



Key Policy Drivers for Green Initiatives

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FEATURED CAMPAIGN

9.27.08: GREEN JOBS NOW

National Day of Action to Build the New Economy



SEPTEMBER 27 will be a national mobilization to say, "I'm ready for the green economy." We are ready to tackle the climate crisis by building a green economy strong enough to lift people out of poverty.

Fifty states. Hundreds of actions. You can be a part of it.

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Defining Green Jobs

“Green-collar jobs are living-wage, career track jobs that contribute directly to preserving or enhancing environmental quality.”

--*Green-Collar Jobs in America's Cities*

“Green Jobs are jobs in the primary industries of the green economy that promote environmental protection and energy independence.”

- --*WA CTED*





The Green Jobs Act

- The Green Jobs Act was signed into law as Title X of the Energy Independence and Security Act in Dec., 2007
- The GJA creates an Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Worker Training Program.
- Authorized at \$125M per year.





The GJA establishes

- A National Research Program to collect and analyze labor market data to track workforce trends related to energy efficiency and renewable energy -- \$12.5M
- National Energy Training Partnership Grants: competitive grants to non-profit partnerships that include the equal participation of industry and labor -- \$37.5M





The GJA establishes

- A State Labor Market Research, Information, and Labor Exchange Research Program – \$12.5M
- State Energy Training Partnership Program: DOL will award competitive grants to states to enable them to award grants to partnerships that essentially mirror the national partnerships -- \$37.5M





The GJA establishes

- A Pathways Out Of Poverty Demonstration Program, grants to training partnerships that serve individuals under 200% or poverty or a locally defined self-sufficiency standard -- \$25M
- Funding Status: \$25M in the House Appropriations Bill. Nothing in the Senate
- Cap and Trade auction revenue?

The Green Wave Is Coming.



Will It Lift All Boats?





The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

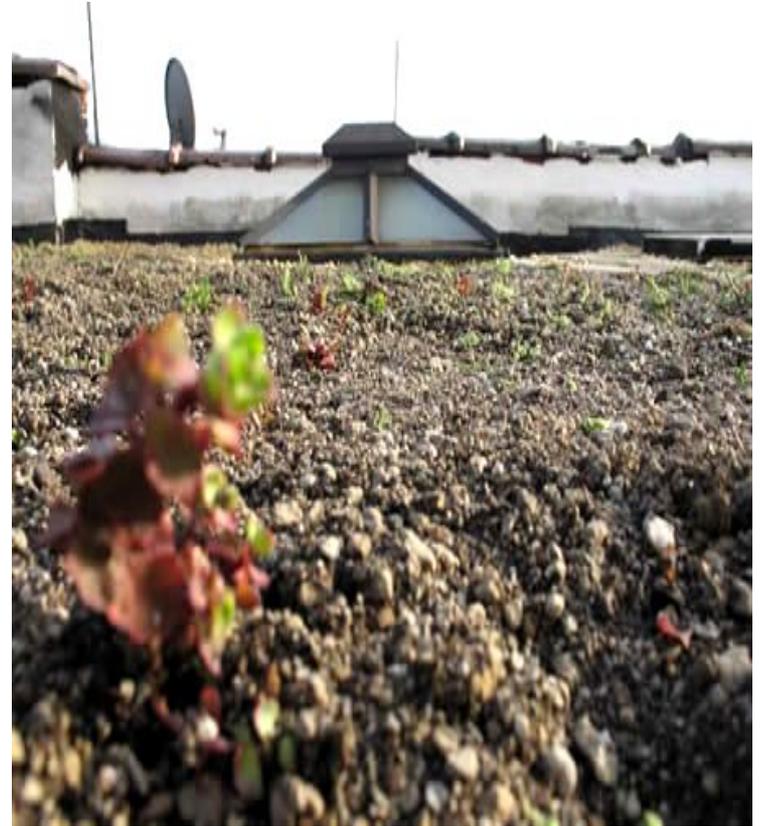
- A new program within the Department of Energy (DOE), authorized at \$2 billion per year
- Allocated to state and local governments to be used for innovative best practices to reduce fossil fuel emissions and energy use and to achieve greater energy efficiency in the building, transportation and other appropriate sectors





The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

- These grants could be used for building and home energy conservation programs, energy audits, fuel conservation, planning and zoning to promote energy efficiency, and the use of renewable energy resources for government buildings.
- Subgrants could be made to nonprofit orgs and govt agencies for the purpose of performing energy efficiency retrofits





Financing for Energy Efficiency Retrofits at a Broad Scale

- Models exist to cover upfront costs of retrofits, capture energy savings, and reduce energy costs.
- Potential to be an enormous job creator

