

Goal #9 Program Proposal

2017 Funding Amount: \$143,251

Non-Profit Organization:	Youth Conservation Corps (YCC)
Existing Program:	YCC has 15 years of experience creating affordable housing projects for the education and training of its Youthbuild members. These projects have included refurbishment of units in the Waukegan Housing Authority to completion of new construction single family affordable green home. YCC is currently working on two affordable home refurbishments and a green deconstruction of an abandoned home.
Program Description:	The proposed Goal #9 project creates jobs for low-income individuals while meeting a huge unmet need in Lake County, IL for high-quality housing affordable to low-income families. YCC will employ up to three crews of newly hired full-time laborers to build new homes and to remodel existing houses for greater energy efficiency. The crew leaders and crew members will be graduates of the National Center for Construction Education Research (NCCER) certification program. NCCER is recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor as an entry level certification for the construction industry. This training program includes the following topics: basic safety requirements, construction math, hand tools, framing, drywall, electric, plumbing, roofing, power tools, blueprints, carpentry, rigging, basic communication skills, and basic employability skills.
Program Status:	This is a new business venture for YCC to be performed in a newly created Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) of which YCC will be 100% managing member. The new venture will be used to provide full-time jobs to graduates of YCC's Youthbuild programs and to produce housing on a larger scale at a year-round pace. YCC's grants from the Department of Labor will complement our CDBG investment, as DOL pays for housing materials and management salaries.
CDBG Eligibility:	Housing Rehabilitation/Resale and Creation of jobs for low/mod workers are eligible uses of CDBG funds.
Expected Outcome:	Employment of 6 to 22 low-income workers in new jobs