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### **Rell announces funds for youth jobs programs**

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HARTFORD -

Gov. M. Jodi Rell announced on Wednesday that the Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board (EWIB) has received \$500,000 in the new state budget to provide employment and learning experiences for approximately 350 local youth. This funding represents an increase of 25% over last year.

The money is part of a \$5 million statewide program run by the state's Department of labor to fund job programs for more than 4,000 youth between the ages of 14 and 19.

Students in 17 eastern Connecticut towns, including Putnam, Plainfield, Willimantic, New London and Norwich, were able to benefit from EWIB's Summer Youth Employment and Learning Program experience when more than 60 community groups provided over 95 worksites for the youths.

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