

The Virgin Islands Consortium

CFVI Awards Over \$70,000 In Grant Funding From AT&T For STEM Student Projects

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The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) announced on Friday the recipients of the 2018-2019 AT&T STEM grants. Professionals working in schools across the territory were competitively selected to receive awards ranging from \$1,250 to \$8,500, for a total funding cycle of over \$70,000. Grant funds will be used to facilitate student projects, boosting STEM exposure and education in public, private, and parochial schools. In this fourth year of the STEM education grant program, the number of awards has seen an increase of more than double what was provided in 2018 thanks to AT&T's generous philanthropic investment, according to the release.

“We are so grateful for AT&T’s ongoing support for students in the USVI, especially while facing challenges with school schedules. As we continue building forward, this year’s grants will empower our youth with access to STEM enrichment not only in the public schools, but also in the Early Head Start, private, parochial, and home school settings” said CFVI President, Dee Baecher-Brown.

Through this funding, students across the Territory in the St. Thomas/St. John and St. Croix districts have the opportunity to learn more about the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields via hands-on instruction, the release said.

“Barriers like the lack of access to information about STEM can be overcome through exemplary outreach strategies, designed to ignite initial interest in STEM pathways,” said Alexandra Verdiales Costa, Vice President AT&T Puerto Rico & USVI. “AT&T, working with the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands, is proud to provide a means to bring STEM programs not only to public schools, but to expand them to Early Head Start, private, parochial, and home school settings.”

List of Grantees for 2018-2019 AT&T STEM funding: Grant Recipient School Island
Project Ludovic Atemazem Charlotte Amalie High School St. Thomas Building and
Improving Robotics by Collecting Data Steve Bullock/ St. Croix Rocketry Association St.
Croix Educational Complex, St. Croix Central High School, John H. Woodson Junior High
School, Elena L. Christian Junior High School St. Croix National Rocketry/Robotics
Competitions Patrick Cawdette Early Head Start (operated by Lutheran Social Services
of the Virgin Islands) St. Croix Early Head Start STEM Dora Cerge Ivanna Eudora Kean
High School St. Thomas Introduction to Engineering Robotics, Girls in Engineering Club
Reba Dickson John H. Woodson Junior High School St. Croix STEM Explorers!
Jacqueline Francis Jane E. Tuitt Primary School St. Thomas Tuitt's School Garden
Project Tetyana Hayes All Saints Cathedral School St. Thomas All Saints Robotics and
Astronomy Program Cassandra King St. Croix Educational Complex High School St.
Croix Coding With Sphero Robots Julie Magee US Virgin Islands Homeschoolers St.
Thomas VI Watershed/Water Quality Sean Malupa Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School
St. Thomas Lego Mindstorms Robotics Class Marisha Perkins St. Croix Central High
School St. Croix HAPPY (Human Anatomy and Physiology Project for Youths) Paula
Smail Giffit Hill School St. John Island Explorers: A green STEM Program for pre-K
through 12th grade Raydiance WattsClarke Alexander Henderson Elementary School St.
Croix Sharks Edible DREAMS Project