FERGUSON® FACILITIES SUPPLY | EXPLORE THE TRADES™

REAL SKILLS. BRIGHTER FUTURES.

Explore The Trades SKILLS LAB BUILT BY FERGUSON

The "Explore The Trades Skills Lab, Built by Ferguson" equipment grant program helps schools establish, expand, or upgrade hands-on plumbing, HVAC, and electrical training labs at no cost to the school.

Real training equipment for career and technical education (CTE) programs gives students hands-on exposure to in-demand trade careers and helps address the skilled trades workforce shortage.



53 Schools Nationwide

21 Different States

5,500+ Students Impacted

GRANT DETAILS

Applications Open
October 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027

Recipients Announced
May 5, 2027

Grant Awards

UP TO $25,000 worth of product and equipment for a new Skills Lab (plumbing, HVAC or electrical).

UP TO $10,000 worth of product and equipment to update an existing Skills Lab (plumbing, HVAC or electrical).

IS THIS GRANT RIGHT FOR YOUR SCHOOL?

This grant is for schools and career and technical education programs, not individual students. If you're a school administrator, CTE director, or instructor looking to fund or grow a plumbing, HVAC, or electrical lab, this program is built for you.

SUPPORTED TRADES

PLUMBING
Application & Information

HVAC
Application & Information

ELECTRICAL
Application & Information

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HOW THE GRANT WORKS

Skills Lab recipients don't get a pre-set equipment list. Instead, you'll choose the products that best fit your students, instructors, and facility.

- Funding for plumbing, HVAC, or electrical equipment and tools
- Support to launch a new lab or expand an existing lab
- Access to industry-relevant resources that support hands-on learning
- Opportunities to build stronger CTE pathways for your students
- Help connecting with local industry professionals and employers for real-world exposure

By pairing that flexibility with industry-relevant resources, the Skills Lab program helps strengthen CTE pathways and prepares the next generation of skilled trades professionals.

ABOUT FERGUSON

Ferguson is North America's leading distributor of plumbing, HVAC, waterworks, appliances, lighting, and industrial products. With more than 1,700 locations and 35,000 associates, they help contractors, builders, and facility professionals complete projects efficiently and successfully.

ABOUT COMFORT SYSTEMS USA FOUNDATION

COMFORT SYSTEMS USA

The Comfort Systems USA Foundation is the charitable arm of Comfort Systems USA, focused on workforce development. The foundation is committed to empowering underserved communities by creating pathways to rewarding careers in the skilled trades.

APPLY FOR THE 2026·2027 SKILLS LAB GRANT

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