

The Virgin Islands Consortium

CFVI Awards AT&T STEM Grants To VI Educators

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The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) is awarding \$31,500 in grants to support a variety of STEM programs and projects within Virgin Islands public schools and early childhood centers in the USVI, CFVI has announced.

For the third year in a row, these grants were made possible by a contribution from the AT&T Foundation.

Hundreds of students within the St. Croix and St. Thomas-St. John districts will have the opportunity to explore the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics through hands-on, creative instruction, CFVI said. Teachers and professionals were required to submit proposals that aimed to improve student achievement. These grants range from \$1,500-\$5,000 and will be used to boost STEM education.

“STEM industries demand a highly-educated and skilled workforce and provides opportunities for under-represented populations such as women, minorities and students with disabilities to obtain the skills essential to their future success,” says Joe York, AT&T president of Florida, Puerto Rico & USVI. “These STEM grants provide the opportunity for increased knowledge in fields that are essential to the economic development of our country.”

CFVI President Dee Baecher-Brown, recognized the continued generosity, vision, and long-term support of AT&T as a model of commitment for businesses in the U.S. Virgin Islands, according to CFVI. “We are so appreciative of AT&T’s ongoing philanthropic support of initiatives serving students in the USVI, particularly as many are facing the challenges of split-session school schedules. As we build forward from the September hurricanes, these grants will enable students to access STEM enrichment in and beyond the classroom,” she said.

Pre-schoolers at Head Start facilities throughout the Territory will be utilizing learning kits to engage in STEM-related concepts; physics students at the Charlotte Amalie High School will participate in team building exercises to construct robots; and students at the Claude O. Markoe Elementary School will be collecting data samples at local ponds to study their chemical composition. These are a few of the enriching projects that were selected as recipients for the 2017-2018 AT&T STEM Grants.

2017-2018 AT&T STEM Grant Recipients

Grant Recipient	School	Island	Project
Ludovic Atemazem	Charlotte Amalie High School	St. Thomas	The Physics Behind the Robot: Sea Perch Navigation
Victor Barnes	St. Croix Central High School	St. Croix	M3 Challenge & IMMC Mathematics competition
Nancy Graham	John H. Woodson Junior High School	St. Croix	