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Funding to Preserve Chaffey College's "Green" Training Program

SAN BERNARDINO – Funding approved by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday will help preserve a program at Chaffey College that trains students to work in the "green" technology industry.

The San Bernardino County Department of Workforce Development will provide the college with \$384,760 to continue its Energy Efficiency Retrofit Technician Program. The funding is expected to cover the cost of training of about 100 students.

"More and more of our residents and business owners are looking for ways to cut their ever-increasing utility costs, and that means more jobs for workers who have the type of 'green' technology training that Chaffey College offers," said Second District Supervisor Paul Biane. "The training course also fits in perfectly with the Green County program the County of San Bernardino implemented several years ago to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency."

Under the Green County program, the County waives building fees when home or business owners install renewable energy systems, energy-saving air-conditioners, or tankless water heaters. In addition, the County expedites the planning process for major energy efficiency retrofit projects and for new homes or businesses that are built meet or exceed selected energy and water efficiency standards. More information is available at www.GreenCountySB.com.

Workforce Development recommended the funding after contacting local community colleges about training programs that were at risk of being eliminated because of budget constraints. Workforce Development offered the colleges funding it had received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to preserve their training programs.

In addition to funding for the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Technician Program, Chaffey College will also receive \$115,500 for its Auto Repair Technician Program.

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