



Connecticut

Grant Program:	Green Capacity Building
Grantee Name:	Co-opportunity, Inc.
Grantee City/State:	Hartford, Connecticut
Grant Award Amount:	\$69,933
Initial Period of Performance:	December 2009 – November 2010
Project Name:	YouthBuild Hartford Green Jobs Initiative
Project Description:	The city of Hartford and its surrounding towns face serious challenges related to poverty and aging housing stock in need of rehabilitation. In response, the grantee will focus its capacity building efforts on training for the deconstruction occupation, in which workers dismantle buildings with the goal of preserving reusable materials and reducing landfill needs. The project will integrate deconstruction training into its regular, 10-module Pre-Apprenticeship Certification Training (PACT) curriculum for YouthBuild Hartford (YBH) participants. The grantee will also contract to provide two two-week modules of on-the-job deconstruction training to YBH participants, and will provide a train-the-trainer program to enable YBH’s construction instructors to become licensed providers of deconstruction training on an ongoing basis.
Areas Served by Grant:	Hartford, Connecticut
PUMAs Served:	NA
Auto-Impacted Counties Served:	NA
National or Local Grant:	NA
Targeted Industries:	Green construction and rehabilitation/retrofitting, focused on deconstruction
Targeted Credentials:	Deconstruction training and credentialing through The ReUse People, a nationally-recognized deconstruction and materials salvaging and re-use expert
Targeted Occupations:	Deconstruction specialists
Targeted Populations:	Disadvantaged, inner-city youth aged 18-24
All Project Partners:	Connecticut Departments of Economic and Community Development, Environmental Protection, and Labor; Connecticut Office of Workforce Competitiveness; Capital Workforce Partners, Connecticut Business and Industry Association; Eastern Connecticut State University’s Institute for Sustainable Energy; City of Hartford Housing Office, The ReUse People (TRP), Recycle North, The ReCONNstruction Center, Habitat for Humanity Connecticut ReStore locations





Projected Outcomes:	
Curriculum, course materials, or competency models and career ladders developed or updated with grant funds:	The project will integrate deconstruction training into its regular, 10-module Pre-Apprenticeship Certification Training (PACT) curriculum for YouthBuild Hartford (YBH) participants. The grantee will also contract to provide two two-week modules of on-the-job deconstruction training to YBH participants.
The number of instructors projected to participate in capacity building activities:	2-3
The number of individuals projected to be trained by these instructors:	20
The estimated number of other individuals (besides these students and instructors) projected to participate and/or benefit from capacity building activities:	Approximately 20 YBH students per year will benefit from the capacity building activities through receiving enhanced training and using grant-funded tools and equipment in the years following the grant period
Other Key Project Deliverables:	NA
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