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## HBA of Colorado Springs Awarded \$25k Grant by National Association of Home Builders

Funding will support two of the Association's key initiatives

COLORADO SPRINGS – January 18, 2017 – The Housing & Building Association of Colorado Springs (CSHBA) is honored to have been selected as a \$25,000 grant recipient under the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Grant for Supporting HBAs.

The application was submitted on behalf of two key initiatives of the Association – the Careers in Construction and Emerging Leaders programs. A complete Memorandum of Understanding will be received by the HBA by February 1, 2017.

Careers in Construction is CSHBA's non-profit workforce development initiative that partners area school districts with industry professionals, trades and associations to provide vocational training programs that introduce high school students to the basics of construction. The program is designed to lead them directly to a job, to a trade school or to a traditional college after graduating.

There are more than 300 students in five high schools currently enrolled in the Careers in Construction program. A portion of the NAHB grant money will go toward supporting recruitment needs and to connecting high school graduates with employers. CSHBA's objective is to help develop a quality workforce while also providing gainful employment opportunities for graduates.

The Emerging Leaders program, now in its second year formally, was created to identify and develop emerging leaders within CSHBA who understand the depth and breadth of the Association, as well as to contribute to their professional development in both the Association and the community.





There are 15 members in the Emerging Leaders program for 2017. A portion of the NAHB grant will be used to cover the expense of sending 10 of those members to the NAHB 2017 International Builders' Show in Orlando this month to gain first-hand exposure to and immersion in the Association's role at the national level.

#### About the Housing & Building Association of Colorado Springs

The HBA of Colorado Springs is a member trade association made up of builders, developers, remodelers, trade contractors, suppliers, mortgage lenders, Realtors, title companies, interior designers, architects, landscapers, and others. The HBA is committed to promoting policies that allow for the production of safe and affordable housing and to enhancing the environment for the housing and building industry in El Paso County. For more information visit [cshba.com](http://cshba.com).

