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Woodard & Curran Foundation Announces 2016 Track 1 Grant Recipients

Woodard & Curran Foundation announces awardees of the 2016 Track 1 Grants focused on addressing water scarcity through STEAM initiatives.

PORTLAND, Maine (October 25, 2016) – Woodard & Curran Foundation announces its Track 1 grant recipients, awarding \$16,500 to organizations dedicated to addressing the problem of water scarcity through STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) initiatives. “This round of grants allowed the Foundation to focus on the importance of education as a way to create sustained impact,” states Kelly Cowan, Board Member and Chair of the Grant committee. “We are truly excited for this year’s winners and remain grateful for the generous support of our donors who make these initiatives possible.”

University of Florida Foundation, FL - \$5,384 Residential Irrigation Audit Manuals for Water Conservation Educators

Support for the development of home irrigation system audit manuals, which will be used to provide expert-level training to University of Florida Extension agents. Trained agents will offer customized conservation-based irrigation education to thousands of homeowners state-wide every year, saving the state millions of gallons of water.

The Ocean Foundation/Ocean Connectors, National City, CA - \$5,000 Ocean Connectors Habitat Restoration Program at Otay River

Integrated STEAM approach that engages 6th grade students through interactive classroom presentations, environmental research, habitat restoration field trips, collaborative problem solving, and student-led design sessions with the goal of raising community awareness of water use, reliability, and scarcity.

Jamestown Education Foundation, Jamestown, RI - \$6,116 Think-Shape-Grow Water Solutions

Support for 3rd grade students to study a community where all fresh water comes from precipitation. Students will plan, investigate (sampling, interviews, GIS mapping), compare local data to communities, and propose solutions. The culmination of the project will be a digital and paperback curriculum ("TSG: Water Scarcity Educational Resource Book") published and available on Amazon.com and offered free as a downloadable PDF from the TSG Twitter site and Woodard & Curran Foundation's website.

Woodard & Curran Foundation announces its Track 2 grant winner in November 2016. A \$100,000, 3-year grant will be awarded for an innovative project that applies or advances technology to address water issues relating to climate change.

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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