salesforce Associate Certification and Salesforce Associate AI Certification**

DOL funding amount: \$1,499,661

City, State: Cordele, GA

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: During the program, participants will fully rehab at least one house, which will be restricted to occupancy by low-income persons for at least five years. Participants will learn basic construction, can work as part of a successful team, and receive C+ training opportunities in Salesforce software and as a Healthcare Personal Assistant can assist participants to achieve quality employment, become homeowners, and build family wealth. South GA Technical College and Central GA Technical College are partner organizations that serve as the Adult Education Providers (AEPs) for academic services and GED preparation. They provide the academic portion of the education component. The AEPs have training sites in Cordele, Vienna, and Americus, that provide academic instruction in each community. The AEPs will provide an initial TABE evaluation test for each Participant. They offer effective and challenging GED preparation programs.

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Illinois

Community Youth Development Institute

Training participants in: Construction, Landscaping

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, NALP Landscape Technician Certification

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Chicago, IL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: CYDI engages opportunity youth in our YouthBuild program, providing a combination of academic education and occupational skills training in construction and landscaping. Our program offers a unique approach that integrates classroom learning with hands-on experience to help participants earn industry-recognized certifications. CYDI aims to prepare youth for successful careers and further education, ensuring they are equipped with the skills needed to thrive in their chosen paths.

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Kennedy-King College

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: Construction Trades Basic Certification (City Colleges of Chicago)

DOL funding amount: \$ 1,492,128

City, State: Chicago, IL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Our YouthBuild program will bring together employer partner construction firms that are developing new housing opportunities in the community near and around Dawson Technical Institute, that will include development of low-income housing, modular housing, and renovation and rehabilitation of existing housing to train 66 students in construction trades. Training will include preparing and delivering CCC's Construction Trades Basic Certification, which is recognized by project partner Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council (MACRC), and other certifications including OSHA 10-Hour Construction Safety and Health Certification, OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety and Health Certification, IDPH Lead Abatement Worker Certification, American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) Flagger Certification, and Scaffolding Safety Certification.

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Metropolitan Family Services

Training participants in: Construction, **Commercial Drone Pilot TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,219,000

City, State: Chicago, IL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Metro YB is a program of MFS' community-based Calumet Center located in Chicago's Far South Side. This program will enroll and train 53 out-of-school, high-risk and low-income youth through three cohorts of 17-18 youth in seven to nine-month cycles. Interventions include: project-based learning through the renovation of low-income housing; academic coaching, education, and college readiness support; career exploration, planning and training along a career pathway; information and skill building opportunities; community involvement and problem-solving through service learning; leadership development; case management; and transitional/post-program supports.

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Homework Hangout Club Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, **Food Service/Food Management TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Decatur, IL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: HHC YouthBuild participants complete Mental Toughness and a leadership and Work Readiness training curriculum before obtaining CPR/First Aid certification and completing safety training relative to their career pathway in addition to 1) GED/ABE instruction; 2) Occupational Skills Training: for Construction, NCCER core construction; for Food Service, Food Protection Manager licensing; both pathways also complete ISSA-certified Cleaning Industry Management Standards (CIMS); 3) hands-on training and work-based learning at HHC worksites (Construction) or through on-site meal preparation in collaboration with Hazel's Kitchen (Food Service); participants also complete work-based learning and paid work experience with collaborating Employer Partners. The integration of each of these components develops young adults into disciplined, accountable, employable individuals qualified to enter the targeted industries upon completion.

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Youth Conservation Corps Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, I.T.

Occupational credentials offered: HBI

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Waukegan, IL

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: YCC's YouthBuild program will train 66 youth, 16-24 years, from Lake County, Illinois. YCC operates a gun violence prevention program within YouthBuild via a grant from the State of Illinois, which aims to interrupt violence and ensure youth are in a safe, supportive environment. Our program location is ideally located in Waukegan, centralized to high target areas, as public transportation is a barrier for many participants. Construction participants will learn skills in our onsite workshop and construction learning labs, which they will use to build and renovate affordable housing units in partnership with the Lake County Housing Authority. Life Skills and youth development training will address barriers while enhancing goal development, communication, time management, and conflict resolution. Career counseling will focus on career exploration, interviewing, resume building, and employment retention. YCC collaborates with the Lake County Workforce Development/One Stop for post-secondary placement and employment, leveraging a strong employer network. YCC has secured match commitments from YCC Board fundraising and partners like the Illinois YouthBuild Coalition, USG Corporation, and Grainger. YCC addresses digital access gaps by helping participants secure free high-speed internet. Partnering with Connect Lake County (formerly ConnectWaukegan), YCC offers digital literacy training and free laptops, empowering young adults with essential skills and needs. Additionally, YCC is exploring internship opportunities to support community computer literacy and prepare participants for infrastructure-related jobs, particularly those aligned with the American Rescue Plan and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (BIL).

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Indiana

Housing Authority of the City of Evansville

Training participants in: Construction, **Healthcare, IT, Manufacturing TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, **CNA, CompTIA, Manufacturing**

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Evansville, IN

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Our YouthBuild Program will provide participants with basic educational skills (GED attainment) and occupational/hands-on training needed for future success and economic self-sufficiency.

All program participants will receive academic and hands-on training in the construction industry by participating in the construction of affordable housing. Individuals with career interests outside of the construction industry will receive training and earn industry recognized credentials as a CNA, in IT or in manufacturing. Participants will also complete leadership development training and community service-learning projects. We will customize a plan for each participant to include hands-on work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. Upon completing the YouthBuild Program, they can enter the workforce or continue their journey through post-secondary education or apprenticeship.

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PLA University Inc.

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,320,000

City, State: Indianapolis, IN

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Skilled Indy's YouthBuild Pre-Apprenticeship Program will feature classroom-based construction training with Indiana Construction Roundtable (which will result in two nationally recognized credentials) and hands-on learning renovating low-income housing owned by Shepherd Community, Inc. Students will then transition to a registered apprenticeship with the Indiana-Kentucky-Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters. Skilled Indy will offer comprehensive wraparound services, leadership and development workshops, case management, and mentorship for the entire duration of the project. Skilled Indy's YouthBuild Project aligns with the Indianapolis Public Transportation Operations and Maintenance Facility project, which was awarded to the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, to build a multi-purpose operations and maintenance facility that will also serve as the agency's headquarters. This large-scale construction project is located in Indianapolis, making it easily accessible to participants completing Skilled Indy's YouthBuild pre-apprenticeship program, which focuses heavily on carpentry and construction basics.

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United Way of Northwest Indiana

Training participants in: Construction, **Healthcare TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, **Health Aide, Phlebotomist, CNA, Pharmacy Technician**

DOL funding amount: \$1,320,000

City, State: Valparaiso, IN

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The targeted service area for the UNIYB program is Gary, East Chicago, and Portage, IN. UNIYB will serve 68 youth aged 18-24 in four consecutive six-month cohorts of 17 students. The education component involves basic skills instruction and accelerated learning, leading to attaining a high school diploma (HSD) or GED through CWI Adult Basic Education (ABE) Program, which is in partnership with Thea Bowman Leadership Academy (TBLA). ABE/TBLA allows students to complete an HSD while earning college credits toward a degree/certificate. Participants in GED/ABE receive career and post-secondary counseling and financial aid assistance. Construction training will include substantially renovating a historic mid-century modern home in the Means Manor community. Construction training will be delivered by experienced vocationally certified staff. Healthcare training will be delivered by experienced vocationally certified staff and result in portable credentials used in different facilities, i.e., nursing homes and hospitals. Case management will involve participants working with the UNIYB Career Navigator for one-on-one collaboration and discussing goals, challenges, and successes. During leadership development, participants will receive foundational leadership training and opportunities to practice leadership elements. Transition services will include employment and post-secondary placement assistance and a 12-month follow-up with support services from a UNIYB Job Development Specialist (JDS). TBLA will serve as the host site for the YouthBuild program. The program activities will be managed by Gary East Side Community Development Corporation (GESDC), the responsible entity for Components Integration. The GESDC in collaboration with United Way of Northwest Indiana will ensure the integration of components via operational policies, staff training, and coordination.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Iowa

Great Oaks High School and Career Center

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, Certified Phlebotomy Technician

DOL funding amount: \$ 1,500,000

City, State: Des Moines, IA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Iowa Workforce Development has begun to work with Great Oaks High School and Career Center to establish the construction program as a recognized pre-apprenticeship program for both union and non-union companies.

Construction participants will be trained in NCCER Core and healthcare participants will be trained through the National Healthcareer Association (NHA), where they earn the Certified Phlebotomy Technician credential. Additional stackable credentials in a variety of healthcare pathways will be offered by two postsecondary partners – Des Moines Area Community College and Mercy College of Health Science. Both institutions offer short-term credential and degree programs.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Louisiana

Lasalle Community Action Agency

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$750,000

City, State: Sicily Island, LA

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: Lasalle Community Action Agency YouthBuild Program is designed to decrease the unemployment rate among unemployed and underemployed youth through education, job training/on-the-job training and leadership development activities. Lasalle Community Action Agency YouthBuild Program service delivery model will consist of: 1) GED/High school equivalency attainment for participants who do not hold a high school diploma upon program enrollment 2) Technical training resulting in a diploma/one-year certificate in Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVAC), Technical training in Welding and Cutting Technology 3) Hands-on construction education training 4) Leadership and soft-skills training, i.e., vocational guidance, career and aptitude testing, resume writing, interviewing skills, team building, communication skills, etc. and 5) Job search and job placement.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Maryland

Civic Works Inc.

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,472,000

City, State: Baltimore, MD

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Civic Works' YouthBuild program will serve 64 participants, who will rehabilitate two homes for low-income families. The program focuses on leadership, job readiness, and pathways to apprenticeships or full-time employment in construction and solar industries. Civic Works' YouthBuild Program partners with Baltimore-Washington Laborers Joint Training Fund, Appalachian Field Services, and the Baltimore Mayor's Office of Employment Development. The program prepares participants for apprenticeships and full-time employment in family-sustaining jobs, particularly in the growing solar and construction industries. Civic Works' YouthBuild program aligns with the U.S. EPA's Brownfields Job Training project. Co-located with YouthBuild, this infrastructure project equips participants with skills and certifications for sustainable employment in the brownfields remediation industry. YouthBuild has integrated additional construction and safety training based on feedback from the Brownfields project and offers a streamlined path for graduates to enroll.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Massachusetts

People Acting in Community Endeavors Inc.

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,150,024

City, State: New Bedford, MA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: People Acting in Community Endeavors (PACE) has been serving Greater New Bedford's young people since 1995. YouthBuild New Bedford (YBNB) will serve 50 youth ages 16-24, enrolling 25 participants per year. The YBNB program is conducted over a period of 12 months. YBNB students will be learning construction skills at multiple locales, especially at a site owned by our housing partner, PACE Community Housing Corporation (PCHC). Through this project, YBNB will be collaborating with the New Bedford Port Authority, which received a \$24 million grant via the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to reconstruct and extend Leonard's Wharf in New Bedford.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Dudley Economic Empowerment Partners Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Culinary Arts

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, NRAEF

DOL Funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Roxbury, MA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The Dudley Economic Empowerment Partners will serve 66 out-of-school youth and provide an academic component that utilizes a blended curriculum aligned with Common Core Standards that prepares students to receive their high school equivalency credential. Beyond credential attainment, our academic programming will prepare participants to become clear and effective communicators, informed thinkers, self-directed learners. The Construction Plus program in culinary arts leads to a registered apprenticeship training, with students earning college credits towards further education at Bunker Hill Community College and upon graduation, participants are placed in employment at one of 35 partner hotels throughout Boston. Culinary training is held at BEST's Seaport location and combines both classroom instruction and hands-on training at Omni Hotels, one of its industry partners.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

North Shore Community Development Coalition

Training participants in: Construction, Culinary

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, NRAEF Restaurant Ready

DOL funding amount: \$1,150,000

City, State: Salem, MA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: NSCDC operates a Construction Plus program with ROOT North Shore in culinary. NSCDC has been operating a successful YouthBuild program for over 10 years and has developed a strong collaborative network. YBNS is a viable, dedicated, strategic partner of public and private organizations. The education component of the program will be handled by two certified teachers currently on staff who will provide instruction leading to the attainment of the HiSET, the equivalency degree accepted by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. YBNS provides the primary construction skills training at the projects where the housing construction worksite training will consist of significant housing rehabilitation. Additional worksite training occurs at the YBNS lab and classroom. The partnerships that have been developed have added strength to the overall effort. All partners have been trained and helped develop the current YouthBuild program. There is a clear understanding of the overall mission and everyone's place in that mission. Under the strong leadership of the North Shore Community Development Coalition, this team is working together to address the issues of affordable housing, undereducated youth and a high youth unemployment rate. Throughout its history, YBNS has consistently produced strong outcomes.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Michigan

Charles Stewart Mott Community College

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: MC3, CNA

DOL funding amount: \$ 1,498,221

City, State: Flint, MI

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: The MCC YouthBuild Program will offer three industry-recognized credentialing opportunities: construction credentialing, healthcare credentialing, and accelerated welding certifications. Through educational curriculum and training, hands-on worksite training, leadership development, and community service learning, students will be well prepared for the skills and professionalism critical to all occupations and employers. Program staff will provide guidance, support, and stability as students progress through the program. Barriers to student success will be removed through funding and innovative program supports.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Minnesota

Change, Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: MC3, CNA

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Saint Paul, MN

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: YouthBuild St. Paul-WestSide will serve 75 participants, with two career pathways planned: Construction – worksite is new construction of single-family home and credential is Multi-Craft Core Curriculum MC3; Healthcare – worksite is long-term care facilities and credential is Certified Nursing Assistant. Participants can also earn certificates in OSHA-10, Community First Support Services Worker, Mental Health First Aid, First Aid/CPR and support to get a driver’s license.

The majority of participants are low-income, and all have been underserved by the traditional education system. Justice-involved youth are also a priority. As a component of the program, we will provide comprehensive wraparound supports, such as basic needs, mental health services, social-emotional supports, individualized job search and job readiness services, assistance navigating post-secondary education, post-exit follow-up and connections to external resources through other community-based partners.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Mississippi

West Jackson Community Development Corp.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare, **Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Driver**
TBD

Occupational credentials offered: HBI PACT, CNA

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Jackson, MS

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Jackson YouthBuild's education services and activities will be administered by teaching and strengthening skills in reading, social studies, writing, and math. We will use a computer-based GED/basic skills training program utilizing the Kaplan curricula which is a primary GED preparation curriculum that led to GED/Diplomas. Problem-based learning and project-based learning strategies will be incorporated into the academic and the occupational skill training. Additionally, Jackson YouthBuild is directly connected to partners that lead to high-quality post program placement through active MOU and commitment letter agreements.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Gateway Community Development Corp.

Training participants in: Construction, IT

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, Cisco Network Associate

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Yazoo City, MS

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Our YouthBuild Program provides participants with essential educational skills (GED attainment) and hands-on training for future success and economic self-sufficiency. Participants will receive academic and practical training in construction by building affordable housing. Those interested in other careers can earn industry-recognized credentials in information technology (IT) through Holmes CC Cisco Certified Network Administrator (CCNA) program. Additionally, participants will engage in leadership development and community service projects. Each participant will have a customized plan that includes work experience, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. Upon completion, they can enter the workforce or pursue further education or apprenticeships.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Missouri

Community Partnership of Southeast Missouri

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

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,489,470

City, State: Cape Girardeau, MO

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: The YouthBuild of Cape Girardeau (YBCG) program will serve at-risk youth aged 16-24 in four Southeast Missouri counties: Perry, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, and Scott. The project aims to provide participants with education, occupational skills training, leadership development, and supportive services to overcome barriers to employment and achieve long-term economic stability. The program includes a construction pathway where participants will gain hands-on experience building and renovating housing for low-income families, as well as a construction plus (C+) pathway focused on food services training. YBCG will serve a total of 65 participants between the two components over the grant period.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Job Point

Training participants in: Construction, Highway/Street Maintenance and Repair, Child and Youth Development, **Logistic/Warehouse Worker TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER Core, Highway Maintenance and Repair Technician, Child Development Associate, **Prologis Supply Chain Warehouse Certificate**

DOL funding amount: \$ 1,500,000

City, State: Columbia, MO

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Training will result in nationally recognized, portable and stackable credentials. Most importantly, comprehensive services will lead to youth reengagement as fully functioning and productive community citizens. Through integrated assessment/career planning, work readiness, service learning, innovative educational instruction and vocational training, with leadership development as the backdrop, students will emerge as role models for others, fully equipped for their future. Services will emphasize career and college exploration, enrollment in post-secondary education or advanced vocational technical training, apprenticeships, military or long-term service (e.g., AmeriCorps) pathways.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Workforce Investment Board of the Southwest Region Inc.

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: Career Connections Residential Construction

DOL funding amount: \$1,217,063

City, State: Joplin, MO

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: Participants will build 3 tiny houses for the Vita Nova Village in 24 months. Training will occur alongside high school equivalency classes conducted as Integrated Education Training incorporating construction skills training. The Carpenters Union will provide the training. The Ironworkers will introduce reinforced concrete with rebar. IBEW/licensed contractors will provide basic electric. The students will learn basic and intermediate carpentry, and the essentials of construction site safety.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Bridging Families to Communities and Beyond

Training participants in: Construction, **Healthcare TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: HBI-PACT, **CNA**

DOL funding amount: \$1,397,724

City, State: Saint Louis, MO

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Our program is rich in academic education and includes strong seamless bridges to the Carpenters, Laborers, and Operating Engineers' apprenticeship programs. St. Louis Community College's Workforce Solutions Group will provide an array of short-term credential courses specifically designed to meet the needs of local high-growth, high-demand middle-skill industries. BFCB will contract with Daruby School and Nursing Edification to provide Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) training for our participants. Our curriculum is blended, project- and problem-based and incorporates "mind set" theory to encourage students to challenge themselves and expand their learning capacity.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corp.

Training participants in: Construction, Hospitality TBD

Occupational credentials offered: Construction Credential TBD, American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute (AHLEI) Certified Front Desk Representative (CFDR) and Certified Maintenance Employee (CME)

DOL funding amount: \$ 910,825

City, State: Sikeston, OH

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: DAEOC YouthBuild Project will allow youth participants to complete their high school education and engage in leadership development and community service activities while enrolled in occupational skills training. Youth who successfully complete the program will receive nationally recognized certifications in the construction or hospitality industry and directly enter DAEOC's Registered Apprenticeship Program, begin unsubsidized full-time employment with area employers, or pursue education progression or advanced skill training.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Nevada

CPLC Nevada

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare, **Metalworks and Welding TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER; CNA; **American Welding Society (AWS)-Shield Metal Arc Welding, Gas Metal Arc Welding**

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Las Vegas. NV

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: CPLC-NV administers YouthBuild Las Vegas for participants ages 18-24. CPLC is an affiliate of Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. Key partners include VegasPBS; southern Nevada's workforce board Workforce Connections; WIOA provider Equus; and Castillo Construction. YBLV will serve 65 youth, including 10 youth in one of two Construction Plus (C+) options. Las Vegas Institute of Welding and Standards of Excellence will provide C+ training services. YBLV's Academic Manager will teach high school equivalency curriculum, and VegasPBS will provide HSE testing support. New YBLV partner Castillo Construction will dedicate two worksites for participants to obtain direct experience in home renovation. YBLV will service 65 opportunity youth in three cohorts of 22, 22, and 21 youth respectively. Other key partners will include Legal Aid Center and YouthBuild USA.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

New Jersey

Hopeloft

Training participants in: Construction, **Multimedia Journalism and Communications TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: HBI, **CPPR, CDMP**

DOL Funding amount: \$912,663

City, State: Bridgerton, NJ

Community type: Urban and Rural

Summary of program activities: Hopeloft will provide academic services, construction training, and leadership development and community service opportunities to youth who left high school prior to graduation and who also have other risk factors, including justice-involved, youth aging out of foster care, youth with disabilities, migrant farmworker youth, youth experiencing housing instability, and other disadvantaged youth populations. The primary construction training curriculum is the Home Builders Institute's Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (PACT), and we teach the New Jersey edition of the Youth@Work–Talking Safety Curriculum which addresses Youth Worker Injuries, Finding Hazards, and Making the Job Safer. Multimedia training will include journalism fundamentals, audio and video production where participants learn to produce high-quality video content, podcasts, and theater arts productions, including documenting the progress of YouthBuild construction projects.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Isles

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: HBI, CNA, BPI

DOL Funding amount: \$1,150,000

City, State: Trenton, NJ

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Isles Youth Institute (IYI), will prepare opportunity youth for work, higher education, and self-reliance. In addition to academic and career training, IYI incorporates service learning and leadership development opportunities into its curriculum and provides cultural activities to prepare participants to become community leaders and role models to their peers. IYI students will earn their high school diplomas, receive construction trade and healthcare certifications, gain hands-on industry experience, and develop essential life and social skills. As part of their construction training, IYI students will receive certification in weatherization, lead remediation, and healthy homes assessments.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

New Mexico

CPLC New Mexico Inc.

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, HBI-PACT

DOL funding amount: \$1,320,000

City, State: Santa Fe, NM

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: CPLC-NM, a separately incorporated affiliate of Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc., will administer the Rio Arriba YouthBuild Program (RAYBP) for opportunity youth ages 16-24. RAYBP will serve 66 youth. RAYBP partner Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity (SFHH) will provide two worksites for on-site construction training. Additional offerings include meaningful service-learning opportunities. CPLC-NM's other key partners will include Northern New Mexico College; Penn Foster Online High School; Home Builders Institute (HBI); and Northern Area Local Workforce Development Board (NALWDB).

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

New York

United Way of Long Island

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, MC3, CNA, CCMA, CST, RDMS

DOL Funding amount: \$1,410,083

City, State: Deer Park, NY

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: This project will serve young adults with an emphasis on people of color, women, individuals with disabilities, and justice-involved individuals. YouthBuild Long Island (YBLI) participants will obtain industry-recognized certifications in construction, including MC3 and NCCER, and certifications in healthcare such as, CNA, CCMA and CST. By participating in YouthBuild Long Island, most students are encouraged to obtain multiple industry credentials. YBLI has initiated partnerships and outside resources for job skills training beyond its established construction trades program.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Kingston Workforce Employment Skills Training Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Manufacturing

Occupational credentials offered: HBI, NCCER, CPT

DOL Funding amount: \$1,258,672

City, State: Kingston, NY

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: KWEST YB will prepare students for community conscious initiatives by providing registered apprenticeship opportunities in manufacturing. KWEST has partnerships with public and private organizations including the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 21, and the Hudson Valley Building & Construction Trades Council. Our partners provide a variety of hands-on training, internships, and registered apprenticeship opportunities and are committed to hiring participants in union jobs following program completion. Programming will include National Center for Construction Education and Re-search (NCCER) and the Home Builders Institute (HBI) Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (PACT) curriculum for construction preparation. High school achievement will use the GED equivalency diploma and for construction plus, we will train in Manufacturing, where students will receive the Certified Production Technician (CPT) credential.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Wayne County Action Program Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, Patient Care Aide

DOL Funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Lyons, NY

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: Wayne County Action Program will provide at risk youth from low-income families the opportunity to learn employable skills through a paid pre-apprenticeship. Participants will have the option of participating in the Construction or Construction Plus Health Pathway and in both programs, youth will be provided with academic education that is related and connected to their field, opportunities to practice hands-on experiences at job sites, and work on leadership skills through high engagement problem-based learning activities and community service projects. Each youth will be provided with a Pathway Coach Instructor and a Job Coach and upon graduation, all candidates will be placed in a job, a non-subsidized paid apprenticeship, or a continuing education program that will lead to further degrees, certifications, and credentials that provide economic opportunities.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

New Settlement Apartments

Training participants in: Construction, Security Guard, Office Administration/Customer Service TBD

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, NRF, MOS

DOL Funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: New York, NY

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The New Settlement YouthBuild Program will serve 84 participants and will provide educational services that support the attainment of a high school diploma or equivalency. Our workforce Partners, New Settlement's College Access and Success Center (NSCASC) facilitates college enrollments and provides workshops on job search and college applications, including campus and admissions office visits. Hands-on training will prepare participants to obtain construction credentials and participants will receive training in Supported and Suspended Scaffold, Flagging Training, First Aid and CPR, and will be supported in securing union apprenticeships.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Two Bridges Neighborhood Council Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Culinary Arts

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, NRAEF, AHLEI

DOL Funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: New York, NY

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Two Bridges Neighborhood Council, Inc. will prepare participants by providing registered apprenticeship opportunities in both the construction and culinary arts industry. We have established partnerships with the New York City District Council of Carpenters and the Building Skills and Workforce Development Institute which will strengthen overall program efforts.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Nubian Directions II Inc.

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

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,380,000

City, State: Poughkeepsie, NY

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Nubian Directions offers 12-month cycles of project-based GED and basic skills instruction with an emphasis on college preparation and stackable credentials that lead to industry-recognized certifications. NDYB is committed to curricula that are rigorous and meet the following goals: 1) Promotes both individual and collaborative learning, incorporating teamwork concepts, proven research techniques, strong study habits, project management and self-organization; 2) Maximizes trainee self-direction and initiative by enabling them to choose topics and projects that have meaning for them; and 3) Relates academic content to trainees' lives and future/potential careers. In 2023, NDYB initiated an effort, funded by the American Rescue Plan, in partnership with the Southeastern NY Library Resources Council. This initiative educates trainees about the role of digital navigators in communities and available training opportunities. Born from the urgent needs highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic, NDYB created the ongoing Poughkeepsie Community Wi-Fi (PKCW) project. PKCW trains youth as Digital Stewards to assist with expanding and supporting the free community-based Wi-Fi network, providing internet access to all while bridging the digital divide.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Social Enterprise and Training Center Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Culinary

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, NRAEF Restaurant Ready

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Schenectady, NY

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: SEAT provides a robust program in the Capital District cities of Schenectady, Albany and Troy. The SEAT YB culinary students receive hands-on work experience in job shadowing and registered apprenticeship opportunities where they build strong technical skills. SEAT has developed a strong collaborative network of agencies and partners who have been involved with the SEAT YB program for more than twelve years. SEAT has utilized multiple funding sources, both public and private, to provide services for youth within the service area. SEAT leads a viable, dedicated, strategic partnership of public and private organizations. SEAT YB has demonstrated success with its previous programs, maintaining exceptionally high outcome performance measures in all areas and has continuously met or exceeded enrollment goals. Prior to beginning hands-on training, participants must complete an approved 10-hour on-site OSHA safety course.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

New York Center for Interpersonal Development Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, Certified Recovery Peer Advocacy

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Staten Island, NY

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: NYCID's YouthBuild IMPACT (YBI) will serve 66 Opportunity Youth aged 17-24 in Richmond County (Staten Island), New York, through a comprehensive pre-apprenticeship program that integrates academic, occupational, and leadership skills development. The program will focus on preparing participants for well-paying, sustainable careers. Participants will benefit from integrated activities designed to advance socioemotional, independent living, and financial literacy skills and capacity. Individualized counseling, violence prevention and intervention services, and experiential learning will lend meaningful, needed support to program participants' pursuit and achievement of educational and career goals. The program will result in the renovation of at least one, likely two, affordable housing units. Post-program outcomes include employment placements, apprenticeships, and/or continued education aligned with industry demand. NYCID will engage Canvas Institute and the Global Academy for Community-Based Education to support leadership development activities, and Hampton Trade Academy to deliver specialized training in homebuilding and energy retrofitting.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

North Carolina

Land of Sky Regional Council

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Asheville, NC

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Land of Sky Regional Council (LoS) will serve rural and urban at-risk youth and train them in pre-apprenticeship skills, education, leadership training, and high-quality job placement opportunities via two successful programs. Camp Grier's WORX Project and Hood Huggers' Blue Note Junction are the two non-profit programs that will provide construction skills and career exploration opportunities, with linkages to accredited Asheville-Buncombe County Community College (A-B Tech) education, credentials required for Registered Apprenticeships, industry-recognized certifications, and direct placement into employment. LoS will offer post-secondary certifications (via A-B Tech) and credentialed training, hands-on skills development, leadership training, pre-apprenticeships, Registered Apprenticeship programs, and engagement with union and non-union employers for successful placements into jobs with living wages and clear pathways to career advancement.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

River City Community Development Corp.

Training participants in: Construction, **Healthcare, Automotive Technology, Welding TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: HBI PACT

DOL funding amount: \$1,288,000

City, State: Elizabeth City, NC

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: River City Community Development Corporation will be integrating academic instruction, occupational shop training, pre-apprenticeships, work-based learning experience, community service, positive motivation, leadership development, employment skills training, and counseling. Participants will attain industry-recognized certifications in high school equivalency; high school diplomas (through Penn Foster); Pre-Apprenticeship Certification Training (PACT) in carpentry, plumbing, painting, and landscaping. Students will participate in work experience, project-based learning, community service learning, problem-based learning, leadership development, career planning, job-seeking skills and post-secondary education.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Central Carolina Community College

Training participants in: Construction, **Culinary Arts TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,499,982

City, State: Sanford, NC

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: CCCC's YouthBuild program will serve students through two career pathways, each of which will lead to industry-recognized credentials in in-demand careers. Each pathway includes hours in the classroom, lab, and hands-on work experience. CCCC's YouthBuild Program provides participants with a unique opportunity to complete their high school education and begin career training while on a college campus. Participants' classrooms/labs are on campus, their instructors are college faculty, and their coursework articulates to college credit. Participants can see themselves succeeding in college, because they are already there.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Ohio

Easter Seals TriState

Training participants in: Construction, **Facilities Maintenance TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Cincinnati, OH

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Through ESTS YouthBuild, at-risk individuals who are interested in pursuing a career in the construction industry are provided with a structured and balanced curriculum which features comprehensive career exploration activities, practical, hands-on experiential learning and credentialed training. The program brings together multiple workforce development, educational, business and industry community partners to create impactful employment pathways for youth. Youth served by the YouthBuild program will attain their high school diploma, the NCCER credential, and industry stacking credentials. As part of the program's practical training component, all youth will engage in several physical construction projects. YB will feature a Facilities Maintenance pathway which will offer youth stackable industry-recognized credentials. Upon graduation from the program, all youth will be placed into a registered apprenticeship program or direct employment with one of Easter Seals TriState's community partners. ESTS is working with our union partners to develop a pathway to registered apprenticeships on the Brent Spence Bridge project, funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure & Jobs Investment Act.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

YouthBuild Columbus Community School

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare, **Welding TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, National Healthcare Association Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy, and Patient Care Technician certifications; **American Welding Society Flux Cored Arc Welder, Gas Metal Arc Welder, Gas Tungsten Arc Welder, Shielded Metal Arc Welder and Certified Welding Inspector**

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Columbus, OH

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Construction track students will earn NCCER certifications, completing at least one unit of housing over the term of the grant. Healthcare track students will have hands-on clinical training as part of their NHA certification processes. Welding students will earn American Welding Society certifications, with hands-on learning at our lab and worksite. All students will receive accredited high school academic instruction as prescribed by the State of Ohio. The Shelly Company, our region's major provider of concrete and asphalt for roads and highways and a prime contractor for several highway projects, will allow our construction students to tour their production facilities, learning about this industry and the quality jobs that it offers.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

County Corp

Training participants in: Construction, Manufacturing, Healthcare TBD

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, Certified Production Technician Modules for Safety and Maintenance Awareness, Certified Phlebotomy Technician, Certified Patient Care/Technician and Certified Clinical Medical Assistant or the Ohio Alliance of Direct Care Professional (OADSP) the Certificate of Initial Proficiency option

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Dayton, OH

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: In manufacturing, participants will earn two certifications from MSSC's Certified Production Technician program. In healthcare, participants have two options – they may either study in the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) track where they earn stackable credentials starting with: Phlebotomy Technician, then Certified Patient Care Technician, and then Certified Clinical Medical Assistant, or participants may pursue a healthcare track which focuses on working with individuals with developmental disabilities. The Certificate of Initial Proficiency (CIP) credential comes through the Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals.

The team has the distinction of working together for many years and has developed promising scenarios into uniquely effective strategies for educating and training qualified young adults. With a Workforce Advisory Committee (WAC) comprised of local companies in all pathway options, County Corp – YouthBuild Dayton, utilizes a Sector Strategy Approach to stay abreast of critical skills employers are seeking for entry level workers. This close partnership with local businesses as well as our strong relationship with the Ohio Means Jobs | Job Center (an American Job Center or one-stop center) provides an extensive network of resources for postsecondary placements.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Oklahoma

Community Development Support Association Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, **Healthcare TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: HBI PACT, **Long-term Care Aide**

DOL Funding amount: \$1,377,735

City, State: Enid, OK

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: Youth in our program will work toward learning job skills and earn industry recognized credentials as they serve their community, create affordable housing, and develop their own leadership abilities through a greater understanding of civic engagement. The students will earn an industry recognized credential by completing the Home Builder's Institute PACT curriculum and we will partner with in-house programs to demonstrate the weatherization process and provide training on the use of Energy Star Appliances. The academic component will integrate hands-on opportunities as students work to earn a high school diploma and classroom instruction will emphasize how learning in the classroom applies at the construction site.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Oregon

Heart of Oregon Corps Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Childcare and Youth Development

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, Child and Youth Care Certification from the Child and Youth Care Certification Board

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Bend, OR

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: Heart of Oregon Corps (HOC) delivers YouthBuild services to participants ages 16-24. HOC's YouthBuild Program (HOCYB) has served opportunity youth in the tri-county area since 2009. HOCYB will enroll 66 youth in 4 cohorts. Each cohort receives 8-10 months of evidence-based programming. Construction track participants will build 3 affordable homes; Childcare track participants will contribute over 5,000 hours to non-profit childcare centers. Secondary education credentials include high school diploma and GED. HOCYB aligns its training with the US Forest Service IRA project Hazardous Fuels-Central Oregon WCS Landscape in Deschutes County, Oregon. Participants will receive hands-on training and career development on wildfire fuels projects within the US Forest Service through HOC's Youth Conservation Corps programming as well as post program placement opportunities in natural resources and wildland firefighting careers.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Pennsylvania

Auberle

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: HBI-PACT

DOL funding amount: \$1,499,992

City, State: McKeesport, PA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Auberle will deliver training and GED instruction to 66 individuals ages 18-24. Auberle's primary partners on this project are Home Builders Institute (HBI) and Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania, who are providing the primary occupational training and education components. Partner4Work, the Builders Guild of Western Pennsylvania, and Massaro Corporation will offer support in connecting graduates to registered apprenticeships and employment opportunities aligned with the Good Jobs Principles. HBI-PACT Certification will be implemented on a cohort entry/skill exit basis with an expected duration of six months, depending on the rate of skills achievement by each participant. Youth will earn their GED through Goodwill. In addition to DOL YouthBuild performance measure goals, Auberle's goals are that 80% of participants will earn a Digital Work Ethics Badge and 100% of eligible youth will be connected to additional workforce development programs including the PA CareerLink, WIOA Out of School Programming, and the PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Finally, Auberle has a goal for 25% of graduates to enter a registered apprenticeship program. Participants have access to Auberle's trauma-informed care model of workforce development.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Crispus Attucks

Training participants in: Construction, **Welding, Automotive Technology, Transportation, Healthcare TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: HBI-PACT, **American Welding Society, 3G Welding Certification, PA State Safety Inspector and Emissions Inspector, CDL, CNA**

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: York, PA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Crispus Attucks York has operated a YouthBuild program since 1994. In 1999, the school officially became the Crispus Attucks YouthBuild Charter School by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and grants high school diplomas. During each year of the grant, up to 35 students will be enrolled into the program during August, November, or February enrollment periods. Students spend 9 months in the program. Throughout the year at various times, additional training is provided by the York County School of Technology and Harrisburg Area Community College for the Construction Plus tracks.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Tennessee

Knoxville Leadership Foundation

Training participants in: Construction, Culinary

Occupational credentials offered: HBI PACT, NCCER, NRAEF Restaurant Ready

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Knoxville, TN

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: All youth will receive academic and occupational skill training that leads to a high school diploma and/or industry certification in an area in-demand industry. Academic support will lead to attaining a high school equivalency degree and additional two- and four-year college courses. Skill training will include classroom instruction, hands-on project-based learning, stipends for on-the-job training, and job shadowing leading to employment. YB-C+ also includes a focus on employability and career exploration, violence prevention and life skills training, and leadership development and community service to reinforce communication and team building skills needed in the workplace and in life. Through KLF's Resource Center program, youth and their families will receive mental health counseling and resources to address needs beyond the YB scope and/or occurring after exiting ensuring needed support to increase long-term employment outcomes.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Texas

American YouthWorks

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, Community Health Worker

DOL Funding amount: \$1,499,998

City, State: Austin, TX

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: American YouthWorks (AYW-YB) will work closely with Workforce Solutions-Capitol Area Workforce Board to create and implement a sector-based Construction Plus pre-apprenticeship program that connects opportunity youth to entry-level opportunities in Healthcare, Advanced Manufacturing, and the Skilled Trades. AYW-YB will work with Workforce Solutions-Rural Capital Area to open a second AYW-YB location in Taylor, TX. Our education program is part of the TX Workforce Commission Adult Education and Literacy system, through the Austin Community College AEL Consortium. All Construction plus training includes industry-recognized, stackable certifications and our college and career team will work to connect participants to employers through the program.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Housing Authority of the City of Houston

Training participants in: Construction, IT

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CCNA

DOL Funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Houston, TX

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The Houston Housing Authority's YouthBuild program will provide educational and vocational training services aimed at empowering at-risk youth. Participants will receive high school diplomas, and construction training leading to NCCER certification, equipping participants with essential industry skills. The program will also include IT training for the Construction Plus pathway, leading to Cisco Certified Network Administrator (CCNA) certification. Beyond technical expertise, the program places a strong emphasis on soft skills development by integrating effective communication, teamwork, and problem-solving into the curriculum to enhance participants' overall professional readiness.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

SER Jobs for Progress of the Texas Gulf Coast Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, Nationally Certified Phlebotomy Technician

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Houston, TX

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: SERJobs will provide a comprehensive YouthBuild program in Harris County, Texas, serving 90 eligible participants. SERJobs' holistic model integrates academic instruction, job readiness training, leadership development, career coaching/exploration, trauma-informed care, financial literacy, financial coaching, adult mentoring, peer mentoring opportunities, paid work experience opportunities, and critical wraparound/supportive services. Supported by a robust network of employers, apprenticeship programs, and community partners, the program equips youth with the skills and support needed to secure employment and apprenticeships in high-demand industries, resulting in high-quality jobs.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

SER Jobs for Progress National Inc.

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Irving, TX

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: SER National will provide intensive and comprehensive education and employment services to 80 eligible young adults between the ages 16-24 residing in five zip codes throughout Oak Cliff in the southern part of the City of Dallas, Texas. The program will be implemented under SER YouthBuilding Oak Cliff (SYOC). SYOC integrates daily education and occupational skills training throughout the intensive six-month program schedule. The program's education component focuses on applied basic skills with a problem-solving emphasis on preparing participants for the 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 construction training program (based on the National Center for Construction Education and Research's Core Curriculum) will follow the established YouthBuild model that integrates individualized GED instruction with hands-on construction training, leading to credentials that increase employability and long-term economic self-sufficiency. The goal is to effectively equip participants with the skills, knowledge, and experience necessary to pursue entry into career pathways in postsecondary schools, colleges, and apprenticeships within the building trades. SYOC benefits from several vital established partnerships. Regional Hispanic Contractors Association will serve as the primary education, training, and construction worksite partner, coordinating access to the worksite and providing on-site construction training and related supplies for on-site engagement of construction participants. The proposed house construction worksite will expose YouthBuild participants to practice what they learned by having the opportunity to work on the renovation.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Motivation, Education and Training, Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, CNA

DOL funding amount: \$1,375,000

City, State: New Caney, TX

Community type: Rural

Summary of program activities: MET will serve 71 participants. 20 participants will be enrolled in Healthcare, and 51 will be enrolled in Construction activities. The project will leverage existing partnerships and form new partnerships with the following: Southwest Texas Junior College, Texas A&M University, Pass and Laredo ISD, employers, Workforce Solutions, Community Action Agencies, Laredo and Eagle Pass Housing Authorities, and Nonprofit Housing Organizations. In addition to YouthBuild programming, these partners will provide additional services, including nutrition programming for eligible students and possible co-enrollments with other programs. MET construction training aligns with the infrastructure project Rural Energy for America Program, funded through the Inflation Reduction Act operating in Eagle Pass (Maverick County).

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

100 Black Men of San Antonio Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, Healthcare

Occupational credentials offered: HBI PACT, NCCER, CNA

DOL Funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: San Antonio, TX

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: 100 Black Men of San Antonio, Inc. YouthBuild will address the training and education needs of youth through a community-based alternative education program. The academic component focuses on credit recovery for attainment of a high school diploma while the occupational skills training component prepares participants to gain placement into construction and healthcare career pathways. Participants will be placed in paid internships and apprenticeship opportunities to ensure a seamless transition to employment.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Utah

Board of Education of Ogden City

Training participants in: Construction

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER

DOL Funding amount: \$1,320,000

City, State: Ogden, UT

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: The Ogden School District will help opportunity youth by offering academic education, technical skills training, and leadership training. Participants will earn high school diplomas, industry-recognized trade credentials, and gain from post-secondary and employment exploration, community service, and post-program support. Funds will be used to support the program through trainings, wraparound supportive services, educational resources, and stipends to ensure the success of students through well-established partnerships with employers, apprenticeship providers, and post-secondary institutions, focusing on jobs that meet the Good Jobs Principals.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Washington

Northeast Washington Educational Service District 101

Training participants in: Construction, Early Childhood Education

Occupational credentials offered: NCCER, Washington State Childcare 30 Licensure and 1 year of CEUs

DOL funding amount: \$1,497,437

City, State: Spokane, WA

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: YouthBuild Spokane assists participants in earning their High School Equivalency or High School diploma. The program will enroll 15 Construction Plus members and 60 construction crew members. Construction Plus members will receive 20 hours/week of supervised field placement with a local non-profit providing resources and supports to families being served through Early Learning programs. YouthBuild Spokane members will also participate in quarterly community service projects and in the Covenant of Peace anti-violence and leadership curriculum. This curriculum is designed to provide youth with leadership skills and to address community violence/gang involvement.

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2024 DOL YouthBuild Grant Awards

Wisconsin

Employ Milwaukee Inc.

Training participants in: Construction, **Healthcare TBD**

Occupational credentials offered: HBI-PACT, **CNA**

DOL funding amount: \$1,500,000

City, State: Milwaukee, WI

Community type: Urban

Summary of program activities: Employ Milwaukee’s Cream City YouthBuild (CCYB) program is rooted in over a decade of partnerships and staff expertise delivering the YouthBuild model’s education, occupational skill training, paid hands-on work experience, and leadership development/community service learning for opportunity youth in high poverty, high unemployment neighborhoods in the city of Milwaukee. CCYB will provide industry-recognized training in construction through HBI-PACT and in Healthcare through Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF).

CCYB program highlights include leveraging of WIOA funding and services, integration with public workforce system, public housing authority worksites, contextualized HSED in both industries, and direct relationships with industry employers and Registered Apprenticeship.

CCYB will serve 24 participants on a construction track and 44 participants on a transportation track during the project period for a total of 68 served.

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