

State gives block grants to Fresno, Tulare anti-poverty groups

The California Department of Community Services and Development said Wednesday it has awarded grants to anti-poverty groups in Fresno and Tulare counties.

The Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission is receiving \$75,000 to establish the Year-Round Youth Internship Program for low-income youth, including disabled youth, involving vocational training, career development, job preparation and placement services.

Community Services & Employment Training, based in Tulare County, has been awarded \$75,000 to expand its Families Improving Education Initiative, a childhood poverty reduction program that educates low-income parents in becoming advocates for their children's education and academic success.

About \$1.2 million of federal Community Services Block Grant funds was awarded statewide.