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YOUTHBUILD BROWNSVILLE AWARDED DEPARTMENT OF LABOR GRANT

The YouthBuild Brownsville program of the Community Development Corporation of Brownsville this month was awarded a \$845,448 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

YouthBuild Brownsville is one of 81 YouthBuild programs to receive grant funding this year, and one of two programs in Texas.

YouthBuild Brownsville offers no-cost education and workforce training for youth ages 16-24 that includes acquiring a GED and certifications in OSHA/NCCER, Microsoft Office, CompTIA IT Fundamentals and CNC Mill Operator.

Since 2013, CDCB, through its YouthBuild program, trained and graduated 132 students who are now college-ready and contributing to the local economy. YouthBuild Brownsville students built the first LEED homes south of San Antonio including the first LEED Gold-certified home. Students also assist with quality-of-life projects such as community gardens, lending libraries and local events.

CDCB Executive Director Nick Mitchell-Bennett said CDCB is committed to empowering youth enrolled in the YouthBuild Brownsville program.

“Educating our youth is part of the community development and homeownership process,” Mitchell-Bennett said. “Giving these youth a much-needed hand provides them with the necessary tools to enter the workforce and contribute to the community as residents and eventually homeowners. This DOL grant helps us to reach more youth with additional available resources.”

There are more than 200 urban and rural YouthBuild programs in 46 states.

For more information about the YouthBuild Brownsville program, please call (956) 548-2302.

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Photo Cutline: The YouthBuild Brownsville program of the Community Development Corporation of Brownsville this month was awarded an \$845,448 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. YouthBuild Brownsville is a no-cost education and workforce training program for youth ages 16-24. Pictured is the first LEED Gold-certified home south of San Antonio built by CDCB, YouthBuild Brownsville students and Wells Fargo volunteers. The home was designed by Texas Southmost College Architecture Program students. An open house and ribbon cutting for the home will be held at 12 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 at 985 Valley River in Brownsville.