



# News Release

---

U.S. Department of Labor | Sept. 30, 2015

## **MSHA awards \$8.4M in state grants in 47 states** *Funds provide U.S. mine workers with safety and health training*

**ARLINGTON, Va.** – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Mine Safety and Health Administration has awarded \$8,441,000 in grant funding to 47 states and the Navajo Nation to reduce mining accidents, injuries and illnesses by supporting safety and health training courses and other programs.

Grantees will use the funds to provide miners with federally mandated training. The grants cover training and retraining of miners working at surface and underground coal and metal and nonmetal mines, including miners engaged in shell dredging or employed at surface stone, sand and gravel mining operations.

Grants were awarded in fiscal year 2015 based on applications from states, and they are administered by state mine inspectors’ offices, state departments of labor, and state-supported colleges and universities. Each recipient tailors the program to the needs of its mines and miners – including mining conditions and hazards miners may encounter – and provides technical assistance.

“Training of our nation’s miners is critical to miners’ safety and health, and thousands of miners receive training through these state grants,” said Joseph A. Main, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health.

Authorized by the [Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969](#), the state’s grants programs have received funds to provide safety and health training to miners since 1971.

In addition to safety and health training, some states use these grants to support their mine emergency response efforts and other Mine Act functions.

Editor’s note: A list of grantees follows this release.

###

### **Media Contact:**

Amy Louviere, 202-693-9423, [louviere.amy@dol.gov](mailto:louviere.amy@dol.gov)

Release Number: 15-1939-NAT

## MSHA FY 2015 State Grant Awards

STATE	Grantee	City	Amount
Alabama	<a href="#">Bevill State Community College</a>	Sumiton	\$204,244.79
Alaska	<a href="#">University of Alaska Fairbanks</a>	Fairbanks	\$91,334.69
Arizona	<a href="#">Arizona State Mine Inspector</a>	Phoenix	\$290,210.69
Arkansas	<a href="#">Arkansas Department of Labor</a>	Little Rock	\$104,926.56
California	<a href="#">California Department of Industrial Relations</a>	Chico	\$290,215.70
Colorado	<a href="#">Colorado Department of Natural Resources</a>	Denver	\$204,481.31
Connecticut	<a href="#">Central Connecticut State University</a>	New Britain	\$57,494.34
Florida	<a href="#">Tallahassee Community College</a>	Tallahassee	\$130,239.18
Georgia	<a href="#">Technical College System of Georgia</a>	Atlanta	\$154,593.69
Idaho	<a href="#">North Idaho College</a>	Post Falls	\$110,877.63
Illinois	<a href="#">Illinois Department of Natural Resources</a>	Springfield	\$209,016.28
Indiana	<a href="#">Vincennes University</a>	Vincennes	\$200,665.93
Iowa	<a href="#">Eastern Iowa Community Colleges</a>	Davenport	\$146,098.02
Kansas	<a href="#">Hutchinson Community College</a>	Hutchinson	\$93,653.79
Kentucky	<a href="#">Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet</a>	Frankfort	\$543,314.84
Louisiana	<a href="#">Northshore Technical Community College</a>	Greensburg	\$81,798.74
Maine	<a href="#">Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards</a>	Augusta	\$76,609.33
Maryland	<a href="#">Maryland Department of the Environment</a>	La Plata	\$53,666.92
Massachusetts	<a href="#">Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards</a>	Boston	\$67,424.15
Michigan	<a href="#">Michigan Technological University</a>	Houghton	\$196,592.98
Minnesota	<a href="#">Minnesota State Colleges &amp; Universities</a>	St. Paul	\$275,951.36
Mississippi	<a href="#">Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality</a>	Jackson	\$46,760.75
Missouri	<a href="#">Missouri Department of Labor &amp; Industrial Relations</a>	Jefferson City	\$202,845.72
Montana	<a href="#">Montana Department of Labor &amp; Industry</a>	Helena	\$150,000
Navajo Nation	<a href="#">Minerals Department</a>	Window Rock	\$25,055.05
Nebraska	<a href="#">Board of Regents, University of Nebraska</a>	Kearney	\$67,115.47
Nevada	<a href="#">Nevada Department of Business and Industry</a>	Carson City	\$270,828.10
New Hampshire	<a href="#">New Hampshire Department of Resources &amp; Economic Development</a>	Concord	\$47,949.36
New Jersey	<a href="#">New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development</a>	Trenton	\$43,139.79
New Mexico	<a href="#">New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology</a>	Socorro	\$154,120.65
New York	<a href="#">New York State Department of Labor</a>	Albany	\$249,541.32
North Carolina	<a href="#">North Carolina Department of Labor</a>	Raleigh	\$141,099.04
North Dakota	<a href="#">North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education</a>	Bismarck	\$90,524.91
Ohio	<a href="#">Ohio Department of Natural Resources</a>	Columbus	\$231,577.85
Oklahoma	<a href="#">Oklahoma Department of Mines</a>	Oklahoma City	\$125,016.70
Oregon	<a href="#">Eastern Oregon University</a>	La Grande	\$111,260.48
Pennsylvania	<a href="#">Pennsylvania Bureau of Mine Safety</a>	Uniontown	\$530,290.21
South Carolina	<a href="#">South Carolina State Board for Technical &amp; Comprehensive Education</a>	Columbia	\$57,065.41
South Dakota	<a href="#">South Dakota School of Mines &amp; Technology</a>	Rapid City	\$68,903.40

U.S. Department of Labor news materials are accessible at <http://www.dol.gov>. The department's [Reasonable Accommodation Resource Center](#) converts departmental information and documents into alternative formats, which include Braille and large print. For alternative format requests, please contact the department at (202) 693-7828 (voice) or (800) 877-8339 (federal relay).

Tennessee	<a href="#">Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development</a>	Nashville	\$148,451.19
Texas	<a href="#">University of Texas at Austin</a>	Austin	\$457,025.23
Utah	<a href="#">Utah State University Eastern</a>	Price	\$183,905.10
Vermont	<a href="#">Vermont Department of Labor</a>	Montpelier	\$73,564.64
Virginia	<a href="#">Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy</a>	Big Stone Gap	\$229,449.17
Washington	<a href="#">Eastern Washington University</a>	Cheney	\$135,853.51
West Virginia	<a href="#">West Virginia Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training</a>	Charleston	\$538,687.67
Wisconsin	<a href="#">Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services</a>	Madison	\$241,852.44
Wyoming	<a href="#">Northern Wyoming Community College District</a>	Gillette	\$235,705.92
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,441,000.00</b>

U.S. Department of Labor news materials are accessible at <http://www.dol.gov>. The department's [Reasonable Accommodation Resource Center](#) converts departmental information and documents into alternative formats, which include Braille and large print. For alternative format requests, please contact the department at (202) 693-7828 (voice) or (800) 877-8339 (federal relay).