

*YouthBuild Newark, Inc.*

**GRANTEE:** YouthBuild Newark, Inc.

**LOCATION OF GRANT ACTIVITIES:** Greater Newark area of New Jersey

**AMOUNT:** \$1,775,040

**VALUE OF MATCH AND OTHER LEVERAGED RESOURCES:** \$1,079,750

**POPULATION SERVED:** Youth ages 14-17 that have been involved in the juvenile justice system

**KEY PARTNERSHIPS:** Apostle's House, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice, Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program, State of New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, Covenant House New Jersey, Women in Support of Million Man March

**KEY STRATEGIES:** YouthBuild Newark, Inc. is a youth and community development agency that serves at-risk youth and young adults. The proposal makes a strong case for the need to replicate this program. The central ward of Newark has a 39% poverty level, 19% unemployment rate and 51% drop-out rate. The program receives over 300 applications annually, but can serve 60-65 youth each year. There are currently over 600 people on the waiting list, and additional 400 have aged out of the waiting list. YouthBuild Newark has a program model that works and replication is a means by which additional youth and young adults can be served. Programming includes: high school equivalency preparation; leadership development; case management; civic engagement; credentialing activities such as NCCER training and C-tech training; and hands-on construction training.

The primary components of the program expansion include the identification and training of additional staff. Engaging the appropriate personnel is critically important so that the integrity of the organizational culture is maintained. Administratively, the organization is capable of managing the necessary coordination of: additional insurances, fund reporting, equipment purchases and maintenance, supply inventory.

**PROPOSED OUTCOMES:**

- Recruitment of 120 young adults to Mental Toughness Orientation, 70% graduation rate, 75% program completion rate, 80% attendance rate throughout program, 70% high school equivalency diploma completion rate
- Skills Training: 85% will pass the skills certification test.
- Employment/Education Placements: 100% in employment, Employment Retention: 70%  
College Placement: 80%
- Literacy, Numeracy Gains: 100% of all students in the program will improve their literacy and numeracy skills



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