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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 82.04 RCW;  
4 adding a new section to chapter 50.72 RCW; adding a new section to  
5 chapter 28C.18 RCW; repealing RCW 50.67.030; and making appropriations.

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 (~~youthbuilt~~) 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 ~~((youthbuilt))~~  
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 ~~((youthbuilt))~~ 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 1998 c 245 s 103 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) ~~((A final evaluation report shall be prepared on individual  
10 programs at the time of their completion.))~~ The department shall  
11 include, as part of its report to the governor and legislature, a  
12 report on the activities of individual programs funded under this  
13 chapter. The ~~((final evaluation))~~ report shall include, but is not  
14 limited to, information on the effectiveness of the program, the status  
15 of program participants, and recommendations on program administration  
16 at the state and local level.

17 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.185.070 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 9 are each amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 (1) During each calendar year in which funds from the housing trust  
20 fund or other legislative appropriations are available for use by the  
21 department for the housing assistance program, the department shall  
22 announce to all known interested parties, and through major media  
23 throughout the state, a grant and loan application period of at least  
24 ninety days' duration. This announcement shall be made as often as the  
25 director deems appropriate for proper utilization of resources. The  
26 department shall then promptly grant as many applications as will  
27 utilize available funds less appropriate administrative costs of the  
28 department. Administrative costs paid out of the housing trust fund  
29 may not exceed four percent of annual revenues available for  
30 distribution to housing trust fund projects. In awarding funds under  
31 this chapter, the department shall provide for a geographic  
32 distribution on a state-wide basis.

33 (2) The department shall give first priority to applications for  
34 projects and activities which utilize existing privately owned housing  
35 stock including privately owned housing stock purchased by nonprofit  
36 public development authorities and public housing authorities as  
37 created in chapter 35.82 RCW. As used in this subsection, privately

1 owned housing stock includes housing that is acquired by a federal  
2 agency through a default on the mortgage by the private owner. Such  
3 projects and activities shall be evaluated under subsection (3) of this  
4 section. Second priority shall be given to activities and projects  
5 which utilize existing publicly owned housing stock. All projects and  
6 activities shall be evaluated by some or all of the criteria under  
7 subsection (3) of this section, and similar projects and activities  
8 shall be evaluated under the same criteria.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 (l) Projects that provide employment and training opportunities for  
36 disadvantaged youth under a (~~youthbuilt~~) youthbuilt or (~~youthbuilt-~~  
37 ~~type~~) youthbuilt-type program as defined in RCW 50.72.020; and

38 (m) Project location and access to available public transportation  
39 services.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) There may be credited against the tax imposed by this chapter  
7 the value of private contributions that are designed to assist in the  
8 implementation of a local youthbuilt program.

9 (2) The credit allowed under this section is limited to ninety  
10 percent of the value of the contribution made directly, by the  
11 business, to a local youthbuilt program. The total credits allowed on  
12 a state-wide basis cannot exceed two million dollars in a calendar  
13 year.

14 (3) Prior to claiming the credit under this section, the business  
15 must obtain approval from the employment security department, in  
16 consultation with the department of revenue. The businesses' request  
17 for approval must include a description of the contribution and  
18 estimated value of the contribution.

19 (4) This section applies only to contributions for which an  
20 application is approved on or after the effective date of this section.

21 (5) As used in this section:

22 (a) "Contribution" means either cash or in-kind contributions or  
23 both.

24 (b) "Youthbuilt" has the same meaning as in RCW 50.72.020.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 50.72 RCW  
26 to read as follows:

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

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 28C.18  
29 RCW to read as follows:

30 In addition to its duties under this chapter, the work force  
31 training and education coordinating board shall advise the employment  
32 security department on the development and implementation of the  
33 Washington youthbuilt program created under chapter 50.72 RCW.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** RCW 50.67.030 and 1994 sp.s. c 3 s 8 are  
35 each repealed.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 12.**    If any provision of this act or its  
2 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
3 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
4 persons or circumstances is not affected.

5        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 13.**    (1) The sum of one million dollars, or as  
6 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year  
7 ending June 30, 2000, from the general fund to the employment security  
8 department for the purposes of the Washington youthbuilt program  
9 created under chapter 50.72 RCW.    The administrative costs of the  
10 employment security department shall not exceed five percent of the  
11 appropriation under this section.

12        (2) The sum of one million dollars, or as much thereof as may be  
13 necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001,  
14 from the general fund to the employment security department for the  
15 purposes of the Washington youthbuilt program created under chapter  
16 50.72 RCW.    The administrative costs of the employment security  
17 department shall not exceed five percent of the appropriation under  
18 this section.

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