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Boettcher Foundation awards $525,000 for education projects

DENVER, April 26, 2017 — The Boettcher Foundation Board of Trustees has awarded $525,000 in capital grants to educational institutions in the state. The grant funding includes support for facilities at four higher-education institutions and continued support of the Qualistar Colorado Capital Fund, which impacts early childhood education centers.

“Boettcher Foundation has a long-standing tradition of funding education in our state, and we’re pleased to do so with this group of projects,” said Katie Kramer, CEO of the Boettcher Foundation. “Each of these grantees brings communities together and prepares Colorado students for successful futures, and their expanded or new facilities will help them continue to achieve their goal of serving the state’s youth.”

This year’s education grant recipients are:

**Colorado College** – Colorado Springs, $100,000
Toward the renovation and expansion of Tutt Library, which will serve as the intellectual hub of the campus, and will help the campus achieve environmental sustainability.

**Colorado State University** – Fort Collins, $100,000
Toward construction of the health and medical center, which will provide more efficient integrated health services for its students while also providing additional healthcare options to employees and community members. The center will also house innovative research and community programming.

**John McConnell Math & Science Center** – Grand Junction, $75,000
Toward construction of a new facility adjacent to Colorado Mesa University, to be used both by students and the broader community.

**Metropolitan State University of Denver** – Denver, $100,000
Toward construction of the Aerospace and Engineering Sciences Building. This building will provide up-to-date technology and real-world experiences to prepare students for successful manufacturing careers in a variety of sectors including aerospace, aviation, energy, communications and biomedicine.

Qualistar – Statewide, $150,000
Toward Qualistar Colorado Capital Fund for early childhood learning centers.

About the Boettcher Foundation:
At Boettcher, we believe in the promise of Colorado and the potential of Coloradans. Every day we champion excellence across our state by investing in our most talented citizens and high-potential organizations, because supporting their hard work and leadership will enable them to give back for years to come.