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Report shows King County workforce results from stimulus

SEATTLE—Almost 900 disadvantaged youth worked in summer jobs, more than ten college classes have been opened and hundreds of local jobseekers are in training thanks to the WDC's investments of federal stimulus dollars.

A new report from the Workforce Development Council shows how the local nonprofit has spent \$8.5 million from the 2009 Recovery Act (the federal stimulus package) in King County.

“When the funds came through last spring, we were ready to jump into action and get them working for our local jobseekers and youth,” says Marléna Sessions, CEO of the WDC. “While creating jobs is not our business, we are making sure that the workforce is trained for the jobs that are there and will be in the future.”

The report includes photos and stories of those served through Recovery Act funding.

In addition to the funds already invested in the community, the WDC leads or partners in three grants for green-jobs training that recently won funding in nationwide competitions. As a result, another \$10 million will provide job training in the Puget Sound region for “green jobs” in energy efficiency, green building and other sectors.

[Direct link to the report on the WDC's website](#)

[The WDC's Recovery Act page](#)

[More information on our new green-training grants](#)

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The **Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County** (www.seakingwdc.org) is a nonprofit workforce “think tank” and grant-making organization that oversees employment-related programs for youth, the adult workforce and employers in King County, with the goal of a strong economy and self-sufficiency for every resident.