

Members: [Log in](#) | [Not Registered?](#) [Register](#) for free extra services.



BUSINESS JOURNAL

Choose Another City:

Site | News | Companies | Videos | Jobs
Keywords [Search Archive](#)

HOME NEWS SMALL BUSINESS SALES & MKTG REAL ESTATE EVENTS COMMUNITY CAREERS TRAVEL MORE TOPICS
Metro growth forecasts Beating the Recession
Classifieds Email Alerts Book of Lists Subscribe - 4 Free Issues

LATEST NEWS

[Kansas City](#) [News](#) [Industries](#) [Education](#)

[Subscribe to Kansas City Business Journal](#)

Monday, June 15, 2009, 10:57am CDT | Modified: Monday, June 15, 2009, 4:24pm

YouthBuild gets add-on from stimulus

Kansas City Business Journal - by [Amy Van Dyke](#) Staff Writer

[Print](#) [Email](#) [Reprints](#) [RSS Feeds](#) [Add to Del.icio.us](#) [Digg This](#) [Comments](#)

Related News

[Education council anticipates growth areas like tech, engineering](#)

[Aloha Airlines pension plans get \\$10.5M](#)

[Job opportunities can be found even in a tight market](#)

[San Antonio Youth Centers awarded nearly \\$700,000 grant](#)

A Kansas City, Kan., program received \$699,600 in stimulus funds from the **U.S. Department of Labor** on Friday to provide at-risk youths with education and career training.

YouthBuild is a nationwide program that helps youths ages 16 to 24 earn their GED or high school diploma while working construction. The program also offers college preparatory classes and mentoring programs. United Way of Wyandotte County has operated the program in Kansas City, Kan., for seven years.

The amount released Friday represents 63 percent of the program's total funding of \$1.1 million. The DOL will issue the remaining \$40,000 next year.

Wendell Maddox, CEO of United Way of Wyandotte County, said the YouthBuild program usually receives \$1.1 million for the 30-month grant. However, he said the program typically receives 50 percent of the funds for the first 15 months, rather than 63 percent. Maddox said the stimulus money also requires the program to start spending the funds by July 1.

"That group of kids, they really need the support of this program," Maddox said.

Of the 64 youths expected to enroll this year, Maddox said 32 youths will earn a high school diploma, GED or industry-certificate and 45 youths will find a job or internship.

Maddox said the program usually receives funds from the Department of Labor, but that this year's grant comes solely from the stimulus package.

"I don't know exactly what that means," he said. "But I'm sure at some point in time we need to ask that question from our DOL officials."

The extra \$47 million in stimulus funds increased the nationwide YouthBuild budget to about \$114 million. The stimulus funds increased the budgets of some of the existing 62 programs and added another 121 programs throughout the nation.

[Print](#) [Email](#) [Yahoo! Buzz](#)

READER COMMENTS

(0) Comments

You must be logged in to add a comment. Please [Login](#) or [Register](#).

[Contact the Editor](#) [Need Assistance?](#) [More Latest News ->](#)

[More News Headlines](#) [Popular News Stories](#)

Related Industry News

- [Apollo expands in U.K. on \\$540M deal](#) (Phoenix)
- [Roberts backs KU Cancer Center's push for NCI designation](#) (Kansas City)
- [MCW to recruit more minorities for health](#)

Latest News

- [Apria Healthcare will move 200 to Sprint Campus, expand to as many as 550 employees](#)
- [GM will shed 38 dealers in Missouri, 22 in Kansas](#)
- [Andrews named as president of FSM McGladrey](#)

Sprint

Meet the smartphone that's fluent in chirp.

The BlackBerry® Curve™ 8360i smartphone with Hottel Direct Connect®

\$99.99
For new 013-1051111111

[Get it now](#)

Search for Jobs powered by onTargetJobs

[View Kansas City Jobs - 732 jobs today](#)

FEATURED SECTIONS

[Small Business Center](#)
Visit the [Small Business Center](#)

[Sales & Marketing](#)
Visit the [Sales & Marketing Center](#)

[Beating the Recession](#)
Visit our [Beating the Recession](#) page

[Daily Update](#)
Sign up for the [Daily Update](#)

[Company Watch](#)
[Get started now](#)

Fresh

SMALL BUSINESS CENTER

Business profiles, funding news and advice related to small business

[Take a tour >](#)

bizjournals

Email Alerts
Get the latest local business news delivered to your inbox. [Sign up Today!](#)

Featured Kansas City Jobs powered by Kansas City HelpWanted.com

- [View Open Opportunities](#) - AT&T
- [Business Development Partner](#) - Corporate Management Group
- [Sales Rep. in Home Sales](#) - Erle Construction