

Benton Harbor lands money for Youth Build

BENTON HARBOR — The Benton Harbor Community Development Department has been awarded a \$310,910 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The funding will be used for the Youth Build program, which prepares young adults for educational and employment opportunities by employing them as construction trainees on work sites.

Sixteen people graduated in June from the 10-month program administered by Michigan Works!

The City Commission approved the use of the funding Monday after a presentation from Chris Fielding, special projects director for Michigan Works! in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties. This year's group will be working on two homes near the corner of Broadway and Empire Avenue, he said.