

DOE Enhancement and Innovation

Summary

Toledo Healthy Homes Training Center

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Neighborhood Housing Services of Toledo, Inc. (NHST), has been a Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) subgrantee for 39 years (#20-122), and is the lead applicant of a collaboration consisting of the following Team: Lucas County, the City of Toledo (COT), the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI), Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), and the Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development (COAD). NHST proposes the concept for the establishment and operation of the Toledo Healthy Homes Training Center (THHTC).

The THHTC will serve as a regional hub to provide the training needs of WAP providers in northern Ohio, as well as for the local contractors used by those programs. The THHTC will offer trainees an entry way to the broader clean energy job market and expand the WAP workforce capacity across northern Ohio (and possibly statewide). The specific innovation is the collocated areas of study concentrated in one facility: weatherization methodologies coupled with a lead hazard mitigation, and other healthy homes topics. This effort will demonstrate how lead mitigation, WAP and other healthy homes components can be effectively coordinated to achieve maximum benefit for clients, while also developing a skilled workforce of individuals from the local community.

Targeted recruitment for enrollment in the THHTC will include efforts to engage individuals from groups who are underrepresented in the home energy performance and energy efficiency profession such as: persons of color, women, veterans, individuals with disabilities, opportunity youth, returning citizens, and the socioeconomically disadvantaged.

All THHTC participants will be offered integrated services designed to build financial capability by offering them an individualized suite of coaching and education services that address core areas of concern related to poverty—employment, income supports, credit-building and financial management.

NHST will also be the primary consumer of the WAP training and will offer full employment to new recruits. COAD will provide within established Job Task Analysis criteria to meet WAP technical requirements and provide qualified trainers to deliver the education. GHHI will raise private matching funds. COT will provide funding to support acquisition of a suitable facility (may donate a city owned property); will provide funds for operating support beyond the initial 36-month performance period; lead hazard workforce training funding; and lead resource center operating funding. Lucas County will provide workforce development resources for area employers to hire WAP trainees prepared by COAD in Toledo.