



<b>Grant Program:</b>	Green Capacity Building
<b>Grantee Name:</b>	YouthBuild USA
<b>Grantee City/State:</b>	Somerville, MA
<b>Grant Award Amount:</b>	\$78,047
<b>Initial Period of Performance:</b>	December 2009 – November 2010
<b>Project Name:</b>	YouthBuild Green Capacity Training Program
<b>Project Description:</b>	The “YouthBuild Gulfport Green Training” project will extend the existing YouthBuild program in order to build the capacity of its staff and provide additional equipment to train program participants in green construction techniques to prepare them for jobs in the green construction sector. Program participants will engage in intensive coursework that will incorporate weekly classroom instruction and hands-on, worksite skills training in weatherization, solar panel systems, and green building technology. Unique program characteristics, such as the Green Community Collaborative Speaker Training Series Forum that will bring local construction compact representatives to share how green technologies are incorporated in their daily work or industry trends in green occupations, will serve to further enhance participants’ experience. Additionally, YouthBuild Gulfport will employ these techniques in its on-going construction and renovation of affordable housing in the Biloxi and Gulfport communities in Harrison County, Mississippi.
<b>Areas Served by Grant:</b>	Gulfport/Biloxi, MS (Harrison County)
<b>PUMAs Served:</b>	NA
<b>Auto-Impacted Counties Served:</b>	NA
<b>National or Local Grant:</b>	NA
<b>Targeted Industries:</b>	Weatherization Retrofits, Renewable Energy Generation, Green Construction
<b>Targeted Credentials:</b>	OSHA’s Hazard Communication Standard and National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) core Curriculum Certificate programs. Students will receive certificates in weatherization training.
<b>Targeted Occupations:</b>	Energy Auditor, Residential Air Sealing Technician, Green Marketer/Urban Planner, Energy Consultant/Sales Person, Solar & PV Installer-Roofer, Solar Lab Technician, Sustainable Home Designer, Weatherization Operations Manager, Insulation Installer
<b>Targeted Populations:</b>	Disadvantaged youth, low-income young adults
<b>All Project Partners:</b>	Pearl River Valley Opportunity, Inc., Mississippi Power, Department of Human Service (DHS), Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), Roy Anderson Construction, Yates Construction, Local Chapter of the National Association of Home Builders





<b>Projected Outcomes:</b>	
Curriculum, course materials, or competency models and career ladders developed or updated with grant funds:	A green resource library will be built and a green training curricula and equipment will be acquired.
The number of instructors projected to participate in capacity building activities:	4
The number of individuals projected to be trained by these instructors:	40
The estimated number of other individuals (besides these students and instructors) projected to participate and/or benefit from capacity building activities:	70
<b>Other Key Project Deliverables:</b>	This program is anticipated to build the institutional capacity of YouthBuild to provide cutting-edge training by successfully training and certifying all four of YouthBuild’s construction staff. Additionally, students will green six low-income homes while participating in consumer education classes, incorporating community building into the learning curriculum.
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