



CASE STUDIES FROM THE GREEN COLLAR ECONOMY

Green City Corps, Clean Energy Corps of New York New York, NY

Green City Corps is a start-up organization that will be a pilot program of the Clean Energy Corps of New York City targeting youth. The program will serve 18-to 25 year olds with barriers to employment. The coursework will include an overview of the green economy, environmental justice, climate issues, as well as the hard skills of green building techniques, weatherization, communications and project management.

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| Training methodology | The Green City Corps pilot program will be in Queens New York and use a curriculum developed by a partner, Solar1, adapted to fit the Green City Corps. In a 10-month class, Corps participants will learn about green building performance measures as well as about wider issues of environmental justice, climate issues, and the green economy. |
| Participants and how recruited | Participants will be 18 to 25 year olds from New York and the organization will affirmatively recruit people with barriers to employment, including the formerly incarcerated. |
| Green program from the outset? | Clean Energy Corps of NYC, of which Green City Corps will be a subset, has had a green mission from the outset. Green City Corps also will focus on training in green jobs and a green economy. |
| Length and frequency of training | The pilot program is envisioned as a 10-month, full-time program enrolling 25 to 30 young adults at a time. |
| Include on-the-job training or paid apprenticeships? | The program will involve service-learning, on-the-job instruction and weekly classroom sessions. |

**This case study is meant to give a snapshot of the program profiled here.
For the most up to date information on this program, please visit their website**

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| Funding | The program expects to have AmeriCorps (and eventually Clean Energy Service Corps) funding through the Corporation for National Service as well as other private and public funding. |
| Key relationships | The goal is to create a business advisory council that supports the placement of corps members into employment at the end of their term of service. Other goals include solidifying a partnership with City University of New York and providing pre-apprenticeship training that prepares graduates for union apprenticeships. |
| Eligibility | The pilot program aims for participants who have a GED or high school diploma. |
| Credentials | Currently exploring which credentials participants may earn from the program. BPI is one possibility. |
| Placement and follow-up services | Plan to track retention in the corps, graduation rates, job placement and job retention and wage gains. |
| Reflections | We are looking to this working group help us develop our model for Green City Corps as a pilot of the youth piece of the Clean Energy Corps in NYC. There is potential in this group to create a framework or blueprint for local pilots of the whole CEC concept, in particular the “regional partnerships” put forth in the CEC white paper, which call for collaboration between national service, environmental, labor, CBO and other groups. |