



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

*Media Contact: Paulette Thornton
323.432.3955*

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AWARDS \$1.5 MILLION
YOUTHBUILD GRANT TO PVJOBS**

***YouthBuild Grant Supports PVJOBS' Pre-Apprenticeship Programs
That Help Youth Learn Valuable Occupational Skills***

LOS ANGELES – June 24, 2021 – The U.S. Department of Labor has awarded a \$1.5 million grant to PVJOBS to fund the organization's pre-apprenticeship programs that provide career-track construction training for at-risk youth. PVJOBS is among a number of organizations in 31 states and Puerto Rico that was awarded a total of \$89 million in YouthBuild grants, enabling youth throughout the nation to enroll in construction training programs that lead to industry employment.

Administered by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, YouthBuild grants will support a pre-apprenticeship model to assist young people in learning valuable occupational skills. The grants target youth ages 16-24, who are neither enrolled in school nor participating in the labor market, to obtain employment in construction and other in-demand industries. These youth will split their time between the workplace and in classroom training, where they will earn their high school diploma or equivalency degree and prepare for postsecondary advancement opportunities.

"YouthBuild meets young people where they live, and wherever they are on their path to educational attainment and career success," said Principal Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Suzi LeVine. "Even as these grants are awarded, the Employment and Training Administration is working on the next YouthBuild funding opportunity, always with an eye on equity and inclusion in terms of the communities involved, and the individual participants served."

The Employment and Training Administration has awarded a total of 68 grants this year – ranging from \$700,000 to \$1.5 million each – to organizations that will deliver training and employment programs in several in-demand industries, including construction. These grants also will provide at-risk youth with employment preparation for other in-demand industries, such as healthcare, information technology, manufacturing and logistics, culinary arts, and hospitality.

PVJOBS (Playa Vista Job Opportunities & Business Services) is a 501c(3) nonprofit public benefit corporation that works to provide at-risk youth, adults and veterans with job training and employment opportunities. Since forming in 1998, PVJOBS has overseen more than 8,000 job placements for Los Angeles' most heavily impacted community members. PVJOBS partners with community-based organizations, public agencies, private developers, contractors and construction unions to help realize its mission of providing career-track employment opportunities to at-risk individuals.

#