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Woodard & Curran Foundation Announces 2017 Track 1 Grant Recipients

Woodard & Curran Foundation announces awardees of the 2017 Track 1 Grants focused on addressing water scarcity through STEAM initiatives.

PORTLAND, Maine (December 4, 2017) – Woodard & Curran Foundation announces its 2017 Track 1 grant recipients, awarding two \$5,000 grants (a total of \$10,000) to two organizations dedicated to addressing the problem of water scarcity through STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) initiatives. “Woodard & Curran Foundation supports education as a way to create sustained, positive impact for our environment,” states Kelly Cowan, Foundation Board Member and Chair of the organization’s Grant Giving committee. “We are truly excited to support these two projects and remain grateful for the generous support of our donors who make these initiatives possible.”

**Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator/LACI Cleantech and Water Innovation Youth Program - \$5,000
Los Angeles County, CA (www.laincubator.org)**

The goal is to empower students with practical solutions for leading a water-efficient lifestyle, creating leadership to educate their community and an understanding of the on-going water issues in Southern California. LACI will host three student group visits (120 students from underrepresented communities) to the La Kretz Innovation Campus and a two-part water conservation workshop. Part one of the workshop will include presentations by the Los Angeles Department of Water (LADWP) and an in-house water entrepreneur. Part two will be a competition, where student groups propose a business plan to educate their community about ways to conserve water.

**Change is Simple (CiS) Science of Sustainability (SoS) Water Challenge - \$5,000
Woburn [MA] Public Schools (www.changeissimple.org)**

CiS will “supercharge” 5th grade classrooms (450 students, 40 teachers) with a hands-on education program that inspires students to become advocates for water conservation. The program educates students about the source, importance, and scarcity of water; design and build filtration systems; use green chemistry to create natural cleaners; start a community water conservation challenge; and create a plan to save 5 gallons per day for every person in their home.

For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.woodardcurranfoundation.org.
Woodard & Curran Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
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