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Oregon expands career readiness with \$10.3 million investment in hands-on learning for 101 schools

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PORTLAND, OR—One hundred and one Oregon middle schools and high schools have secured career readiness grants totaling \$10.3 million, Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian and Acting Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction Colt Gill announced today.

The CTE Revitalization Grant funds will serve diverse communities around the state with programs focused on advanced manufacturing, engineering, agricultural science, aviation, robotics, forestry, home construction/renovation and biomedical/health sciences.

"Our state's ability to attract and retain good jobs is fundamentally linked to the availability of a skilled workforce," said Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian. "Today's grants mean that more students around the state will have access to hands-on learning programs. As our economy changes – especially with automation on the rise – the importance of skills training in middle school, high school and throughout a person's career will only continue to grow."

In total, the 32 grants will leverage additional funds and resources from 335 local business and community partners.

"These grants will help more students prepare for college and career," said Acting Deputy Superintendent Colt Gill. "I'm very pleased to see the ongoing expansion of hands-on, applied learning to more schools around the state. These programs are good for students, good for businesses, and good for local communities."

Graduation rates for students in Oregon CTE programs are 15.5% higher than the statewide average.

The grants build on earlier investments by the Oregon Legislature in 2011, 2013, 2014, and 2015 totaling \$23 million.

The CTE Revitalization Advisory Committee – comprised of representatives from organized labor, trade organizations, education and Oregon's energy and business community – reviewed 64 applications totaling \$21 million in requests. The committee prioritized applications based on geographic diversity, community partnerships, and programs that lead to high-wage, high-demand occupations, especially for historically underserved students.

In addition to the regular CTE Revitalization Grant, a summer supplement was also offered for schools wishing to expand opportunities for students outside of the regular school year.

Recipient	Project Name	Regular Award	Summer Award	Total
Athena Weston SD	Weston McEwen CTE Project	\$271,628	\$0	\$271,628
Beaverton SD Southridge High School	Embrace, Inspire, Empower-CTE Opportunities for All	\$317,286	\$0	\$317,286
Bend-La Pine SD Bend High School	Bend High School Culinary Kitchen Upgrade and Food Truck	\$328,126	\$0	\$328,126
Bend-La Pine SD La Pine High School	LaPine HS MFG & Construction Tech	\$334,715	\$0	\$334,715
Bethel SD	CTE Cruise: Engaging & Inspiring Grade 8 Students to Pursue CTE Pathways	\$332,181	\$0	\$332,181
Cascade SD	Approaching MACH Speed	\$0	\$45,000	\$45,000
Lincoln City Career Tech HS	Coastal Drone Academy	\$336,286	\$0	\$336,286
David Douglas SD	Design, Create, Make! Middle School Summer Camp	\$0	\$44,506	\$44,506
Dayton SD	Innovate Dayton	\$336,029	\$82,800	\$418,829
Douglas ESD	Douglas Healthcare Career Pathways Program (DCHCP)	\$432,367	\$0	\$432,367
Forest Grove SD Forest Grove High School	Forest Grove HS Mechatronics Pathway	\$334,688	\$99,699	\$434,387
Gresham-Barlow SD Center for Advanced Learning	Updraft to Apprenticeship	\$430,493	\$0	\$430,493
Hillsboro SD	Bioscience Technologies Program	\$334,715	\$99,960	\$434,675
Jefferson County SD	Warm Springs & Madras: Middle School to High School CTE Pathway Focused on Underrepresented Minorities	\$336,286	\$100,000	\$436,286
Junction City SD Junction City High School	Junction City HS Culinary Arts Revitalization Project	\$336,286	\$0	\$336,286
Lake County SD	Revitalization of Welding and Small Engines	\$336,286	\$0	\$336,286
Lincoln County SD Waldport High School	Full Steam Ahead 2.0	\$335,459	\$0	\$335,459
McMinnville SD	CTE Seminar Project	\$190,574	\$93,137	\$283,711
Mt. Angel SD	Building Opportunities by Local Design (BOLD)	\$283,993	\$0	\$283,993

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Multnomah ESD Helensview School	Blazing the Way: Phoenix Industries	\$336,286	\$0	\$336,286
North Bend SD	North Bend Trades Center	\$336,286	\$0	\$336,286
North Marion SD North Marion High School	North Marion Habitat Partnership	\$75,615	\$0	\$75,615
North Santiam SD	North Santiam Pathways to Health	\$336,286	\$40,000	\$376,286
Perrydale SD	Designing the Future of Agriculture	\$336,286	\$36,000	\$372,286
Prairie City SD	Agricultural Science & Technology Instructor	\$336,286	\$0	\$336,286
Roseburg SD Roseburg High School	Expanding Horizons	\$0	\$99,999	\$99,999
Salem-Keizer SD	Roadmap for Success	\$0	\$98,885	\$98,885
Scappoose SD Scappoose High School	SHS Innovation Center	\$336,286	\$87,169	\$423,455
Southern Oregon ESD	Southern Oregon Air Academy Partnership Project	\$382,226	\$0	\$382,226
Wallowa County ESD Joseph Charter School	Joseph Charter School New Heights Aviation Center	\$431,162	\$0	\$431,162
Warrenton-Hammond SD Warrenton High School	Revolutionizing CTE with Warrenton Technology Center	\$336,286	\$100,000	\$436,286
West Linn-Wilsonville SD West Linn-Wilsonville School District	Engineering & Multimedia Design Project	\$328,215	\$94,500	\$422,715

A diverse coalition of advocates will seek to refill and expand the grant fund during the 2019 Oregon legislative session as part of the larger effort to ensure that every middle school and high school has access to high-quality and engaging CTE programs.

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