



Montana

Grant Program:	Green Capacity Building
Grantee Name:	Blackfeet Tribal Business Council
Grantee City/State:	Browning, MT
Grant Award Amount:	\$96,257
Initial Period of Performance:	December 2009 – November 2010
Project Name:	Green Capacity Building Project
Project Description:	The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council will add green components to its YouthBuild training program in cooperation with the University of Montana Great Falls' College of Technology. These components will include residential wind, solar and energy audit training. The initiative includes collaboration with the Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes, who have recently entered into an agreement to begin the large-scale manufacturing of residential solar panels.
Areas Served by Grant:	Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Glacier and Pondera counties of Montana
PUMAs Served:	NA
Auto-Impacted Counties Served:	NA
National or Local Grant:	NA
Targeted Industries:	Green Construction
Targeted Credentials:	One year Certificate in Building Trades at Blackfeet Community College
Targeted Occupations:	Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, Painting, Drywall Application, Masonry
Targeted Populations:	Lodge Builder Applicants who are Working Parents, Military or Non-Military service, disadvantaged youth, youth offenders, persons without GEDs, those assessed as being skill deficient despite having obtained a high school diploma or GED
All Project Partners:	Montana State University – Great Falls College of Technology, Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes, Working Friends One-Stop Center, Blackfeet Community College, Blackfeet Housing Architecture and Engineering, Blackfeet Housing Authority, Blackfeet Manpower
Projected Outcomes:	
Curriculum, course materials, or competency models and career ladders developed or updated with grant funds:	INA
The number of instructors projected to participate in capacity building activities:	1





The number of individuals projected to be trained by these instructors:	60
The estimated number of other individuals (besides these students and instructors) projected to participate and/or benefit from capacity building activities:	INA
Other Key Project Deliverables:	Through this project, 60 disadvantaged youth from the Blackfeet reservation will acquire marketable skills in emerging green technologies, helping to ensure that they can compete effectively in the local and regional labor markets. Additionally, one solar and one wind alternative energy system will be installed each year into residential homes on the Blackfeet reservation as an integral element of the YouthBuild coursework.
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