

## NEWS RELEASE

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### City of Mountain Home Receives \$25,000 Training Grant

Mountain Home has received a \$25,000 grant to create a workforce technical prep program in IT/CAD - information technology/computer-aided design. The program will provide affordable training to fill skills gaps in the Mountain Home community. Program coordinators expect to train 25 people who, at the end of training, could earn a starting hourly wage between \$13 and \$17 an hour.

Mountain Home School District, City of Mountain Home, In the Ditch Towing Products, C-2 Construction, Idaho Power and CompTIA are putting up \$38,454 as an in-kind match. Other partner organizations support include the College of Western Idaho, Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce and Bideganeta Construction.

The \$500,000 micro-grant program, approved by the Idaho Workforce Development Council and funded by the Idaho Workforce Development Training Fund, provides up to \$25,000 to local and rural communities for workforce development programs smaller than traditional projects. Approved projects must increase employment and wages or stem out-migration of youth and young adult workers.

To date, \$208,333 has been awarded statewide through nine approved applications.

Grant criteria can be found at:

<http://labor.idaho.gov/dnn/idl/Businesses/TrainingResources/WorkforceDevelopmentTrainingFund/WDTFmicr ogrants.aspx>. Applications are reviewed and approved by a panel of representatives from business, education, economic development and the Idaho Department of Labor.

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