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\$5.4 Million in Grants Now Available to Combat Gang Violence and Provide Job Training for At-Risk Youths

More than \$5.4 million in competitive grants are being awarded in several areas of California to provide job training and education programs targeting youth at risk of joining gangs or seeking to leave them. The Labor and Workforce Development Agency is announcing the grants as part of Governor Schwarzenegger's California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention initiative (CalGRIP) to combat gang violence.

"California continues to experience gang-related crime, and these grants provide at-risk youth positive alternatives to gang-involvement," said Doug Hoffner, Acting Secretary of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. "The grants will assist anti-gang efforts in many of our communities by helping youth develop life-long skills leading to economic self-sufficiency."

As part of the Governor's overall CalGRIP initiative, the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency's Employment Development Department (EDD) awarded grants to 11 agencies through a competitive solicitation process. Youth aged 14-24 will receive a broad range of services, including mental health services, gang counseling, educational skills for high school graduation or GED, occupational training in business services, biotech areas and green industry apprenticeships.

"Today's announcement is a continuation of our plans to support comprehensive local anti-gang efforts," said Paul Seave, director of the Governor's Gang and Youth Violence Policy Office. "Jobs may be the single best way to prevent gang violence. The job training and support services provided by these grants are part of a comprehensive and coordinated approach to reduce the influence of gangs throughout the state."

Training will be provided for high-growth occupations such as weatherization, construction, concrete and landscaping, e-waste collections and conservation and energy efficiency education. It's estimated that more than 900 clients will benefit from these coordinated services over a 24-month period.

Funding for these programs is drawn from the Governor's 15 percent Discretionary Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds under the administrative authority of EDD.

The list of grantees is attached.

Agricultural
Labor
Relations
Board

California
Unemployment
Insurance
Appeals
Board

California
Workforce
Investment
Board

Department of
Industrial
Relations

Economic
Strategy
Panel

Employment
Development
Department

Employment
Training
Panel

Awardees	County	WIA 15 Percent Award Amount
Able-Disabled Advocacy, Inc.	San Diego	\$500,000
Foothill Employment and Training Consortium	Los Angeles	\$500,000
Fresno County	Fresno	\$475,000
Los Angeles Community College District	Los Angeles	\$500,000
Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Los Angeles	\$500,000
Monterey County	Monterey	\$500,000
Oakland Private Industry Council	Alameda	\$499,700
Sacramento Employment Training Agency	Sacramento	\$500,000
San Diego Imperial Counties Labor Council	San Diego	\$500,000
San Jose Conservation Corp	Santa Clara	\$500,000
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Total Amount		\$5,474,700

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