

## **YOUTHBUILD**

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Every year, thousands of disadvantaged youth drop out of high school, starting down a road that too often leads to poverty, dependence and crime. Youthbuild helps these dropouts choose the more productive path toward self-sufficiency by providing funding for education, employment skills and meaningful on-site work experience in a construction trade. In Youthbuild, participants spend time learning in the classroom, earn income as a trainee at construction sites, and contribute to their community by helping to build or rehabilitate affordable housing.

### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Public or private nonprofit agencies, public housing authorities, state and local governments, Indian tribes, or any organization eligible to provide education and employment training under federal employment training programs.

Youthbuild participants are very-low-income high school dropouts between the ages of 16 and 24; up to 25 percent of participants may have higher incomes or a high school education, but must have educational needs that justify their inclusion in the program.

### **TYPE OF ASSISTANCE**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awards Youthbuild funds as competitive grants.

### **AVAILABLE FUNDING**

For FY 2008, \$60 million is available nationwide.

### **SOURCE OF FUNDS**

Congressional appropriation; authorized under Subtitle D (U.S.C. 8011, as amended) of Title IV of the National Affordable Housing Act, added through Section 164 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, Section 164, Public Law 102-550.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS/DEADLINES**

After HUD publishes a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Youthbuild program, applicants must submit specific information about a proposed project in their application; they must also certify that the project is consistent with the Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction where each proposed project is found; after HUD makes conditional selections, applicants must then submit additional information; the most recent Youthbuild NOFA and application kit may also be found at the Youthbuild page on HUD's Web site or by contacting Community Connections at 1-(800) 998-9999 to request the Youthbuild Application Package.

### **MATCHING/OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

Contact the local HUD office that represents your area.

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## **CONTACT**

Community Connections (Notice of Funding Availability): 1-(800) 998-9999

There are four HUD offices serving the State of Florida.

### Jacksonville:

400 W. Bay Street, Suite 1015  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
(904) 232-2627  
Fax: (904) 232-3759

Jurisdiction: the following 36 counties in North Florida: Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Columbia, Clay, Dixie, Duval, Escambia, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Nassau, Okaloosa, Putnam, St. Johns, Santa Rosa, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Walton and Washington.

### Miami:

Brickell Plaza Federal Building  
909 S.E. First Avenue, Room 500  
Miami, FL 33131-3028  
(305) 536-4456  
TTD: (305) 536-4743  
Fax: (305) 536-5765

Jurisdiction: the following 10 counties in South Florida: Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach.

### Orlando:

3751 Maguire Boulevard, Suite 270  
Orlando, FL 32803  
(407) 648-6441  
Fax: (407) 648-6310

Jurisdiction: the following nine counties in East Central Florida: Brevard, Indian River, Lake, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, St. Lucie, Seminole and Volusia.

### Tampa:

Timberlake Federal Building  
500 E. Zack Street, Suite 402  
Tampa, FL 33602-2945  
(813) 228-2026  
TTD: (813) 228-2115  
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Jurisdiction: the following 12 counties in West Central Florida: Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota and Sumter.