



Grant Program:	Pathways Out of Poverty
Grantee Name:	West Hills Community College District
Grantee City/State:	Coalinga, CA
Grant Award Amount:	\$3,000,000
Initial Period of Performance:	January 2010 – January 2012
Project Name:	Pathways Out of Poverty Green Technology Training in Rural Central California
Project Description:	This project will recruit rural disadvantaged adults and provide an array of supportive services including pre-training assessments, pre-employment workshops, GED training and applied basic skills remediation to prepare participants for local green employment opportunities. The development of a Green Technology curriculum will be utilized to train participants for the regional training needs in solar farming, food processing, agricultural manufacturing, energy efficient construction and remodeling, and water conservation. In addition to providing accessible training opportunities, the initiative will meet the bilingual needs of program participants by offering Spanish speaking recruiters, and bilingual education and training resources where applicable.
Areas Served by Grant:	Mendota, Firebaugh, San Joaquin, Huron, Coalinga, Lemoore, Avenal and the unincorporated communities of Tranquility, Riverdale, Biola and Five Points in Fresno and Kings Counties, CA
PUMAs Served:	03600, 03401
Auto-Impacted Counties Served:	N/A
National or Local Grant:	Local
Targeted Industries:	Solar Energy, Water Management, Sustainable Manufacturing, Construction
Targeted Credentials:	West Hills Community College Training Certificates
Targeted Occupations:	Solar installers, solar technicians, industrial mechanics, green construction & irrigation management specialists.
Targeted Populations:	Rural disadvantaged adults
All Project partners:	West Hills College, Workforce Investment Board (WIB) One Stop, Westside Tule Enterprise Community, City Partners, Westside Institute of Technology, Central Labor Council of Fresno, Madera, Tulare, & Kings Counties, Clean Tech America, Safety & Training Consultants Inc., Gill Ranch Storage, Grundfos Pumps, New Solar Farms in Mendota, Firebaugh & Coalinga, Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board, San Joaquin Valley Solar Projects, Solargen Energy Inc., Chevron, Mendota Federal Prison, CA State Correctional Facilities, Guinn Construction, City





	Maintenance Dept and Industrial Food Processors / Manufacturing, the City of Coalinga, and the Communities of Huron, Coalinga, San Joaquin, Firebaugh and Mendota
Projected outcomes:	
Total number of participants served:	300
Total number of participants beginning education/training activities:	300
Total number of participants who receive basic education services:	240
Total number of participants who receive supportive services funded by the grant:	180
Total number of participants completing education/training activities:	210
Total number of participants who complete education/training activities that receive a degree/certificate:	150
Total number of participants who complete education/training activities that are placed into unsubsidized employment:	147
Total number of participants who complete education/training activities that are placed into training-related unsubsidized employment:	126
Total number of participants placed in unsubsidized employment who retain an employed status in the first and second quarters following initial placement:	115
Other Key Project Deliverables:	Curriculum for nine new classes leads to a college Applied Engineering Technician degree. Classes include: electrical (3), solar (2), pneumatics (2), irrigation (1), green construction (1)
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