



Green Jobs Training Competitive Grants Provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Congress provided \$500 million for competitive grants for Green Jobs training. The Department of Labor (DOL) has divided this funding into five grant competitions for strategic partnerships and other entities to prepare workers for jobs in the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries. Below are brief summaries of each grant program. Please visit our website www.usmayors.org under Mainstreet Economic Recovery for links to the full grant announcements in the Federal Register.

Pathways Out of Poverty Grants

Applications due: 9/29/09

The Department of Labor allocated \$150 million for grants to help local and national nonprofit organizations provide career pathways for high school dropouts, disadvantaged individuals living in high poverty areas, unemployed individuals, and ex-offenders. Programs must train individuals for careers in one of the seven renewable energy and energy efficiency industries listed in the Green Jobs Act (§171(e) of the Workforce Investment Act), or green professions in emerging industries producing jobs within the community (as demonstrated by the applicant). Grants may be awarded to local private or public nonprofit entities for projects serving a single community, or national nonprofit organizations that deliver services through local affiliates proposing projects that serve three to seven communities in at least two states. Both local and national applicants must incorporate strategic partnerships including the public workforce investment system, nonprofit organizations, public and private employers and industry associations, education and training providers and labor organizations into their projects. Grantees may use up to five percent of grant funds for supportive services.

State Energy Sector Partnership (SESP) and Training Grants

Applications due: 10/20/09

DOL allocated \$190 million for grants to support state workforce investment boards, in partnership with One Stop Career Centers, local workforce boards and state workforce agencies, to provide training that focuses on a comprehensive statewide energy sector strategy. Programs must train individuals for careers in one of the seven renewable energy and energy efficiency industries listed in the Green Jobs Act (§171(e) of the Workforce Investment Act), including the construction and retrofit, energy efficient building and assessment, and biofuels industries. Applicants must form State Energy Sector Partnerships—which must include representatives from state workforce agencies, the state workforce investment board, One Stop Career Centers, local workforce boards, state cabinet officials from agencies receiving energy efficiency and renewable energy resources-related ARRA funding, labor organizations and representatives of private, public and nonprofit employers in the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries—to contribute to the planning and implementation of the grant. Grantees may use up to five percent of grant funds for supportive services. Roughly \$25 million of the total SESP funds will be reserved for communities affected by automotive-related restructuring.

Energy Training Partnership Grants

Applications due: 9/4/09

DOL allotted \$100 million for grants to local or statewide nonprofit partnerships and national labor-management organizations for projects providing training to target populations. Priority will be given to training projects serving unemployed workers, workers affected by national environmental and energy policy, veterans or members (past or present) of reserve components of the Armed Forces and individuals requiring updated training for renewable energy and energy efficiency industries. Projects may also serve populations which are historically underrepresented in the construction and skilled-trade occupations, including women and minorities and individuals with a criminal record. Programs must train individuals for careers in one of the seven renewable energy and energy efficiency industries listed in the Green Jobs Act (§171(e) of the Workforce Investment Act), or green professions in emerging industries producing jobs within the community (as demonstrated by the applicant). Applicants must form partnerships that include representatives from local workforce investment boards, labor organizations, industry and employer organizations and One Stop Career Centers. Grantees may only use up to five percent of grant funds for supportive services. Roughly \$25 million of the total Energy Training Partnership funds will be reserved for communities affected by automotive-related restructuring.

Green Capacity Building Grants

Applications due: 8/5/09

The Department of Labor designated \$5 million for grants to organizations currently receiving DOL grant funding under certain programs, including the Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative, the National Farmworkers Jobs Program, YouthBuild, Women in Apprenticeship and Non-Traditional Occupations and others. These organizations may use grant funds for capacity building to provide training for entry-level positions in career pathways in the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries. Priority will be given to unemployed individuals, veterans, serving workers impacted by national environmental and energy policy and other populations. No Green Capacity Building funds may be used for supportive services.

State Labor Market Information Improvement Grants

Applications due 8/14/09

DOL allocated \$50 million for grants to state workforce agencies, or consortiums of such agencies, to enhance the labor exchange infrastructure and collect, analyze, and disseminate labor market information for careers in the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries. Projects must be implemented through strategic partnerships which must include state workforce investment boards and state labor market information and research entities (as demonstrated by the applicant). Partnership may also incorporate additional partners including colleges and universities, community-based organizations, labor organizations and others.