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**THE FORD FAMILY FOUNDATION GRANT AWARD**

ONTARIO, OR - Thursday, May 21, Malheur Poverty to Prosperity: Career Technical Education (CTE) Program received a \$25,000 grant from The Ford Family Foundation. The Ford Family Foundation was established in 1957 by Kenneth W. and Hallie E. Ford. Its mission is "successful citizens and vital rural communities" in Oregon and Siskiyou County, California. The Foundation is located in Roseburg, Oregon, with a Scholarship office in Eugene.

CTE, one of Malheur County Poverty to Prosperity's five-points, is designed to train youth in technical skills to prepare them to find local jobs while attracting new industry and jobs to Malheur County. The P2P CTE project is a collaboration between Ontario, Vale and Nyssa school districts, Treasure Valley Community College, Malheur Education Service District, industry partners, county and state agencies, youth-serving organizations, parents and youth themselves and for the past three years has followed a coordinated approach to improve outcomes for local youth.

This grant will be used to hire staff to support effective coordination of data sharing services. Staff will provide technical support for data collection, data tracking and data analysis for the use of grant preparation and the improvement of programs and instruction. A portion of these funds will also be allocated for staff training and curriculum development of our two current programs, Welding and Allied Health, and our new program that is being administered by TVCC, the Automated Control Systems / Renewable Energy Technologies Program due to start fall 2015.

We are thankful to The Ford Family Foundation for their continued support to our program.