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EPA Providing Job Training Grant to Organizations

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Two central Indiana nonprofits have landed a \$300,000 federal Environmental Workforce and Brownfield Training Grant. Southeast Neighborhood Development Inc. and Southeast Community Services Inc. will use the funding for a two-year program to train residents for careers in environmental remediation.



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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND) and Southeast Community Services (SECS) a \$300,000 Environmental Workforce and Brownfield Training Grant. The grant will fund a two-year program to train southeast side residents for careers in environmental remediation while supporting the revitalization of brownfield sites throughout Indianapolis.

Keramida, a remediation consulting and engineering firm and a SEND partner, wrote the grant application. "These EPA grants are highly competitive," SEND President Mark Stewart said. "That we secured one this year is a significant victory for SEND, SECS, and southeast neighborhood residents."

After narrowly missing out on the grant last year, SEND put together a pilot program in which 17 graduates received certifications in green remediation technologies, lead-based paint and asbestos removal, and other environmental remedial techniques. Fifteen of those graduates eventually obtained employment in the environmental field. Stewart believes SEND's success with that effort helped the organization win the EPA grant this year.

Upon the signing of a cooperative agreement, SEND will expand its efforts to recruit and train predominantly low-income and minority, unemployed and under-employed residents from solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities. Meanwhile, those residents will acquire the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field.

"Getting jobs for our neighborhood residents is a top priority," Stewart said. "And so is improving the environment – not just in our neighborhood, but throughout Indianapolis. Winning this grant is truly a win-win."

Source: Southeast Neighborhood Development, Southeast Community Services

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