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1   AN ACT Relating to youth job training and work force preparation;
2 amending RCW 50.72.010, 50.72.020, 50.72.030, 50.72.040, 50.72.050,
3 50.72.070, and 43.185.070; adding a new section to chapter 50.72 RCW;
4 adding a new section to chapter 28C.18 RCW; repealing RCW 50.67.030;
5 and making an appropriation.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7   **Sec. 1.** RCW 50.72.010 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 1 are each amended to
8 read as follows:
9   (1) The legislature finds that there is a need to:
10   (a) Expand the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless
11 individuals, low and very low-income persons, and special need
12 populations by utilizing the energies and talents of economically
13 disadvantaged youth;
14   (b) Provide economically disadvantaged youth with opportunities for
15 meaningful work and service to their communities in helping to meet the
16 housing needs of homeless individuals, low and very low-income persons,
17 and special need populations;

1   (c) Enable economically disadvantaged youth to obtain the education
2 and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency;
3 and
4   (d) Foster the development of leadership skills and commitment to
5 community development among youth ((in designated community empowerment
6 zones)).
7   (2) The legislature declares that the purpose of the Washington
8 ((youthbuild)) youthbuilt program is to:
9   (a) Help disadvantaged youth who have dropped out of school to
10 obtain the education and employment skills necessary to achieve
11 economic self-sufficiency and develop leadership skills and a
12 commitment to community development ((in designated community
13 empowerment zones)); and
14   (b) Provide funding assistance to entities implementing programs
15 that provide comprehensive education and skills training programs
16 designed to lead to self-sufficiency for economically disadvantaged
17 youth.

18   **Sec. 2.** RCW 50.72.020 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 2 are each amended to
19 read as follows:
20   Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
21 this section apply throughout this chapter.
22   (1) "Applicant" means a public or private nonprofit organization
23 agency eligible to provide education and employment training under
24 federal or state employment training programs.
25   (2) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment security.
26   (3) "Department" means the employment security department.
27   (4) "Low income" has the same meaning as in RCW 43.185A.010.
28   (5) (("Participant" means an individual that:
29 (a) Is sixteen to twenty-four years of age, inclusive;
30 (b) Is or is a member of a very low-income household; and
31 (c) Is)) "Individual who has dropped out of high school" means an
32 individual who is neither attending any school nor subject to a
33 compulsory attendance law and who has not received a secondary school
34 diploma or a certificate of equivalency for such diploma.
35   (6) "Very low income" means a person or household whose income is
36 at or below fifty percent of the median family income, adjusted for
37 household size, for the county where the household is located.

1   (7) "((Youthbuild)) Youthbuilt" means any program that provides
2 disadvantaged youth with opportunities for employment, education,
3 leadership development, entrepreneurial skills development, and
4 training in the construction or rehabilitation of housing for special
5 need populations, very low-income households, or low-income households.

6   **Sec. 3.** RCW 50.72.030 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 3 are each amended to
7 read as follows:
8   The Washington ((youthbuild)) youthbuilt program is established
9 within the department.   The commissioner((~~, in cooperation and~~
10 ~~consultation with the director of the department of community, trade,~~
11 ~~and economic development, shall~~)) may:
12   (1) Make grants, up to the lesser of three hundred thousand dollars
13 or twenty-five percent of the total costs of the ((youthbuild))
14 youthbuilt activities, to applicants eligible to provide education and
15 employment training under federal or state employment training
16 programs, for the purpose of carrying out a wide range of
17 multidisciplinary activities and services to assist economically
18 disadvantaged youth under the federal opportunities for youth:
19 Youthbuild program (106 Stat. 3723; 42 U.S.C. Sec. 8011), or locally
20 developed ((youthbuild-type)) youthbuilt-type programs for economically
21 disadvantaged youth; ((and))
22   (2) Coordinate youth employment and training efforts under the
23 department's jurisdiction and cooperate with other agencies and
24 departments providing youth job training or work force preparation
25 services to ensure that funds appropriated for the purposes of this
26 chapter will be used to supplement funding from federal, state, local,
27 or private sources; and
28   (3) Provide a waiver to allow an applicant's program to select no
29 more than twenty-five percent of the participants in its program who do
30 not meet the requirement of RCW 50.72.050(1)(c), but who have
31 educational needs despite attainment of a high school diploma or its
32 equivalent.

33   **Sec. 4.** RCW 50.72.040 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 4 are each amended to
34 read as follows:
35   (1) Grants made under this chapter shall be used to fund an
36 applicant's activities to implement a comprehensive education and
37 employment skills training program.

1   (2) Activities eligible for assistance under this chapter include:

2   (a) Education and job skills training services and activities that

3 include:

4   (i) Work experience and skills training, coordinated to the maximum

5 extent feasible, with preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs in

6 construction and rehabilitation trades;

7   (ii) Services and activities designed to meet the educational needs

8 of participants, including basic skills instruction and remedial

9 education, bilingual education for participants with limited-English

10 proficiency, secondary education services and activities designed to

11 lead to the attainment of a high school diploma or its equivalent, and

12 counseling and assistance in attaining postsecondary education and

13 required financial aid;

14   (b) Counseling services and related activities;

15   (c) Activities designed to develop employment and leadership

16 skills;

17   (d) Support services and need-based stipends necessary to enable

18 the participant to participate in the program and to assist

19 participants through support services in retaining employment;

20   (e) Wage stipends and benefits provided to participants; and

21   (f) Administrative costs of the applicant, not to exceed ((~~five~~))

22 nine percent of the amount of assistance provided under this chapter.

23   **Sec. 5.** RCW 50.72.050 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 5 are each amended to

24 read as follows:

25   (1) Except as provided in RCW 50.72.030(3), an individual selected

26 to participate in a youthbuilt program funded under this chapter must

27 be:

28   (a) Sixteen through twenty-four years of age, inclusive;

29   (b) A very low-income individual or a member of a very low-income

30 household; and

31   (c) An individual who has dropped out of high school.

32   (2) An individual selected as a participant in the ((~~youthbuild~~))

33 youthbuilt program under this chapter may be offered full-time

34 participation for a period of not less than six months and not more

35 than twenty-four months.

36   (((~~2~~))) (3) An applicant's program that is selected for funding

37 under this chapter shall be structured so that fifty percent of the

38 time spent by the participants in the ((~~youthbuild~~)) youthbuilt program

1 is devoted to educational services and activities, such as those
2 outlined in RCW 50.72.040.

3 **Sec. 6.** RCW 50.72.070 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 7 are each amended to
4 read as follows:
5 (1) An applicant selected for funding under this chapter shall
6 provide the department information on program and participant
7 accomplishments. The information shall be provided in progress and
8 final reports as requested by the department.
9 (2) ((The department shall prepare an initial evaluation report,
10 which shall be made available to the governor and appropriate
11 legislative committees, on or before December 1, 1995, on the progress
12 of individual programs funded under this chapter. A final evaluation
13 report shall be prepared on individual programs at the time of their
14 completion.)) The department shall include, as part of its report to
15 the governor and legislature, a report on the activities of individual
16 programs funded under this chapter. The ((final evaluation)) report
17 shall include, but is not limited to, information on the effectiveness
18 of the program, the status of program participants, and recommendations
19 on program administration at the state and local level.

20 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.185.070 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 9 are each amended to
21 read as follows:
22 (1) During each calendar year in which funds from the housing trust
23 fund or other legislative appropriations are available for use by the
24 department for the housing assistance program, the department shall
25 announce to all known interested parties, and through major media
26 throughout the state, a grant and loan application period of at least
27 ninety days' duration. This announcement shall be made as often as the
28 director deems appropriate for proper utilization of resources. The
29 department shall then promptly grant as many applications as will
30 utilize available funds less appropriate administrative costs of the
31 department. Administrative costs paid out of the housing trust fund
32 may not exceed four percent of annual revenues available for
33 distribution to housing trust fund projects. In awarding funds under
34 this chapter, the department shall provide for a geographic
35 distribution on a state-wide basis.
36 (2) The department shall give first priority to applications for
37 projects and activities which utilize existing privately owned housing

stock including privately owned housing stock purchased by nonprofit
public development authorities and public housing authorities as
created in chapter 35.82 RCW. As used in this subsection, privately
owned housing stock includes housing that is acquired by a federal
agency through a default on the mortgage by the private owner. Such
projects and activities shall be evaluated under subsection (3) of this
section. Second priority shall be given to activities and projects
which utilize existing publicly owned housing stock. All projects and
activities shall be evaluated by some or all of the criteria under
subsection (3) of this section, and similar projects and activities
shall be evaluated under the same criteria.

(3) The department shall give preference for applications based on
some or all of the criteria under this subsection, and similar projects
and activities shall be evaluated under the same criteria:

(a) The degree of leveraging of other funds that will occur;

(b) The degree of commitment from programs to provide necessary
habilitation and support services for projects focusing on special
needs populations;

(c) Recipient contributions to total project costs, including
allied contributions from other sources such as professional, craft and
trade services, and lender interest rate subsidies;

(d) Local government project contributions in the form of
infrastructure improvements, and others;

(e) Projects that encourage ownership, management, and other
project-related responsibility opportunities;

(f) Projects that demonstrate a strong probability of serving the
original target group or income level for a period of at least twenty-
five years;

(g) The applicant has the demonstrated ability, stability and
resources to implement the project;

(h) Projects which demonstrate serving the greatest need;

(i) Projects that provide housing for persons and families with the
lowest incomes;

(j) Projects serving special needs populations which are under
statutory mandate to develop community housing;

(k) Project location and access to employment centers in the region
or area;

1   (l) Projects that provide employment and training opportunities for
2 disadvantaged youth under a ((youthbuild)) youthbuilt or ((youthbuild
3 type)) youthbuilt-type program as defined in RCW 50.72.020; and
4   (m) Project location and access to available public transportation
5 services.
6   (4) The department shall only approve applications for projects for
7 mentally ill persons that are consistent with a regional support
8 network six-year capital and operating plan.

9   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 50.72 RCW
10 to read as follows:
11   This act may be known and cited as the Washington youthbuilt act.

12   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 28C.18 RCW
13 to read as follows:
14   In addition to its duties under this chapter, the work force
15 training and education coordinating board shall advise the employment
16 security department on the development and implementation of the
17 Washington youthbuilt program created under chapter 50.72 RCW.

18   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** RCW 50.67.030 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 8 are
19 each repealed.

20   NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 11.**   If any provision of this act or its
21 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
22 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
23 persons or circumstances is not affected.

24   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** The sum of one million dollars, or as much
25 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending
26 June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the employment security
27 department for the purposes of the Washington youthbuilt program
28 created under chapter 50.72 RCW.

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