

Recommended Award: Exhibit "B"

Applicant Name:	Global Outreach Mission, Inc.	REDC Region:	WNY
Project Type:	Workforce Development	County:	Niagara
Industry:	Job Training	Locality:	Niagara Falls
Amount Requested:	\$219,000	Start Date:	In progress
		Finish Date:	Ongoing
RECOMMENDED OFFER			
Recommended Total Award:		\$ 154,500	
Total Project Cost:		\$ 292,000	
% of Project Cost Recommended:		71%	
REGIONAL IMPACT MEASUREMENTS			
Number of Jobs Retained:		0	
Number of Jobs Created:		67	
Average Salary of Jobs:		NA	
Indirect Jobs Created			
Other Impact			
PROJECT DESCRIPTION			
<p>The goal of the Isaiah 61 Project is to respond to and provide for the unmet and under-met needs of low income households of Niagara Falls. In collaboration with O/N BOCES, the project provides a FREE four hundred (400) hour job training program in the construction trades for the unemployed and under-employed. The program includes both classroom theory/instruction as well as hands-on training by way of rehabilitating vacant homes. As an extension of the program, vacant homes in the City of Niagara Falls will be rehabbed. These homes, once rehabilitated, will then be made available to low/moderate income families to purchase.</p> <p>This program has been successfully running for approximately a year during which time they have successfully rehabbed dilapidated homes and placed previously unemployed residents into skilled labor jobs backed by the education being provided to them. The program now hopes receive funding that will allow them to increase capacity by brining on more instructors, increasing classroom space and equipment and purchasing more distressed houses from the City. To achieve this expansion of the program the Isaiah 61 Project requires assistance.</p>			
OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED			
ESD:	\$	NYPA:	\$
IDA:	\$	Other:	\$
PREVIOUS STATE ASSISTANCE OFFERED OR PROVIDED			
TYPE	AMOUNT	STATUS	

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Western New York Regional Economic Development Council has placed priority status on workforce development in the Region. Some of the unemployment numbers which are largely isolated in the City of Niagara Falls and the City of Buffalo are startling. This applicant proposes to chip away at the unemployed community in the City of Niagara Falls by giving them the chance to learn skills that are easily transferred to the needs of the local workforce. The project achieves moving the unemployed in Niagara Falls to work at the same time that it reclaims the long suffering neighborhoods of the City, a job which is paramount to the future of our Region.

This program has already shown a propensity for success which is evidenced by the great deal of support the program has already received. This program is openly supported by Mayor Paul Dyster, the City of Niagara Falls which has supported this program through financial donations and the below market rate sale of real estate, New York State Senator George Maziarz and most recently Key Bank who made a financial contribution to the program.

Grant assistance will allow the applicant to triple the amount of students served per year by the program. The class is currently being offered three (3) times a year to approximately 10 students per class (30 students per year). Funding will allow the organization to offer an additional six (6) classes per year to an additional 60 students per year. An award of Fund Benefits would allow two additional teachers to be hired for one year, and allow the organization to purchase hand tools, power tools and class room equipment.

This project has the potential to transform not only the neighborhoods of Niagara Falls but the workforce as well.