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\$1.1M YouthBuild grant awarded to Virgin Islands Housing Authority by the US Labor Department

Grant is part of \$73.6M awarded through this program across the country

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Labor today announced the award of \$73,654,300 in [YouthBuild](#) grants to support academic and occupational skills training for at-risk youth.

“YouthBuild offers thousands of young people the tools, resources and opportunities they need to punch their ticket to the middle class,” said U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez. “These federal grants are part of our broader effort to invest in the future of our nation’s youth and help them climb the ladder of opportunity.”

The Virgin Islands Housing Authority will receive a total of \$1,100,000 in federal funding to support the YouthBuild program.

The grants range from approximately \$700,000 to \$1.1 million each and will fund 71 YouthBuild programs across 31 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. They will help approximately 4,800 young people obtain the certifications and skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency. Along with the programs receiving funding today, the Labor Department now actively funds 322 YouthBuild programs around the country.

The YouthBuild program aligns with President Obama’s [My Brother’s Keeper](#) initiative and [job-driven training agenda](#) by promoting a “stepping stone” approach that provides a seamless progression from education to work-based training and results in good paying jobs for young adults. The community-based nature of these grants ensures that services are provided where they are needed most and are intended to reach the hardest to serve youth.

YouthBuild is a non-residential, community-based alternative education program that provides classroom instruction and occupational skills training to youth ages 16 to 24 who have been in the juvenile justice system, are aging out of foster care, have dropped out of high school or are otherwise at-risk of failing to reach key educational and career milestones.

The classroom training component leads to a high school diploma, general education development or other state-recognized equivalency diploma. The occupational skills training component provides YouthBuild participants with industry-recognized certifications in construction or other in-demand occupations, such as health care and information technology. Leadership development and community service are also key elements of the YouthBuild program, helping to ensure that participants maintain a connection to their communities through public service and volunteerism.

For more information about the Department of Labor's YouthBuild program, visit http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/youthbuild.cfm.

A list of all grantees, their locations and award amounts follows:

Grantee	City	State	Funding
Hale Empowerment and Revitalization Organization Inc.	Greensboro	Ala.	\$938,714
Little Rock Workforce Investment Board	Little Rock	Ark.	\$720,000
Able-Disabled Advocacy Inc.	San Diego	Calif.	\$1,100,000
Antelope Valley Partners for Health	Lancaster	Calif.	\$1,100,000
Los Angeles Communities Advocating for Unity, Social Justice, and Action Inc.	Los Angeles	Calif.	\$1,100,000
South Bay Workforce Investment Board Inc.	Hawthorne	Calif.	\$1,100,000
Women In Non Traditional Employment Roles	Los Angeles	Calif.	\$1,100,000
Colorado Construction Institute	Denver	Colo.	\$1,100,000
Capital Workforce Partners	Hartford	Conn.	\$1,100,000
Community Renewal Team Inc.	Hartford	Conn.	\$1,100,000
Sasha Bruce Youthwork Inc.	Washington	D.C.	\$1,099,324
Eastern Florida State College	Cocoa	Fla.	\$960,836
Florida Institute for Workforce Innovation Inc.	Gainesville	Fla.	\$1,100,000
Greater Miami Service Corps	Miami	Fla.	\$1,100,000
Housing Authority of Lakeland	Lakeland	Fla.	\$974,124
City of Atlanta-Atlanta Workforce Development Agency	Atlanta	Ga.	\$1,100,000
City of Savannah GA	Savannah	Ga.	\$936,000
Southwest Georgia United Empowerment Zone Inc.	Vienna	Ga.	\$1,100,000
Urban League of Greater Atlanta Inc.	Atlanta	Ga.	\$1,100,000
Community Council of Idaho Inc.	Caldwell	Idaho	\$900,000
Emerson Park Development Corp.	East St. Louis	Ill.	\$1,100,000
United Methodist Children's Home	Mt. Vernon	Ill.	\$1,100,000
YouthBuild McLean County	Normal	Ill.	\$1,100,000
Indianapolis Private Industry Council d/b/a EmployIndy	Indianapolis	Ind.	\$1,100,000
Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program Inc.	Hazard	Ky.	\$1,100,000
Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission	Covington	Ky.	\$1,097,653
Northshore Technical Community College	Bogalusa	La.	\$948,905
Southern University at Shreveport	Shreveport	La.	\$1,075,000
St. James Parish Government/Department of Human Resources	Convent	La.	\$900,000
Community Teamwork Inc.	Lowell	Mass.	\$1,067,145
Just-A-Start Corp.	Cambridge	Mass.	\$1,100,000
Lawrence Family Development and Education Fund Inc.	Lawrence	Mass.	\$1,100,000
North Shore Community Development Coalition	Salem	Mass.	\$1,100,000
Old Colony YMCA	Brockton	Mass.	\$1,100,000

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SVRC Industries Inc.	Saginaw	Mich.	\$1,015,000
Guadalupe Alternative Programs	Saint Paul	Minn.	\$768,000
CLIMB Community Development Corp.	Gulfport	Miss.	\$1,099,985
Mississippi Action for Community Education Inc.	Greenville	Miss.	\$1,077,266
West Jackson Community Development Corp.	Jackson	Miss.	\$1,100,000
Housing Authority of Kansas City, Missouri	Kansas City	Mo.	\$1,100,000
Job Point	Columbia	Mo.	\$1,100,000
St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment	St. Louis	Mo.	\$1,098,580
River City Community Development Corp.	Elizabeth City	N.C.	\$1,100,000
Telamon Corp.	Raleigh	N.C.	\$967,200
Housing Authority of the City of Camden	Camden	N.J.	\$1,100,000
Santa Fe Community College	Santa Fe	N.M.	\$1,099,944
Youth Development Inc.	Albuquerque	N.M.	\$1,100,000
Commission on Economic Opportunity	Troy	N.Y.	\$782,502
United Way of Long Island Inc.	Deer Park	N.Y.	\$1,100,000
YMCA of Greater New York	New York	N.Y.	\$1,097,249
County Corp.	Dayton	Ohio	\$1,099,999
Project REBUILD Inc.	Canton	Ohio	\$954,780
Sojourners Care Network	McArthur	Ohio	\$1,100,000
Community Development Support Assn. Inc.	Enid	Okla.	\$929,035
Heart of Oregon Corps Inc.	Bend	Ore.	\$1,100,000
Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board	Youngwood	Pa.	\$822,673
American YouthWorks	Austin	Texas	\$1,099,948
Community Development Corp. of Brownsville	Brownsville	Texas	\$711,226
George Gervin Youth Center Inc.	San Antonio	Texas	\$1,100,000
Ogden-Weber Applied Technology College	Ogden	Utah	\$1,092,673
Virgin Islands Housing Authority	St. Thomas	US Virgin Islands	\$1,100,000
International Relief & Development Inc.	Arlington	Va.	\$1,099,742
Pathways-VA Inc.	Petersburg	Va.	\$1,100,000
Shalom Homes Inc.	Petersburg	Va.	\$1,100,000
Randolph County Housing Authority	Elkins	W.Va.	\$1,060,419
Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council	Vancouver	Wash.	\$1,100,000
YouthCare	Seattle	Wash.	\$1,079,724
CAP Services Inc.	Stevens Point	Wis.	\$704,200
Community Action Inc. of Rock and Walworth Counties	Beloit	Wis.	\$720,000
Milwaukee Area Technical College District	Milwaukee	Wis.	\$1,089,254
Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board Inc.	Milwaukee	Wis.	\$967,200
Total			\$73,654,300

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