

CenturyLink Foundation Awards over \$750,000 in Technology Grants across 34 States

Thousands of students prepare for the future with 21st Century STEM learning concepts

MONROE, La., May 16, 2019 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- With the goal of equipping students across the country to succeed in today's digital economy, [CenturyLink, Inc.](#) (NYSE: CTL) is awarding over \$750,000 to fund nearly 200 classroom projects as part of the CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation's 2018-2019 Teachers and Technology grant program.

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[The Teachers and Technology program](#), which is designed to improve how classrooms leverage technology and innovation, has awarded more than \$11 million since its inception. The program awards grants of up to \$5,000 per project to schools in CenturyLink's local service and corporate locations on behalf of pre-K through 12th grade teachers who have developed plans to innovatively implement technology in their classrooms.

"CenturyLink recognizes the importance of introducing young people to science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM," said Sondra Smith, CenturyLink director of corporate social responsibility (CSR). "STEM competencies help students think more creatively, view the world through a different lens and search for new possibilities."

Grants funded through the 2018-19 program will provide a range of equipment to classrooms, including robotics, drones, virtual reality mechanisms, laptops, microscopes and more. This equipment will enable students to learn about and embrace newer technologies, which will help ready them for future jobs across the nation and the world.

Key Facts

- Across the United States, more than 1,300 grant applications were submitted to the grants program and 180 were awarded based on how they will benefit students in the classroom and the overall innovation of the project.
- The CenturyLink Teachers and Technology program, which began in 2008, has awarded

more than \$11 million to fund technology-based learning projects to date.

- CenturyLink service is neither required nor considered in the review of applications.

About the CenturyLink Foundation

The [CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation](#) is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to contributing to endeavors that improve the well-being and overall quality of life for people throughout CenturyLink's communities. Named after CenturyLink's founder, Clarke M. Williams, the Foundation is endowed by CenturyLink to support K-12 STEM education and other initiatives that encourage our employees to use their time, talents and treasure to strengthen their communities.

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