



ARRA GREEN JOBS TRAINING: ENERGY TRAINING PARTNERSHIP GRANT AWARDS



Washington Energy Training Partnership Grants

Grantee: H-CAP, Inc.

Location of Grant Activities: California, District of Columbia, Maryland, New York, and Washington

Areas Affected: WA County: King; NY Counties: Kings, Bronx, Richmond, Queens, New York; MD Counties: Baltimore, Prince Georges; CA Counties: Los Angeles, Riverside; District of Columbia

Auto-Impacted Counties Being Served: Baltimore City (MD) and Los Angeles (CA)

Industries of Focus: Energy Efficiency Building and Retrofit Industries, and Energy Efficiency Assessment Industry

Highlighted Participants Served: Immigrants and minorities

National or Local Grant: National

Amount: \$4,637,551

Key Partnerships: Health Care Without Harm (HCWH), North Seattle Community College (NSCC), Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Education Support Fund (ESF), 1199 SEIU TEF Labor Management Project (LMP), and Workforce Investment Boards and One-Stop Career Centers serving Los Angeles, CA; King County, WA; Baltimore City & Baltimore County, MD; New York City, NY; and the District of Columbia

Project Description: The grantee will provide green enhanced skills training to job seekers and entry-level environmental service workers for new and emerging green occupations in the healthcare industry. The grantee will collect existing curricula and develop new curricula and certificate programs at the college and industry level for green environmental service positions. Health Care Without Harm will share its environmental data tracking tool and train the participating regions on its use. The grantee will also evaluate the environmental impact of the project in terms of reductions in energy, pollution, waste, and water usage as a result of new cleaning methodologies.

Proposed Outcomes: Approximately 3,000 job seekers and entry-level environmental service workers will receive training and approximately 2,700 entry-level workers will receive certificates and training in new and emerging green occupations. The grantee will also develop three new curricula, 22 nationally-recognized certificates, and 12 webinars that will cover topics including the role of environmental service workers in green healthcare, the development of cross-industry green jobs, and green career pathways for entry-level workers.

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Energy Training Partnership Grants Overview

The Energy Training Partnership grant program will provide training for workers that prepares them to enter the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries, as well as green occupations within other industries. These grants invest in partnerships made up of diverse set of stakeholders including labor organizations, public or private employers in the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries, and the workforce system. Bringing together the workforce expertise of these groups will allow grantees to develop programs that are responsive to the needs of both workers and employers, and that provide participants with the support needed to successfully complete training. The grantees will utilize these partnerships to design and distribute training approaches that lead to portable industry credentials and employment, including registered apprenticeship. The Department of Labor awarded grants to workforce development projects that focused on connecting target populations to career pathways in green industries. The Department also was interested in projects that contributed to our understanding of green industries and jobs that clean and enhance our environment.

These investments are designed to achieve the following goals:

- Provide training and placement services in the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries for workers impacted by national energy and environmental policy, individuals in need of updated training related to the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries, and unemployed workers.
- All training and placement activities funded through this grant program will be conducted at the local level.
- A portion of the total funds—approximately \$25 million—are reserved for projects that will serve communities impacted by automotive industry-related restructuring.

Twenty-five (25) grant awards ranging from approximately \$1.4 million to \$5 million each were made to private nonprofit organizations that applied under one of two categories: (1) National labor-management organizations with local networks, or (2) Statewide or local nonprofit partnerships.

Recovery Act: Competitive Grants for Green Job Training

On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) to preserve and create jobs, promote the nation's economic recovery, and assist those most impacted by the recession. The purpose of these grants is to teach workers the skills required in emerging industries including energy efficiency and renewable energy.