



McCall-Donnelly High School

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To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing to express my support for McCall-Donnelly High School's application for the Idaho Career Ready Students (ICRS) Micro-Grant. Warren Bunde has developed a proposal requesting approximately \$19,600 to purchase updated tools and improve safety and material storage in our Industrial Trades program.

This grant would help us modernize our shop and provide more students with consistent access to the tools they need for hands-on learning. It would also improve how materials and equipment are safely stored and organized.

I believe this is a valuable investment in the future of our shop program. We want to continue growing the program and provide students with meaningful experiences that prepare them for careers in the trades and other opportunities after high school. The equipment purchased through this grant would support that work for years to come.

I support Warren's effort to pursue this funding and believe it would be a positive step forward for our students and Industrial Trades program. I recommend that the district support this application.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of MDHS.

Sincerely,

BJ Sorensen
Principal
McCall-Donnelly High School





Idaho Career Ready Students

SY 2026-2027 Micro-Grant Instructions and Application

The Idaho Career Ready Students (ICRS) program, administered by the State Department of Education, aims to increase the capacity of career technical education (CTE) in Idaho's middle and high schools, serving grades 7-12, particularly in rural and remote communities.

Up to \$400,000 in grant funding is available for districts and public charter schools, with awards of up to \$20,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Awards will be given in three funding tiers. Within each funding tier, 50% of the available funding will initially be reserved for qualified middle school programs. Applications will be competitively scored within each tier, and scoring will favor durable equipment, program development, and sustainable investments over consumable materials and supplies.

	Award Amount	Total Allocation	Initial Middle School Reserve
Tier 1	Up to \$5,000	\$160,000	\$80,000
Tier 2	\$5,001 - \$10,000	\$160,000	\$80,000
Tier 3	\$10,001 - \$20,000	\$80,000	\$40,000

The application period closes October 30, 2026, at 6:00 pm (MST). Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.

The goals of this grant funding are:

- Capital investments for in-demand and highly skilled careers, specifically the trades, welding, fabrication, machining, agriculture, forestry, mining, nursing, and cybersecurity.
- Support to develop programs that align with the priorities of local communities, industry needs, and partnerships.
- Increase capacity for students to access high-quality CTE programming.
- Innovation in addressing regional and community needs and in addressing the challenges local school districts and public charter schools encounter when accessing resources to sustain high-quality career technical programming.

What makes a District/Charter Eligible to Receive Funding?

Any Idaho local education agency (LEA), public school district, or public charter school is eligible to apply for an Idaho Career Ready Students (ICRS) micro-grant.

GRANT INSTRUCTIONS

Awards

ICRS grant awards will be available immediately upon approval. Preference will be given to proposals from districts and public charter schools classified as rural or remote that have not previously received an ICRS grant.

Districts and public charter schools that received a grant during a previous round of funding may apply for a micro-grant to fund programming for a school or building within their boundaries that did not previously receive funding. Districts and public charter schools that previously received an ICRS grant of \$50,000 or less may apply for a grant for the same school or building. These proposals will be evaluated after proposals for new funding have been considered.

What items are eligible for an Idaho Career Ready Student's Micro-grant?

Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Capital expenditures to upgrade or expand existing CTE programs (e.g., machinery, tools, and other one-time purchases).
- Materials and supplies to develop or expand CTE programs specific to local and regional job markets (e.g., program materials and supplies, consumable materials and supplies, and equipment specific to instruction).

What Items are In-Eligible for an Idaho Career Ready Students Micro-Grant?

In-Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Curriculum for new or existing programs.
- Instructor travel for professional development, coursework, and conferences.
- Student travel for field trips, extracurricular activities, and CTSO events.
- Capital costs for building, programming, and construction (e.g., architectural and design fees, actual construction costs, and costs to finish out an existing construction project).
- Shipping and handling, state sales tax, and other administrative fees. Freight charges for large pieces of equipment ARE eligible, within the maximum grant award.
- Contractor and/or staff labor for the installation of new equipment and/or the demolition or removal of old equipment.

How are Idaho Career Ready Students Micro-Grants Awarded?

- Idaho Career Ready Students (ICRS) micro-grant proposals are awarded through the Idaho Career Ready Students Council.
- The ICRS Council is established in Idaho Code [§33-2214](#) and is comprised of eleven members and chaired by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- The ICRS Council will consider micro-grant applications during its **November 9, 2026**, regular meeting.
- Successful applicants will be notified after the November meeting.
- Funding will be on a reimbursement basis.

Evaluation Rubric

Question	Points Available
The district or public charter school is classified as rural/remote.	5 points
This will be the first ICRS grant the district or public charter school has received.	First ICRS grant - 5 points First ICRS grant for a school or building within the district or public charter school boundaries that has not received a previous ICRS grant – 4 points District or public charter school has received a previous grant of \$50,000 or less – 3 points District or public charter school has received a previous grant of \$200,000 or less – 2 points District or public charter has received a previous grant exceeding \$200,000 – 1 point
This grant will support a new or existing middle school program.	5 points
The grant will prepare students for careers in an industry identified as a priority by the ICRS.	5 points
Overall quality of responses and grant application.	Well-conceived and thoroughly developed – 5 points Clear and complete – 4 points Requires additional clarification – 3 points Lacks sufficient information – 2 points Information not provided – 0 point
	Total possible points - 25

IDAHO CAREER READY STUDENTS MICRO-GRANT APPLICATION

Email the completed application and supporting documentation submitted as a PDF to icrs2026@sde.idaho.gov on or before **October 30, 2026, 6:00 PM MST**. Incomplete applications or applications submitted past the deadline will not be eligible for consideration. In the event of a scoring tie, the timestamp will rank applicants.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

District/Public Charter School Name:

McCall Donnelly School District

District/Public Charter School Number:

McCall Donnelly High School

Main Point of Contact for the grant (name and contact information):

Warren Bunde
MDHS Industrial Arts
Office (208) 634-2218 ext. 1363
Cell (208) 269-0196
wbunde@mdsd.org

Superintendent/Charter Administrator Name:

Tim Thomas
MDSD Superintendent

Superintendent/Charter Administrator Signature and Date *(Required)*:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

GRANT APPLICATION

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- District/Public Charter School is Classified as Rural/Remote:
☒ YES ☐ NO
- If awarded, will this be the first ICRS grant the district or public charter school has received?
☐ YES ☒ NO
- Does this request support a new or existing middle school program within the district or public charter school?
☐ YES ☒ NO

4. Does this request support a new or existing secondary program, pathway, or cluster within the district or public charter school?

☒ YES ☐ NO

5. Has the district or public charter school pursued, applied for, or requested other funding sources for this program?

☐ YES ☒ NO

6. Please list the funding sources and amounts that have been granted to support this program.

Funding Source: (List all that apply)

Status of the Request: (Check all that apply)

☐ Awarded ☐ Not Awarded ☐ In Process or Waiting to Hear

7. Will this program prepare students for careers in any of the following industries?

☐ Agriculture	☐ Cybersecurity	☒ Fabrication
☒ Forestry	☒ Machining	☒ Mining
☐ Nursing	☒ Trades	☒ Welding

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY/REGION/STATE

8. Please describe how your community, region, or the state will benefit from an ICRS grant:

The school industrial trades programs are lacking a modernized educational environment to fully prepare students for post-secondary educational opportunities. Our local community has a shortage and generational gap in a variety of industrial trades that impact local and state industries, currently and the foreseeable future. These include and are not limited to electricians, welders, HVAC technicians, plumbers, mechanics, CNC machinists, industrial maintenance technicians, and sheet metal workers. There is a severely high demand for these local trades that support local manufacturing, agriculture, and infrastructural needs.

INDUSTRY PARTNERS

9. Please identify any partnerships with local industry or other stakeholders, including but not limited to Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) membership, financial support or donations, in-kind donations, equipment, instructor(s), technical help, etc.

Our industrial tech program is currently supported by funding from the Idaho Advanced Opportunities program and school district funding. We are currently looking for partnerships that share common interests with our local community for example: Gone Boarding LLC is a secondary education platform that provides curriculum and materials for educating industrial arts students through designing and building their own skateboards, surf boards or snowboards. Connecting functional use of industrial tools, standards, and safety to student interests, hobbies, and healthy recreation.

SUSTAINABILITY

10. Please describe your plan to sustain the program and keep it viable:

Industrial trades program is starting this year by taking a step back and reevaluating how to connect and engage students with the post-secondary job force, technical schools or college. We are reimagining the shop environment with student safety, efficient and work ethic in mind and planning to grow and nurture our program to serve as many students as possible to better serve our local and state industries.

PROGRAM METRICS AND OUTCOMES

11. Please provide the program outcomes you wish to achieve if awarded an ICRS grant:

If awarded this ICRS grant, we will be able to provide better, more hands-on instruction that will enable us to accommodate increased class sizes and provide every enrolled student with the same variation of tools, not rely on tool availability. In addition, this grant would allow students access to safe and industrial standard material storage for future projects.

12. Please provide the metrics you will use to determine the program's success:

Year 1:	25% increase in class size and 50% increase in project productivity.
Year 2:	35% increase in class size and 65% increase in project productivity.

Grant Request

13. Please list the resources requested with this ICRS grant application and summarize how they will be used:

McCall Donnelly High School would like to purchase cordless hand tool kit packages to equipment up to 16 industrial trades students including Cordless Drill, Impact Driver, Reciprocating Saw, Circular Saw, Oscillating Tool, Random Orbital Sander, Jigsaw, 5Ah Battery and Charger. In addition, we would like to improve shop safety and material storage by purchasing two mobile flammable storage cabinets, a 10 ft tall double sided Cantilever Rack, and an 8 ft tall single sided Cantilever Rack.

SUBMISSION

14. I have reviewed the grant application instructions and understand the requirements and eligible expenses for applying for a micro-grant for the 2026/2027 school year.

☒ YES

☐ NO

By signing your name below, you attest that all information provided is true and correct to the best of your knowledge, and that your district/charter administrator has approved the submission of this grant application.


Signature

WARREN BUNDE
Printed Name

10/6/2026
Date

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For Questions Contact

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McCall -Donnelly High School ICRS Grant Application 2026

Grant Application estimated cost:

Below is an itemized breakdown of costs associated with proposal grant purchases. Purchases are categorized into safety/materials storage and tool/technology modernization,. For verification on costs regarding the visit Uline.com for safety/material storage or Uline purchasing customer service at customer.service@uline.com. For verification of costs regarding Makita or Dewalt tool package, contact Builder First Source representative John Ballantyne at john.ballantyne@bldr.com.

Itemized List of MDHS Industrial Trades

Item	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total
Safety / Material Storage			
Mobile Flammable Storage Cabinet – Manual Doors, 45 Gallons	\$1,350.00	1	\$1,350.00
Cantilever Rack - Double Sided, 82 x 106 x 120"	\$4,120.00	1	\$4,120.00
Cantilever Rack - Single Sided, 80 x 40 x 96"	\$1,505.00	1	\$1,505.00
Add-On Unit for Single Sided Cantilever Rack, 52 x 40 x 96"	\$770.00	3	\$2,310.00
Sub Total			\$9,285.00

Tool / Technology Modernization			
Makita Option			
Drill Driver XPH16Z	\$180.00	12	\$2,160.00
Impact drill	\$185.00	10	\$1,850.00
Circular saw XSR01PT	\$515.00	5	\$2,575.00
Jig saw XVJ04Z	\$240.00	10	\$2,400.00
Orbital sander XOB01Z	\$135.00	10	\$1,350.00
Sub Total			\$10,335.00

Dewalt Option			
DEWALT 20V MAX 7-Tool Combo Kit, Includes Cordless Drill, Impact Driver, Reciprocating Saw, Circular Saw, Oscillating Tool, Random Orbital Sander, Jigsaw, 5Ah Battery and Charger (DCK751P1)	\$649.00	16	\$10,384.00
Sub Total			\$10,384.00

Makita Option Grand Total	~\$19,640.00
Dewalt Option Grand Total	~\$19,669.00