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California Homebuilding Foundation Named a DEWALT Grow the Trades Grant Recipient

August 26, 2025 – SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Homebuilding Foundation is honored to be recognized as a DEWALT Grow the Trades Grant recipient for its efforts to expand access to construction trades education and workforce development in California.

With an estimated 500,000 open construction jobs unfilled nationwide, DEWALT's Grow the Trades Grants aim to help close the skilled labor gap by supporting nonprofit organizations that are skilling, reskilling, and upskilling tradespeople. Each year, the program awards funding and tool donations as part of a larger \$30 million commitment over five years to close the skilled trades gap.

The California Homebuilding Foundation was selected as one of 166 organizations providing critical training resources and opportunities to future trades professionals.

"The California Homebuilding Foundation is incredibly grateful to be recognized as a recipient of the DEWALT Grow the Trades Grant," said Jill Herman, Executive Director of the Foundation. "This generous support will directly benefit our Building Industry Technology Academy (BITA) program, helping us skill and reskill the next generation of tradespeople and provide them with the tools and opportunities they need for successful careers in the construction industry."

The Donald Chaiken Building Industry Technology Academy (BITA) is a four-year high school construction trades curriculum designed to prepare students for careers in the building industry. Currently active in over 50 California high schools, BITA connects students to hands-on training, industry mentorship, and post-graduation pathways into the workforce.

"DEWALT is immensely proud to support the California Homebuilding Foundation (CHF) as they work to skill and reskill the tradespeople of tomorrow, moving us closer to our shared goal of closing the trade skills gap," said Frank Mannarino, President and General Manager of DEWALT. "Funding educational programs and nonprofits like CHF connects more people to training, resources, and opportunities that lead to successful careers in the trades."

To learn more about the DEWALT Grow the Trades Grant, recipients, and updates for the upcoming application period, visit www.dewalt.com/growthetrades.

About the California Homebuilding Foundation

The California Homebuilding Foundation (CHF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to supporting California's homebuilding industry through scholarships, research, and workforce development. Through programs like the Building Industry Technology Academy (BITA), the Foundation is committed to preparing the next generation of builders and strengthening the future of housing in California. Learn more at www.myCHF.org.



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