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1 AN ACT Relating to Washington youthbuilt; amending RCW 50.72.010,  
2 50.72.020, 50.72.030, 50.72.050, 50.72.060, and 50.67.030; adding new  
3 sections to chapter 50.72 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.04  
4 RCW; and making an appropriation.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 50.72.010 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 1 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (1) The legislature finds that there is a need to:

9 (a) Expand the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless  
10 individuals, low and very low-income persons, and special need  
11 populations by utilizing the energies and talents of economically  
12 disadvantaged youth;

13 (b) Provide economically disadvantaged youth with opportunities for  
14 meaningful work and service to their communities in helping to meet the  
15 housing needs of homeless individuals, low and very low-income persons,  
16 and special need populations;

17 (c) Enable economically disadvantaged youth to obtain the education  
18 and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency;  
19 and

1 (d) Foster the development of leadership skills and commitment to  
2 community development among youth in designated community empowerment  
3 zones.

4 (2) The legislature declares that the purpose of the Washington  
5 (~~you**th**build~~) youthbuilt program is to:

6 (a) Help disadvantaged youth who have dropped out of school to  
7 obtain the education and employment skills necessary to achieve  
8 economic self-sufficiency and develop leadership skills and a  
9 commitment to community development in designated community empowerment  
10 zones; and

11 (b) Provide funding assistance to entities implementing programs  
12 that provide comprehensive education and skills training programs  
13 designed to lead to self-sufficiency for economically disadvantaged  
14 youth.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 50.72.020 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 2 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
18 this section apply throughout this chapter.

19 (1) "Applicant" means a public or private nonprofit organization  
20 agency eligible to provide education and employment training under  
21 federal or state employment training programs.

22 (2) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment security.

23 (3) "Department" means the employment security department.

24 (4) "Low income" has the same meaning as in RCW 43.185A.010.

25 (5) "Participant" means an individual that:

26 (a) Is sixteen to twenty-four years of age, inclusive;

27 (b) Is or is a member of a very low-income household; and

28 (c) Is neither attending any school nor subject to a compulsory  
29 attendance law and who has not received a secondary school diploma or  
30 a certificate of equivalency for such diploma.

31 (6) "Very low income" means a person or household whose income is  
32 at or below fifty percent of the median family income, adjusted for  
33 household size, for the county where the household is located.

34 (7) (~~Yo**u**thbuild~~) You**th**built means any program that provides  
35 disadvantaged youth with opportunities for employment, education,  
36 leadership development, entrepreneurial skills development, and  
37 training in the construction or rehabilitation of housing for special  
38 need populations, very low-income households, or low-income households.

1       **Sec. 3.** RCW 50.72.030 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 3 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       The Washington ((~~youthbuild~~)) youthbuilt program is established  
4 within the department. The commissioner, in cooperation and  
5 consultation with the director of the department of community, trade,  
6 and economic development, shall:

7       (1) Make grants, up to the lesser of three hundred thousand dollars  
8 or twenty-five percent of the total costs of the ((~~youthbuild~~))  
9 youthbuilt activities, to applicants eligible to provide education and  
10 employment training under federal or state employment training  
11 programs, for the purpose of carrying out a wide range of  
12 multidisciplinary activities and services to assist economically  
13 disadvantaged youth under the federal opportunities for youth:  
14 Youthbuild program (106 Stat. 3723; 42 U.S.C. Sec. 8011), or locally  
15 developed youthbuild-type programs for economically disadvantaged  
16 youth; and

17       (2) Coordinate youth employment and training efforts under the  
18 department's jurisdiction and cooperate with other agencies and  
19 departments providing youth services to ensure that funds appropriated  
20 for the purposes of this chapter will be used to supplement funding  
21 from federal, state, local, or private sources.

22       **Sec. 4.** RCW 50.72.050 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 5 are each amended to  
23 read as follows:

24       (1) An individual selected as a participant in the ((~~youthbuild~~))  
25 youthbuilt program under this chapter may be offered full-time  
26 participation for a period of not less than six months and not more  
27 than twenty-four months.

28       (2) An applicant's program that is selected for funding under this  
29 chapter shall be structured so that fifty percent of the time spent by  
30 the participants in the ((~~youthbuild~~)) youthbuilt program is devoted to  
31 educational services and activities, such as those outlined in RCW  
32 50.72.040.

33       **Sec. 5.** RCW 50.72.060 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 6 are each amended to  
34 read as follows:

35       (1) An application for a grant under this chapter shall be  
36 submitted by the applicant in such form and in accordance with the  
37 requirements as determined by the commissioner.

1 (2) The application for a grant under this chapter shall contain at  
2 a minimum:

3 (a) The amount of the grant request and its proposed use;

4 (b) A description of the applicant and a statement of its  
5 qualifications, including a description of the applicant's past  
6 experience with housing rehabilitation or construction with youth and  
7 youth education and employment training programs, and its relationship  
8 with local unions and apprenticeship programs and other community  
9 groups;

10 (c) A description of the proposed site for the program;

11 (d) A description of the educational and job training activities,  
12 work opportunities, and other services that will be provided to  
13 participants;

14 (e) A description of the proposed construction or rehabilitation  
15 activities to be undertaken and the anticipated schedule for carrying  
16 out such activities;

17 (f) A description of the manner in which eligible participants will  
18 be recruited and selected, including a description of arrangements  
19 which will be made with federal or state agencies, community-based  
20 organizations, local school districts, the courts of jurisdiction for  
21 status and youth offenders, shelters for homeless individuals and other  
22 agencies that serve homeless youth, foster care agencies, and other  
23 appropriate public and private agencies;

24 (g) A description of the special outreach efforts that will be  
25 undertaken to recruit eligible young women, including young women with  
26 dependent children;

27 (h) A description of how the proposed program will be coordinated  
28 with other federal, state, local, and private resources and programs,  
29 including vocational, adult, and bilingual education programs, and job  
30 training programs;

31 (i) Assurances that there will be a sufficient number of adequately  
32 trained supervisory personnel in the program who have attained the  
33 level of journeyman or have served an apprenticeship through the  
34 Washington state apprenticeship training council;

35 (j) A description of the applicant's relationship with building  
36 contractor groups and trade unions regarding their involvement in  
37 training, and the relationship of the (~~youthbuild~~) youthbuilt program  
38 with established apprenticeship and training programs;

1 (k) A description of activities that will be undertaken to develop  
2 the leadership skills of the participants;

3 (l) A description of the commitments for any additional resources  
4 to be made available to the local program from the applicant, from  
5 recipients of other federal, state, local, or private sources; and

6 (m) Other factors the commissioner deems necessary.

7 **Sec. 6.** RCW 50.67.030 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 8 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 In addition to its duties under this chapter, the Washington state  
10 job training coordinating council shall advise the employment security  
11 department and the department of community, trade, and economic  
12 development on the development and implementation of the Washington  
13 (~~youthbuilt~~) youthbuilt program created under chapter 50.72 RCW.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 50.72 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16 The Washington youthbuilt account is created in the custody of the  
17 state treasurer. All receipts from sources established by this  
18 chapter, private contributions, and all other sources shall be  
19 deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only  
20 after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only  
21 for purposes of chapter 50.72 RCW.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 50.72 RCW  
23 to read as follows:

24 This act may be known and cited as the Washington youthbuilt act.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW  
26 to read as follows:

27 (1) In computing the tax imposed under this chapter, a credit is  
28 allowed against the amount of tax otherwise due under this chapter, as  
29 provided in this section. The tax credit is equal to fifty percent of  
30 the person's contribution to either: (a) An approved local Washington  
31 youthbuilt program created under chapter 50.72 RCW; or (b) the state of  
32 Washington for the purposes of Washington youthbuilt activities under  
33 chapter 50.72 RCW.

34 (2) Any person requesting a tax credit under this section must make  
35 an application for tax credits before the actual contribution is made.

1 The application must be made to the department of revenue in a form and  
2 manner prescribed by the department of revenue and the employment  
3 security department.

4 (3) No person is eligible for a tax credit in excess of two hundred  
5 thousand dollars during the taxable year and a tax credit may not be  
6 granted to a person for an amount contributed of less than one hundred  
7 dollars.

8 (4) The department of revenue shall keep a running total of all tax  
9 credits granted under this section during each fiscal biennium. The  
10 department shall not allow credits that would cause the tabulation for  
11 a biennium to exceed four million dollars. If all or part of an  
12 application for credit is disallowed under this subsection, the  
13 disallowed portion shall be carried over for approval the next  
14 biennium.

15 (5) As used in this section, "Washington youthbuilt" means a local  
16 program funded under chapter 50.72 RCW or the Washington youthbuilt  
17 program created under chapter 50.72 RCW.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** The sum of one million dollars, or as much  
19 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending  
20 June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the employment security  
21 department for the purpose of the Washington youthbuilt program created  
22 in chapter 50.72 RCW.

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

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