

Vermont's congressional delegation on Tuesday announced a \$1,024,000 Department of Labor grant to help young Vermonters earn their high school degrees and develop valuable skills.

The grant is part of nearly \$76 million in funding for YouthBuild programs that provide training to young people throughout the nation. The over \$1 million in funding to Vermont will go to ReSOURCE, a non-profit located in Burlington, to implement a two year YouthBuild program that will enroll 64 students in Burlington and Barre. The students will be trained in construction skills and energy efficiency techniques while building affordable housing and completing their high school degrees.

"This program will equip young Vermonters with the skills they need to take advantage of opportunities in the growing energy efficiency and weatherization sectors of our economy," Leahy, Sanders and Welch said. "By gaining valuable skills and completing their high school education, these young Vermonters will be well positioned for a successful future."

Vermont's congressional delegation has long been supportive of YouthBuild programs in Vermont. In 2009, Leahy and Welch secured \$476,000 in funding for ReSOURCE, then called ReCycle North, to carry out the YouthBuild program.