

## Overview

In 2013, the South Dakota Legislature established the Workforce Education Fund through SB 235. Part of that fund, up to \$1.5 million, was designated to provide grants for Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs in secondary schools. In 2016, SB 132 expanded the grant program to offer up to \$2.5 million in Workforce Education Grants. Of that amount, up to \$250,000 may be awarded annually to private, non-profit entities, which offer specialized CTE instruction. The goals of the grants are to grow and expand student access to high quality CTE programs, develop career pathways, create, build, reform or enhance approved CTE programs, and create educational opportunities that align to high-skill, high demand, and high wage careers and postsecondary education programs in South Dakota. For more information, visit: <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/WEG.aspx>.

## Grant Awards

School District/Entity	Grant Year	Total Awarded	Description
Gayville-Volin	2016	\$ 100,000.00	Expand transportation program facilities
Hitchcock-Tulare	2016	\$ 33,169.00	Upgrade equipment for ag metals and precision agriculture instruction
Meade	2016	\$ 28,504.64	Expand precision machining program
Mitchell	2016	\$ 107,233.00	Upgrade equipment for information technology, architecture and construction and health science program; implement a 1+1 licensed practical nursing program with MTI
Platte-Geddes	2016	\$ 95,000.00	Upgrade agriculture program facilities
Rapid City	2016	\$ 43,446.00	Upgrade graphic design program
Sioux Falls	2016	\$ 99,760.00	Implement a concurrent credit diesel technology option in the existing transportation program with LATI
Webster	2016	\$ 43,000.00	Implement a Project Lead the Way Biomedical Science program
Yankton	2016	\$ 278,400.00	Expand the internship program with local businesses; develop concurrent credit program with MTI in transportation, drafting, welding, and information technology, upgrade equipment
Aberdeen Development Corporation	2017	\$ 250,000.00	Diesel technology training program
Armour	2017	\$ 17,495.00	Upgrade manufacturing equipment and facilities
Belle Fourche	2017	\$ 500,000.00	Construction of CTE facility to house manufacturing, human services, hospitality & tourism, business management & administration and agriculture programs
Brookings	2017	\$ 493,500.00	Improve agriculture, health science, hospitality & tourism, and information technology programs through equipment purchase, teacher training and facilities renovation
Lennox	2017	\$ 41,323.00	Create agriscience learning lab with outdoor animal science, horticulture, landscape construction, soil science, and natural resources laboratories
McIntosh	2017	\$ 76,000.00	Development of a heavy equipment operator program
Northwestern	2017	\$ 74,505.35	Development of a new agriculture program
Pierre	2017	\$ 244,500.00	Renovate facilities and upgrade equipment for the hospitality & tourism program
Redfield	2017	\$ 55,575.00	Renovate facilities and upgrade equipment for the agriculture program
Webster	2017	\$ 133,158.00	Creation of a new architecture & construction program in partnership with surrounding school districts
Yankton	2017	\$ 250,000.00	Development of a new agriculture program and expansion of a architecture & construction program
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,964,568.99</b>	

## Grant Highlights

**Webster Area** Career and Technical Education Center opened August 23, 2017, after an extensive summer restoration process of an old water plant. The Webster Development Corporation paid for most of the renovation. The Waubay and Webster Area School Districts are sending students to the career and technical education center to take classes in the manufacturing and architecture & construction clusters. 153 students from the two districts have taken classes at this center during the 2017-18 school year. On September 12, the first construction/manufacturing advisory board met, made up of approximately 25 area business professionals and post-secondary instructors, who help guide the teachers and curriculum. On September 27, an open house was held to offer the community a preview of the facility. On October 7, Webster was chosen as Dakota Resources, "2017 Innovative Community of the Year", due to the collaboration between the school and the Development Corporation.



(Webster Area)

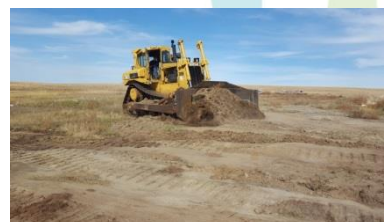
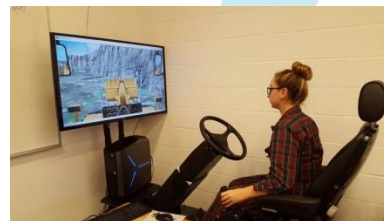
The **Aberdeen Development Corporation** noticed a need for diesel technicians in the area. Collaborating with Lake Area Technical Institute's Diesel Technology program, the two entities have created a facility where LATI professors and curriculum can begin to fill the workplace shortages. The goal is to grow and maintain a sustainable workforce. The program already has big plans for the future, looking at offering dual credit opportunities to get the high school students interested in the diesel technician field and offer them credit that transfers when they go on to postsecondary education. The multi-phase project is just beginning, but the potential to train and keep diesel technicians in the area is already making an impact. On August 10, 2017, an open

house/ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the new building located at the Aberdeen Industrial Park.



(Aberdeen Development Corporation)

**McIntosh's** Heavy Equipment program, led by Jim Hartwell, is making a big impact, with students lining up for the course next semester. Additionally, the course is offered to adult learners in the evening. The program uses simulators to train the students, and after only five hours on the simulators, they are able to operate real equipment in the field. On October 11, 2017, the students were able to work with Miller Construction to operate a D8 Cat Dozer, 330C Excavator and a 980G Front End Loader. Those in the industry were impressed by how well the students operated the equipment. The program is looking forward to continued excitement and growth.



(McIntosh)