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## South Bay Workforce Investment Board receives \$1.3 million to help at-risk youth



The South Bay Workforce Investment Board was awarded \$1.3 million in YouthBuild grant funds, along with its partners, YouthBuild Charter School of California and Habitat For Humanity of Greater Los Angeles, the U.S. Department of Labor announced in a statement Friday, June 12. (Courtesy of South Bay Workforce Investment Board)

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The South Bay Workforce Investment Board has received \$1.3 million from the federal government to fund academic, occupational skills and leadership training for at-risk and out-of-school youth in the area.

The U.S. Department of Labor announced the award late last week.

The investment board's partners, YouthBuild Charter School of California and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles, were also part of the award.

Participants in the investment board's YouthBuild program are low income, and have either been in the juvenile justice system or have aged out of foster care. The program, according to a [press release](#) from the investment board, provides a career pathway for participants from education to work-based training.

YouthBuild Charter School of California will run the academic curriculum that will help participants receive a high school diploma, according to the release.

The youth will also take part in low-income housing construction or rehabilitation projects across the greater Los Angeles area. The projects, in areas that need more affordable housing, will be at sites Habitat for Humanity manages.

"We are grateful to once again be recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor with this much needed grant award," Jan Vogel, the investment board's executive director, said in a Friday, June 12, statement. "After they complete occupational skills training and earn industry-recognized certifications, these YouthBuild participants will be able to secure good paying jobs and get on a path to self-sufficiency."

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