



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Southwestern Energy and Cfov Award STEM Education Grants**

STEM-based learning continues to be an important part of school curriculums. Its diverse nature offers educators creative and unique opportunities to convey key skills and concepts. Often, resources for projects are limited and selections are driven by available funding.

Thanks to grants made possible through Southwestern Energy (SWN) and the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley (CFOV), local educators will now be equipped with additional resources to offer even more to their students when it comes to STEM.

The grant opportunity demonstrates SWN's ongoing commitment to STEM education and supports the energy company's desire to be an active corporate citizen while enhancing elements of education. This year, students from 21 classrooms representing all grade levels in Marshall, Ohio and Wetzel counties will benefit from these awards which total \$9,934.29. To date, \$37,235.04 has been granted to support projects in 80 Ohio Valley classrooms.

"Our company is committed to supporting educators provide creative and unique experiences for students, especially in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math," said Amy Dobkin, community relations manager, Southwestern Energy. "The partnership with CFOV not only allows our interests to be achieved through an efficient process, but also helps to build relationships between recipients who share a passion for STEM."

"We can all agree teachers play a critical role in cultivating interests and strengths of the students in their classrooms. The skill development offered through these projects will set the stage for lifelong learning and creative inquiry," said Susie Nelson, executive director of CFOV.

#### **Grant Recipients:**

<b>School</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Project</b>
Cameron Elementary School	Wendy Clutter	STEM Challenge Field Day
Cameron Middle/High School	Diana Aston	Hands-on Anatomy experience for special needs students
Central Elementary	Ricki Jo Thompson	Recycled Seed Paper Project
Central Elementary School	Lara Himrod	Gardening for students with learning disabilities
Elm Grove Elementary School	Alexandria Parker	Makey Makey kits for Science
Hilltop Elementary School	Bethani Tweedlie	STEM Resource Activities Kits
Hilltop Elementary School	Allison Rine	STEM Resource Activities Kits
Hilltop Elementary School	Lisa Gast	Tangible Play Osmo Games
Madison Elementary School	Amber Huffer	STEM Stations and Nature Studies
Magnolia High School	Craig Mason	Algebra 1 - Time-distance Graphs, Speed and Acceleration

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Middle Creek Elementary School	Katrina Smith	3Doodler 3D Printing Pens
Middle Creek Elementary School	Michelle Titus-Glover	STEM Teaching Aids for Transitional Kindergarten
Middle Creek Elementary School	Ashley Wolfe	STEM Classroom Teaching Aids
Middle Creek Elementary School	Kristy Villani	Stem Resource Kits for Math and Science
Moundsville Middle School	Shelly Lynch	Breakout EDU
Ritchie Elementary School	Gina Annett	Coding Robots
Sherrard Middle School	Greg Oliver	Drone Class
Warwood Elementary School	Olivia Montgomery	Viking Engineering Students Soap Box Car Project
Warwood Elementary School	Amy Yost	AeroGarden Plant Life Cycle and Growth Project
Washington Lands Elementary School	Ashley Fecat	Animal Classification & Life Cycles
West Liberty Elementary School	Brenda Bachman	Math Concepts teaching aid

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This is accomplished through meaningful charitable actions, strategic and initiative-driven investments, and thoughtful community leadership.

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*About SWN:*

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