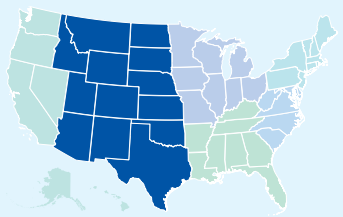


Program Invests in Workforce While Managing Runoff and Improving Surface and Groundwater Quality

Southwest and Mountain Region



Overview

Groundwork Denver received a \$178,000 [job training grant from the Environmental Protection Agency](#) throughout the EPA's [Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Program](#). The funding will allow Groundwork Denver to launch a new Green Infrastructure Training Program, targeting young adults aged 18-24 in Sheridan, Colorado.

Notable Features

- **The program provides job opportunities in economically distressed communities.** Sheridan, Colorado, with a population of 6,183 people, has a poverty rate of [19.2 percent](#) and is an environmental justice community.
- **It focuses on applicable skills.** The training program provides 271 hours of instruction and focuses on building skills valuable to future careers in community forestry, sustainable landscaping, and stormwater control. Participants who complete the program can earn up to 10 certifications.
- **It leverages green infrastructure projects to benefit the community and the environment.** The program builds a skilled workforce while managing runoff and improving surface and groundwater quality.

People Involved

- Cindy Chang, Executive Director, Groundwork Denver.
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Additional Resources

- [Groundwork Denver Job Training Grant Factsheet.](#)
- [Groundwork Denver Website.](#)

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