

Tools for Schools Equipment Grant Program

Recipient: Vocational Schools and Colleges

Grant: \$108,605 to-date and on going

Completion: On going

Project Summary: 28



Background and Need

The ICPI Foundation is working to reduce worker shortages in segmental concrete pavement construction by offering a grant program to vocational schools and colleges. To qualify for a grant of up to \$20,000 USD to purchase paver-related construction tools, educational institutions must engage in a royalty-free license agreement with the Concrete Masonry & Hardscapes Association to teach the CMHA Concrete Paver Installer course as part of their construction curriculum. Many schools have already taken the opportunity to incorporate the CMHA instructional materials into their landscape construction course.

The Tools for Schools program provides capital investments in schools which helps instructors deliver essential hands-on segmental paving construction training to their students and the industries future workforce. Grant agreements must include a promotion plan recognizing the ICPI Foundation grant as well as an ongoing maintenance plan for the tools.



Piedmont Technical College students receive their Tools for Schools Grant equipment

Objectives

Foundation funds target educational, research programs, and industry tools that will benefit the segmental concrete paver industry. This program benefits vocational schools and college degree programs, allowing for the purchase of hardscape construction tools that will improve segmental concrete pavement lab instruction and expand student experiences.

Outcomes

As of February 2024, 12 schools have been approved, of which 1 Canadian and 9 U.S. schools have received their grants totaling \$108,605 for the purchase of paver-related construction tools.



Brigham Young University - Idaho



SUNY Cobleskill



South Shore Technical High School