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Department of Labor Announces \$25 million Grant to Montana Colleges

Helena—This morning, the US Department of Labor Announced a nearly \$25 million grant to 13 community colleges and universities in Montana for the development and expansion of innovative training programs. The grant award will be used to promote skills development and employment opportunities in fields such as advanced manufacturing, transportation and health care, as well as science, technology, engineering and math career through partnerships between training providers and local employers.

Governor Steve Bullock has championed Montana’s two-year colleges and for his efforts Bullock became the first Montanan to be awarded an Honorary Associate Degree from an institution of higher education.

“Montanans must be trained with the skills to compete in the 21st century workforce,” Bullock said of the grant announcement. “Our two-year colleges play a crucial role in equipping our students with the skills and experience to meet the needs of employers wanting to do business in Montana. This grant will help our colleges the resources they need to ensure they are training our students for the jobs that are in demand.”

“I am committed to two year education. This grant represents an incredible opportunity for Montana’s ten public two-year colleges and tribal college partners to serve 10,000 individuals over the next four years in the areas of energy and advanced manufacturing workforce development,” Commission of Higher Education Clayton Christian said. “Montana’s two-year colleges are at the heart of providing responsive workforce development opportunities. “

The grant will be distributed as follows:

College	City	Amount
Great Falls College Montana State University	Great Falls	\$ 8,505,260
Fort Peck Community College	Poplar	\$ 1,516,571
Montana State University Northern	Havre	\$ 1,746,864
City College Montana State University Billings	Billings	\$ 1,465,338
Gallatin College Montana State University	Bozeman	\$ 731,524
Missoula College University of Montana	Missoula	\$ 1,388,658
Bitterroot College University of Montana	Hamilton	\$ 931,568
University of Montana Helena - College of Technology	Helena	\$ 2,687,563
Highlands College of Montana Tech	Butte	\$ 454,965
Flathead Valley Community College	Kalispell	\$ 3,466,107

Dawson Community College	Glendive	\$ 562,587
Miles Community College	Miles City	\$ 482,437
Little Big Horn College	Crow Agency	\$ 1,038,887
		\$ 24,978,329

During his recent “Back to School Tour,” Governor Bullock visited several two-year colleges to highlight the important role that these schools play in preparing Montana’s workforce and recruiting new businesses to the state.

This grant is built on partnerships – Deputy Commissioner John Cech and his two-year CEO colleagues along with Commissioner Pam Bucy of the Department of Labor and Industry collaborated with 57 industry partnerships as a part of this grant. These businesses and industries will be at the table helping to design the curriculum and implement the new certificates and workforce training opportunities made available through this grant.

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