

March 1, 2011 - The US Department of Labor announced it awarded a nearly \$1 Million grant to fund the YouthBuild program in Yuba County.

The grant will provide continued preparation of young people for good jobs. The program was one of 31 in 20 states to receive funding this year according to Patti Clary, Director of the local Youthbuild program.

"YouthBuild is a triple win for the young people who participate in the program, the local communities that benefit from their efforts and our nation as a whole," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "YouthBuild helps young people who might otherwise slip through the cracks gain the educational and occupational skills that are necessary for a successful future. At the same time, these youngsters make valuable contributions to their neighborhoods through community service projects and the construction or renovation of affordable housing."

The Youthbuild program locally is administered through the Yuba County Office of Education and will work in partnership with the Habitat for Humanity program. The \$998,108 grant will allow the program to enroll, train and educate about 70 youth, as well as pay the costs for building at least two homes in Marysville for low-income residents.

Yuba County Superintendent of Schools Scotia Holmes Sanchez stated "It will provide students another option in programs as well as some job opportunities for the community." "And somebody in the community will also end up with a very nice house as a result of YouthBuild and the partnership" the Superintendent said.

YouthBuild participants include individuals, 16 to 24 years old, who have been in the juvenile justice system, youth aging out of foster care, high school dropouts and others. In addition to receiving academic and occupational skills training, young people develop leadership skills and participate in community service opportunities.



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