

2 **SHB 2699 - H AMD 1389 ADOPTED 3/11/94**  
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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that there is a  
8 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

20 (d) Foster the development of leadership skills and commitment to  
21 community development among youth in designated community empowerment  
22 zones.

23 (2) The legislature declares that the purpose of the Washington  
24 youthbuild program is to:

25 (a) Help disadvantaged youth who have dropped out of school to  
26 obtain the education and employment skills necessary to achieve  
27 economic self-sufficiency and develop leadership skills and a  
28 commitment to community development in designated community empowerment  
29 zones; and

30 (b) Provide funding assistance to entities implementing programs  
31 that provide comprehensive education and skills training programs  
32 designed to lead to self-sufficiency for economically disadvantaged  
33 youth.

1        NEW SECTION.        **Sec. 2.**        Unless the context clearly requires  
2 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this  
3 chapter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19       (7) "Youthbuild" means any program that provides disadvantaged  
20 youth with opportunities for employment, education, leadership  
21 development, entrepreneurial skills development, and training in the  
22 construction or rehabilitation of housing for special need populations,  
23 very low-income households, or low-income households.

24       NEW SECTION.        **Sec. 3.**        The Washington youthbuild program is  
25 established within the department. The commissioner, in cooperation  
26 and consultation with the director of the department of community,  
27 trade, and economic development, shall:

28       (1) Make grants, up to the lesser of three hundred thousand dollars  
29 or twenty-five percent of the total costs of the youthbuild activities,  
30 to applicants eligible to provide education and employment training  
31 under federal or state employment training programs, for the purpose of  
32 carrying out a wide range of multidisciplinary activities and services  
33 to assist economically disadvantaged youth under the federal  
34 opportunities for youth: Youthbuild program (106 Stat. 3723; 42 U.S.C.  
35 Sec. 8011), or locally developed youthbuild-type programs for  
36 economically disadvantaged youth; and

37       (2) Coordinate youth employment and training efforts under the  
38 department's jurisdiction and cooperate with other agencies and

1 departments providing youth services to ensure that funds appropriated  
2 for the purposes of this chapter will be used to supplement funding  
3 from federal, state, local, or private sources.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) Grants made under this chapter shall be  
5 used to fund an applicant's activities to implement a comprehensive  
6 education and employment skills training program.

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

8 (a) Education and job skills training services and activities that  
9 include:

10 (i) Work experience and skills training, coordinated to the maximum  
11 extent feasible, with preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs in  
12 construction and rehabilitation trades;

13 (ii) Services and activities designed to meet the educational needs  
14 of participants, including basic skills instruction and remedial  
15 education, bilingual education for participants with limited-English  
16 proficiency, secondary education services and activities designed to  
17 lead to the attainment of a high school diploma or its equivalent, and  
18 counseling and assistance in attaining postsecondary education and  
19 required financial aid;

20 (b) Counseling services and related activities;

21 (c) Activities designed to develop employment and leadership  
22 skills;

23 (d) Support services and need-based stipends necessary to enable  
24 the participant to participate in the program and to assist  
25 participants through support services in retaining employment;

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

27 (f) Administrative costs of the applicant, not to exceed five  
28 percent of the amount of assistance provided under this chapter.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) An individual selected as a participant  
30 in the youthbuild program under this chapter may be offered full-time  
31 participation for a period of not less than six months and not more  
32 than twenty-four months.

33 (2) An applicant's program that is selected for funding under this  
34 chapter shall be structured so that fifty percent of the time spent by  
35 the participants in the youthbuild program is devoted to educational  
36 services and activities, such as those outlined in section 4 of this  
37 act.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    (1) An application for a grant under this  
2 chapter shall be submitted by the applicant in such form and in  
3 accordance with the requirements as determined by the commissioner.

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

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

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

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

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

17        (e) A description of the proposed construction or rehabilitation  
18 activities to be undertaken and the anticipated schedule for carrying  
19 out such activities;

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

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

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

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

38        (j) A description of the applicant's relationship with building  
39 contractor groups and trade unions regarding their involvement in

1 training, and the relationship of the youthbuild program with  
2 established apprenticeship and training programs;

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

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

8 (m) Other factors the commissioner deems necessary.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) An applicant selected for funding under  
10 this chapter shall provide the department information on program and  
11 participant accomplishments. The information shall be provided in  
12 progress and final reports as requested by the department.

13 (2) The department shall prepare an initial evaluation report,  
14 which shall be made available to the governor and appropriate  
15 legislative committees, on or before December 1, 1995, on the progress  
16 of individual programs funded under this chapter. A final evaluation  
17 report shall be prepared on individual programs at the time of their  
18 completion. The final evaluation report shall include, but is not  
19 limited to, information on the effectiveness of the program, the status  
20 of program participants, and recommendations on program administration  
21 at the state and local level.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 50.67 RCW  
23 to read as follows:

24 In addition to its duties under this chapter, the Washington state  
25 job training coordinating council shall advise the employment security  
26 department and the department of community, trade, and economic  
27 development on the development and implementation of the Washington  
28 youthbuild program created under sections 1 through 7 of this act.

29 **Sec. 9.** RCW 43.185.070 and 1991 c 356 s 5 and 1991 c 295 s 2 are  
30 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

31 (1) During each calendar year in which funds from the housing trust  
32 fund or other legislative appropriations are available for use by the  
33 department for the housing assistance program, the department shall  
34 announce to all known interested parties, and through major media  
35 throughout the state, a grant and loan application period of at least  
36 ninety days' duration. This announcement shall be made as often as the

1 director deems appropriate for proper utilization of resources. The  
2 department shall then promptly grant as many applications as will  
3 utilize available funds less appropriate administrative costs of the  
4 department. Administrative costs paid out of the housing trust fund  
5 may not exceed four percent of annual revenues available for  
6 distribution to housing trust fund projects. In awarding funds under  
7 this chapter, the department shall provide for a geographic  
8 distribution on a state-wide basis.

9 (2) The department shall give first priority to applications for  
10 projects and activities which utilize existing privately owned housing  
11 stock including privately owned housing stock purchased by nonprofit  
12 public development authorities and public housing authorities as  
13 created in chapter 35.82 RCW. As used in this subsection, privately  
14 owned housing stock includes housing that is acquired by a federal  
15 agency through a default on the mortgage by the private owner. Such  
16 projects and activities shall be evaluated under subsection (3) of this  
17 section. Second priority shall be given to activities and projects  
18 which utilize existing publicly owned housing stock. All projects and  
19 activities shall be evaluated by some or all of the criteria under  
20 subsection (3) of this section, and similar projects and activities  
21 shall be evaluated under the same criteria.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 (h) Projects which demonstrate serving the greatest need;

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

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

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

10 (l) Projects that provide employment and training opportunities for  
11 disadvantaged youth under a youthbuild or youthbuild-type program as  
12 defined in section 2 of this act; and

13 (m) Project location and access to available public transportation  
14 services.

15 (4) The department shall only approve applications for projects for  
16 mentally ill persons that are consistent with a regional support  
17 network six-year capital and operating plan.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. Sections 1 through 7 of this act shall  
19 constitute a new chapter in Title 50 RCW."

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