

Sponsor/Title: Department of Labor (DOL) -- YouthBuild 2025

Website: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361057>

Funding Opportunity Number: FOA-ETA-26-38

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

<https://research.nd.edu/our-services/funding-opportunities/faculty/limited-submissions-program/>

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-01-29

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-03-02

Purpose: YouthBuild is a workforce development program that provides education, occupational training, and leadership development activities for disadvantaged and low income youth: individuals between the ages of 16 and 24, most who did not complete high school and face other barriers to employment.

Pre-Apprenticeship: Pre-apprenticeship, as defined in 20 CFR 681.480, means a program designed to prepare individuals to enter and succeed in a Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) and includes the following elements:

1. Training and curriculum that aligns with the skill needs of employers in the economy of the state or region involved;
2. Access to educational and career counseling and other supportive services, directly or indirectly;
3. Hands-on, meaningful learning activities that are connected to education and training activities, such as exploring career options, and understanding how the skills acquired through coursework can be applied toward a future career;
4. Opportunities to attain at least one industry-recognized credential; and
5. A partnership with one or more RAPs that assists in placing individuals who complete the pre-apprenticeship program in a RAP.

YouthBuild applicants must include construction skills training and may include occupational skills training in other in-demand industries. This expansion into additional in-demand industries is the Construction Plus component.

Program Goals and Objectives: The goals of the YouthBuild program at to:

- Develop partnerships and pathways that lead directly to high-wage employment and placements in Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs);
- Provide youth with workforce readiness skills to achieve economic self-sufficiency through the pursuit of post-secondary education, training, RAPs, and employment in in-demand occupations;
- Expand the supply of permanent affordable housing for low-income or homeless individuals and families;
- Encourage the alignment of the pre-apprenticeship model with training for construction

industries, as well as in-demand industries through Construction Plus for participants who may not have an interest in a construction career or in local areas where construction may present less of a growth industry than other fields;

- Offer an educational alternative for young people interested in hands-on, meaningful learning activities, aligning with Executive Order 14191, “Expanding Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families”
- Prepare participants to enter and succeed in RAPs, aligning with Executive Order 14278, “Preparing Americans for High-Paying Skilled Trade Jobs of the Future”; and
- Expand access to high-quality AI coursework and certifications, aligning with Executive Order 14277, “Advancing Artificial Intelligence Education for Youth”.

Required Internal Application: Upload the following information to the Google Form --

<https://forms.gle/rCtw1Z4ZUjeztSDG6> by the internal deadline.

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- Names of ND Collaborators: For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary (maximum of three (3) pages). The Project Summary should align with the Review Criteria outlined on page 32 of the NOFO and address the following areas:
 - Service Area
 - Youth Labor Force Participation Rate
 - Poverty Rate
 - Construction and Other Occupational Skills
 - Hands-On Meaningful Learning Activities
 - Connecting Education and Training
 - Leadership Development and Community Service
 - Partners
 - Partnerships
 - Employer Engagement Strategies
 - Apprenticeship Connections

Questions? Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.