



Empower Clarkston

Empower Clarkston offers training for green construction jobs among the city's diverse workforce, while providing energy & water efficiency retrofits for households in need. Graduates will be placed into work opportunities upon program completion. The program is a 2 year pilot, with the ultimate goal of expanding and serving as a model for advancing refugee populations towards green-collar careers, while deepening the resiliency of vulnerable neighbors.



Gather insight from community on how to maximize impact.

Recruit participants: household residents and job trainees.



Greenlink Group and Southface will use publicly available data to identify most energy burdened & lowest income households in the Clarkston area to be invited for participation, alongside referrals.

Trainees receive **paid** classroom and on-the-job training. Topics include building science & construction safety, air-sealing, insulation, ductwork, and plumbing.



Tekton Career Training will facilitate admissions and training process, relying on Southface for curriculum development & delivery to provide up-to-date job training accessible to Clarkston's international community.

15 households welcome job program trainees and paid construction contractors to perform free energy efficiency retrofits to their home or apartment.



Households will contribute by sharing utility data to track the impact. They can also join in the work on their home and will provide 2 meals to those neighbors who are performing their retrofit.

For more information or to apply for training or home improvements call or text [678 532 7682](tel:6785327682) or email EmpowerClarkston@gmail.com



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