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Southern Oregon organizations get funding for career programs

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Six different organizations are getting grant money for Healthcare, manufacturing and technology career pathways

SALEM, Ore. – The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) announced Workforce Ready Grants for 62 projects in Oregon. Seven of those projects are from six Southern Oregon entities.

The Workforce Ready Grants prioritize underserved and marginalized communities. The grants are for health care, manufacturing and technology. Below is the list of organizations that received grants in Southern Oregon:

- Klamath Union High School: \$440,843 for health care career pathways
- La Clinica: \$839,879 for health care career pathways
- Rogue Community College: \$435,410 for nursing career pathways
- Klamath County School District, Mazama High School: \$302,793 for manufacturing
- Oregon Institute of Technology: two grants for \$1,209,546 for technology
- Ross Ragland Theater: \$500,000 for technology

Grants help support collaborative programs that help individuals pursue good-paying jobs in key sectors of Oregon’s Economy. With \$42 million awarded to 62 projects, this was the biggest round of HECC grant funding for the program.

“With this third round of Workforce Ready Grants, we are expanding the collaborative partnerships that are essential to engaging a diverse workforce and equipping Oregonians for high-demand careers,” said executive director of the HECC, Ben Cannon. “Congratulations to all grantees and thank you in advance for your innovative work to serve Oregonians.”

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