



Scorecard Survey Results from the ARRA Summer Youth Employment Program

Looking back at the use of American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds, the 2009 Summer Jobs program presents some impressive results for the dollars spent. In the cities surveyed, a total of 185,291 youth applications were received. The locals estimated that 74,564 youth could potentially be served with the available funds and the Summer Jobs programs enrolled 74,190 individuals, nearly reaching the full predicted capacity. A majority of the responding cities closed their application process once the target number of youth workers was reached. The summer programs consisted of on-average nine weeks of employment, with an average hourly wage of \$7.93. Of the 74,190 participating youth, the mean age range was from 15-24 years of age.

Sector Components

Approximately 70 percent of the worksites were in the public sector, and 69 percent of the polled cities included a sector component in their summer jobs program. Specific sectors represented include: Green Jobs (such as employment in parks, the City Department of Environmental Protection, environmental studies projects, energy auditor programs and habitat restoration projects); healthcare (including IT and wellness in various settings such as hospitals, medical offices, nursing homes, clinics, and cancer research facilities), education (both after-school time and childcare); financial services and local government; high tech manufacturing/advanced manufacturing; information technology (including employment as computer technicians and Cisco certification training opportunities in addition to healthcare IT); and the electrical sector.

Additional Funding

To enlarge the pool of resources and provide more summer jobs, 75 percent of the workforce areas leveraged funds outside of ARRA. Outside funds were leveraged from several sources including: city funds (such as local general revenue funds and funds from the city Office for Youth Services); federal earmarks; TANF grants; state funding (such as state grants); private contributions; municipalities funding; WIA year-round funds; foundation grants; school district funding; private sector funding (such as local companies); funding from community organizations; state Department of Education funds, funds from Operation Military Kids; and In-Kind Support from the Regional Education Council.

Community Services Leveraged

Many communities also leveraged other services from local organizations, including the following partners: faith-based and community organizations; schools (including direct schools and local community colleges); foster care programs; Communities in Services; non-profit organizations; city departments (such as the Department of Rehabilitative Services and the

Department of Protective and Regulatory Referrals/Outreach); private companies (online and local businesses); and job training organizations. In several locations, community projects were supported and sponsored by nursing homes, school districts, local newspapers, cities, and radio stations.

One point which clearly emerges from the data is that increased funding would certainly result in increased capacity for Summer Jobs programs to meet the significant demand for Summer Jobs; addressing the disparity between the number of applications received and number able to be served.



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The U.S. Conference of Mayors is compiling data on the 2009 Summer Jobs program. Please answer the questions below and return this survey no later than **Tuesday, July 28th**. This data is crucial in our advocacy efforts for reinstatement of a permanent summer youth employment program. Please send to the attention of Melissa Grothus at mgrothus@usmayors.org or by fax at 202-293-2352. Thank you.

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| Number of Youth Applications received? (With New York 12, 352) | Average: 3,267 Total: 185,291 |
| Number of Youth which h could be served with funds awarded? (With New York 4,971) | Average: 1,596 Total: 74,564 |
| Were applications closed once a local target number was reached? | 53% Yes 47% No |
| Number of Youth enrolled in the Program? (With New York 4,637) | Average; 1,465 Total: 74,190 |
| Number of work weeks in your summer program | Average: 9 weeks |
| What was the age of youth served during the summer with ARRA funds? | Average: 15-24 |
| Wage paid to the youth | Average: 7.93 |
| Number of public sector worksites (With New York, 298) | Average #: 110 Total #:4995 Average %: 70% |
| Number of private sector worksites | Average: 272 Total: 3878 Average %: 30% |
| Is there a sector component in your summer program? Please describe. (Example: Green Jobs, Health Care, Information Technology) | 69% Yes 31% No |
| Have you leveraged funds outside of ARRA to create more summer jobs? Explain Below. | 75% Yes 25% No |
| Additional Comments | |