

*Green Jobs and Tribal TANF  
Populations*

Monday, April 12, 2010

Tribal TANF Economic Development  
and Case Management Roundtables  
12:45 pm – 3:15 pm

Brent Orrell, ICF International, Inc.

# *Green Jobs and Tribal TANF Populations*

## **What is a Green Job?**

**House report from the Middle Class Taskforce defines “green jobs” as “employment that is associated with some aspect of environmental improvement.” Examples of such jobs include:**

**Bicycle repair and delivery services**

**Car and truck mechanic jobs, production jobs, and gas-station jobs related to bio-diesel, vegetable oil and other alternative fuels**

**Energy retrofits to increase energy efficiency and conservation**

**Food production using organic and sustainably grown agricultural products**

**Furniture making from environmentally certified and recycled wood**

**Manufacturing jobs related to large scale production of a wide range of appropriate technologies (i.e., solar panels, bike cargo systems, green waste bins, etc.)**

# *Green Jobs and Tribal TANF Populations*

## Sample Obama Administration Initiatives to Spur Green Job Growth

- \$11 billion in “smart-grid” funding to improve energy systems and efficiencies
- \$6 billion in loan guarantees to support the expansion of green industries
- \$5 billion for weatherization assistance
- Additional billions to train workers in renewable energy, improve the energy efficiency of public buildings, schools, and public housing

# *Green Jobs and Tribal TANF Populations*

## Green Jobs Training Programs

---

Green Jobs Act of 2007 provides authorization for programs to support the development of the green workforce

### Target populations

Workers displaced by national energy/environmental policy  
Low-income workers, Veterans, at-risk youth, ex-offenders

### Target industries

Energy efficiency, renewable energy, clean manufacturing, biofuels

Authorized programs include funding for labor market information, Pathways Out of Poverty, Energy Training Partnership and State Energy Sector Partnerships

# *Green Jobs and Tribal TANF Populations*

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provided \$500 million for implementation of the Green Jobs Act

Grants were competed and awarded in 2009 and are currently in early stages of implementation

- \$55 million for labor market information/30 grants to individual states or state consortia
- \$100 million for Energy Training Partnerships/25 grants to labor unions, community-based organizations, educational institutions
- \$150 million for Pathways Out of Poverty/38 grants to community-based, state and local government, educational institutions and other organizations
- \$190 million for State Energy Sector Partnerships/34 grants to state labor departments to coordinate sector-based training initiatives

# *Green Jobs and Tribal TANF Populations*

## Pathways Out of Poverty

---

- Best target for TANF programs and other organizations seeking green job partnerships
- Low-income adult and youth training in target sectors – under 200% of poverty
- Must be able to recruit, train, and support participants
- Coordinated supportive services

# *Green Jobs and Tribal TANF Populations*

## Pathways Tribal Grants

### National Association of Regional Councils

\$8 million to five regional government agencies

Assist workers in high-poverty communities through job readiness training and transitional employment opportunities alternative energy, materials reuse, and energy efficiency programs

Leverages partnerships with community-based organizations (e.g. Native American tribes, ex-offender re-entry programs) to recruit, train, and retain workers

Elements addressing native populations focused on Arizona

# *Green Jobs and Tribal TANF Populations*

## Pathway Tribal Grants

---

### White Earth Band of Chippewa

\$3 million to tribe and consortium members

Local Workforce Investment Act, MN Community College – Detroit Lake, Council of Carpenters, White Earth Substance Abuse, White Earth Tribal Employment Rights Center

Energy efficient building, construction and retrofit; energy efficiency assessment, sustainable manufacturing



# *Green Jobs and Tribal TANF Populations*

## Worksystems, Inc. – Portland, OR

---

\$4 million to consortium

Includes construction apprenticeship, Native American Youth and Family Center and a large number of other public and private agencies

Participants will earn degrees and certificates in green manufacturing, energy efficiency, and renewable energy through community colleges, labor unions and industry-recognized training providers

# *Green Jobs and Tribal TANF Populations*

## State Energy Sector Partnership

---

### Arizona Department of Economic Security

\$6 million to consortium

Navajo and Apache tribal agencies and native-owned firms included as partners

Training in weatherization, energy efficiency, solar voltaic installation, green building design and construction for native populations

Comprehensive program involving state and local WIA agencies, community colleges and other partners

# *Green Jobs and Tribal TANF Populations*

For More Information on Funded Grants in  
Your State, City or Region

<http://www.dol.gov/dol/green>

# *Green Jobs and Tribal TANF Populations*

## Funding Outlook

---

FY09 - \$490 million in implementation – possible partnerships for TANF programs, CBOs, and others

FY10 - \$40 million appropriated for DOL Green Job Innovation Fund

---

FY11 - \$85 million requested for Green Job Innovation Fund

# *Green Jobs and Tribal TANF Populations*



Brent Orrell

Senior Fellow

ICF International

9300 Lee Highway

Fairfax, Virginia 22031

[borrell@icfi.com](mailto:borrell@icfi.com)