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| Grant Program: | Green Capacity Building |
| Grantee Name: | Springfield Urban League, Inc. |
| Grantee City/State: | Springfield, Illinois |
| Grant Award Amount: | \$100,000 |
| Initial Period of Performance: | December 2009 – November 2010 |
| Project Name: | Opportunity Green Works Program – Green Capacity Building Program and Green Jobs Training, Workforce Development and Placement |
| Project Description: | <p>Opportunity Green Works Program (OGWP) is developing a pioneering workforce initiative that will ensure that existing YouthBuild participants and communities of color have the necessary resources to access the opportunities of the growing clean energy economy, particularly the emerging green building sector. The OGWP will implement three major components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Utilize the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) “Basic Carpentry” modules; 2. YouthBuild participant job training/placement in green industry jobs; and 3. Community engagement through a green technologies workshop and job fair. |
| Areas Served by Grant: | Sangamon County, Illinois |
| PUMAs Served: | NA |
| Auto-Impacted Counties Served: | NA |
| National or Local Grant: | NA |
| Targeted Industries: | Energy Conservation (Weatherization), Renewable Energy, Construction, Transportation, Manufacturing, Agriculture |
| Targeted Credentials: | Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Certificate, National Center for Construction, Education and Research (NCCER) Green Certification |
| Targeted Occupations: | Outdoor Educator, Ecologist, Conservationist Researcher, Naturalist, Parks Planner, Park Ranger, Waste Manager, Environmental Planner, Urban Planner, Green Builder, Climate Program Assistant, Field Service Assistant |
| Targeted Populations: | Youth, Entry-level craft workers |
| All Project Partners: | Land of Lincoln Workforce Investment Board, Capital Area Career Center, Springfield Housing Authority, Youth Council, Springfield Urban League, TSP-HOPE, Springfield Park District, So and Central IL Laborer’s Council |
| Projected Outcomes: | |
| Curriculum, course materials, or competency models and career ladders developed or updated with grant funds: | Staff trained and certified in LEED Green certification and NCCER certification, NCCER “Your Role in the Green Environment”, “Basic Carpentry” |





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| The number of instructors projected to participate in capacity building activities: | 4 |
| The number of individuals projected to be trained by these instructors: | 50 |
| The estimated number of other individuals (besides these students and instructors) projected to participate and/or benefit from capacity building activities: | 75 to 100 |
| Other Key Project Deliverables: | This program is targeting significant improvements in green awareness, employment status, and wages for the majority of participants. The project anticipates that 70% of participants will complete the curriculum and obtain their green certificates. Furthermore, this program expects that 70% of participants will matriculate into entry-level green energy conservation or construction jobs. |
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