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YouthBuild Philadelphia Awarded \$700,000 HUD Grant

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 2006 – YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School (YBPCS) is the recipient of a \$700,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The grant is part of HUD’s \$58 million YouthBuild program intended to offer youth a path back toward graduation while acquiring valuable training and leadership skills. YouthBuild Philadelphia is one of six organizations in Pennsylvania to receive such funding.

YouthBuild Philadelphia provides out-of-school youth a chance to earn their high school diplomas while learning vital job skills and engaging in a variety of community service opportunities. Participants in YBPCS’s Construction Training Program learn hands-on construction skills as they rehabilitate abandoned houses for low-income families. YBPCS will rehabilitate four houses during the 2005-06 school year and has plans to rehabilitate four more in 2006-07.

YouthBuild Philadelphia draws strength from a broad base of city and federal agencies, local and national foundations, corporate sponsors, and community-based non-profit organizations. For more information, contact Meredith Molloy at mmolloy@youthbuildphilly.org.

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YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School is a not-for-profit organization that provides out-of-school youth in Philadelphia the broadest range of tools, supports and opportunities available to become self-sufficient, responsible and productive citizens. YouthBuild Philadelphia offers an innovative 10-month program, which blends a rigorous academic curriculum with valuable community service experience and on-the-job training in construction or technology.

Students at YouthBuild Philadelphia can earn their high school diplomas and make successful transitions to full-time jobs, post-secondary educations, or further service with AmeriCorps. For more information, visit www.youthbuildphilly.org.