

# CONSTRUCTION TRADES CLASSROOM GRANTS HELP FUEL EXCITEMENT AMONG STUDENTS




Armed with over \$104,000 raised during the Dessert Dash this past January at the Winter Convention, the MCA Education Foundation did what it does best — create a buzz among students and their families regarding careers in construction. In addition to financially supporting the Build Montana program, sponsoring equipment-oriented events, and assisting with competition expenses for the two collegiate student AGC chapters in Montana, the MCAEF funded Montana schools with grants to assist with construction and trades programs and curriculums.

The Construction Trades Awareness financial award is a \$1,500 grant to schools actively promoting the industry in their classrooms and community. This year, 13 schools received the financial award. Schools are chosen through an application process that evaluates how the grant money will be spent. Examples of some of the great projects or programs included pre-apprentice partnerships with MCA members, a shop expansion to house more welding students, providing basic toolkits to students, materials

for woodworking and carpentry classrooms, and the completion of a concrete foundation project.

Schools earning the 2023 Construction Trades Awareness financial award include Belgrade High School, Belt Public Schools, Helena Capital High School, Colstrip High School, Fairfield High School, Helena High School, Missoula Hellgate High School, Manhattan Schools, Park High School

(Livingston), Red Lodge High School, Sheridan High School, St. Regis School District and Truth, Trades, & Technology Center (Whitefish).

MCA members are encouraged to reach out to the schools in your area to create partnerships that will help develop the next generation of construction professionals. 

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