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Five Schools in KUB Territory Receive Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Grants from TVA

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), in partnership with Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB), and Bicentennial Volunteers Incorporated (a TVA retiree organization), recently awarded five schools in the KUB service territory a grant for a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education project.

The grant award is a part of \$800,000 in competitive STEM grants awarded to nearly 200 schools across TVA's seven-state service territory. Across the valley, educators submitted projects large and small, to further their STEM education initiatives in the classroom.

"KUB congratulates all of the schools in the KUB service area that were recipients of the TVA STEM grant," said Gabriel Bolas, KUB President and CEO. "We appreciate TVA for making this program possible and these educators who support the development of strong young minds in our community that may one day use their STEM passion to provide safe and reliable utilities to our community."

The competitive grant program provided teachers an opportunity to apply for funding up to \$5,000 and preference was given to grant applications that explored TVA's primary areas of focus: environment, energy, economic and career development and community problem solving as well as pandemic related projects. Schools who receive grant funding must receive their power from a TVA distributor.

"Despite the new challenges Valley teachers faced in 2020, they are still focused on providing the best STEM education possible and have adjusted to new ways of teaching," said Community Engagement Senior Program Manager Rachel Crickmar. "I am proud of the partnerships we have built with these amazing educators across the Tennessee Valley over the past few years and are pleased to be able to provide some support through this program. Through the grants awarded this year, over 72,000 students will be directly impacted across the Valley."

Local recipients include:

Beaumont Elementary School - \$5,000
Dogwood Elementary School - \$3,500
Horace Maynard Middle School - \$2,500
Mount Olive Elementary School - \$2,500
Northview Primary School - \$5,000

A full list of the grant recipients can be found at www.tvastem.com.



Knoxville Utilities Board

The Tennessee Valley Authority is a corporate agency of the United States that provides electricity for business customers and local power companies serving nearly 10 million people in parts of seven southeastern states. TVA receives no taxpayer funding, deriving virtually all of its revenues from sales of electricity. In addition to operating and investing its revenues in its electric system, TVA provides flood control, navigation and land management for the Tennessee River system and assists local power companies and state and local governments with economic development and job creation.

KUB is a municipal utility serving Knox and parts of seven adjacent counties and provides electric, gas, water, and wastewater services to more than 468,000 customers.

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