

Feds grant \$42 million for skill training



Five-year award for JobCorps

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WASHINGTON — The Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks Job Corps Center in Memphis has received a five-year, \$42 million federal grant to provide no-cost career technical and academic training to nearly 300 people each term.

The federal funding, provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, will be used to continue support for 232 students ages 16 to 24 who are living at the Memphis Job Corps Center, and 55 non-residential students per term.

“The Job Corps is an incredibly important training program for our nation’s youth, and the Benjamin L. Hooks Job Corps Center in Memphis has successfully helped prepare thousands of Memphians for successful careers in good-paying jobs,” said U.S. Rep. Steve Cohen, a Memphis Democrat who announced the grant.

“This multi-million dollar infusion of federal funds will help the Memphis Job Corps Center keep its doors open for hundreds more young people who have dropped out of school,” Cohen said.

The Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks Job Corps Center first opened in 1998 as the Memphis Job Corps Center and was renamed in honor of the civil rights leader in 2006. The Job Corps program helps students around the nation learn the skills they need to obtain and keep good jobs.

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