

**MEDIA ALERT:
FIRST QUARTER 2014 GRANTS ANNOUNCED**

With a laser focus on addressing summer learning loss for minority and economically disadvantaged K-12 students in Central Texas, KDK-Harman Foundation awards \$508,657 in Summer STEM grants as part of a total of \$618,657 awarded this quarter. Grant recipients were as follows:

AISD – Department of School, Family and Community Education – Summer STEM

To support funding for the Camp STAARburst, which will bring concentrated Summer STEM opportunities to two Austin ISD campuses where need is highly concentrated, afterschool STEM programs are well-attended, and innovative approaches to learning are supported and embraced by the school community and leadership. (Austin, TX) **\$50,000**

AISD – Office of Innovation and Development – Summer STEM

To support the Eastside Memorial Vertical Team (EMVT) Elementary Summer STEM & Robotics Academy. Funds will support a three-week Summer program that draws from six elementary campuses in east Austin and to expand on the highly successful STEM Summer programs of the last three years. (Austin, TX) **\$48,323**

Ann Richards School Foundation – Summer STEM

To support the Summer programming that ranges from on-campus camps and off-campus college mini-courses, to hands-on projects with high tech employers in the Austin community. (Austin, TX) **\$25,000**

Austin Partners in Education - STEM

To support continuation and expansion of the Middle School Math Classroom Coaching (MCC) and Step-Up Math (SUM) programs in under-resourced AISD schools. (Austin, TX) **\$50,000**

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area – Summer STEM

To support the Summer H.O.T. Spot (Hands on Technology) program, a total technology immersion project, integrated with the Boys & Girls Club national technology initiative, Club Tech, and designed to integrate technology into every aspect of a Club's operation. (Austin, TX) **\$32,300**

Foundation Communities – Summer STEM and OST

To support the PATHS After School and Summer Youth Program, especially the STEM programming and reading curriculum. (Austin, TX) **\$50,000**

Girl Scouts of Central Texas, Inc. – Summer STEM & year-round STEM

To support the Tech Girls program and the summer camp programming that accompanies it. The program is an intensive, sustainable, and scalable STEM program for girls from low-income, low-resource, and ethnically diverse backgrounds. (Austin, TX) **\$40,000**

Girlstart – Summer STEM & year-round STEM

To support STEM Education--after school and two free Summer Camp programs--for high-needs girls in Central Texas. (Austin, TX) **\$50,000**

Making Awesome Things Happen (M.A.T.H.) – Summer STEM

To support 5th Annual Summer M.A.T.H. Camp. The camp will focus on improving basic mathematics skills in students by using culturally relevant pedagogy and exposing students to STEM careers. (Austin, TX) **\$10,000**

Phoenix Arising Aviation Academy – Summer STEM

To support the STEM-Inflight Summer Program and to support the Capacity Building – E.D. Initiative. The grant will help cover the cost and materials to engage up to 200 students in high-caliber STEM learning experiences through ten (10) one-of-a-kind summer camps and summer workshops and to support the hiring of a full-time Executive Director. (Austin, TX) **\$50,000**

RRISD Partners in Education Foundation – Summer STEM

To support the Summer KICKS Program. Up to 150 students will attend four half-days a week for four weeks and will engage in hands-on, interactive learning in topics such as engineering and biomedical science guided by the Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Gateway Curriculum. (Round Rock, TX) **\$43,034**

Skillpoint Alliance STEM Council – Summer STEM

To support the Velocity Prep HS Internships. The program prepares high school students traditionally underrepresented in STEM with hands-on exposure to power systems design, energy auditing, nanotechnology, engineering, robotics, advanced manufacturing, and computer science in the form of a summer internship. (Austin, TX) **\$50,000**

United Way for Greater Austin – Summer STEM

To support Out-of-School Time Program Quality. The grant will help in leveraging the OST Program Quality system and focus specifically on improving the quality of instruction in STEM afterschool and summer programs. (Austin, TX) **\$25,000**

UTeach Outreach, College of Natural Sciences – Summer STEM

To support UT PREP Pipeline. The grant will be used for a series of camps beginning in fourth grade, meant to be a “pipeline to success” in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) careers. Low-income, underrepresented populations are the target group. (Austin, TX) **\$50,000**

W. Charles Akins High School – Summer STEM

To support the STEMBridge Summer Program. The grant will be used for an innovative summer program designed to expose high school students to computer science and entrepreneurship. The multi-summer sequence program will offer a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum targeting low-income students in Austin. (Austin, TX) **\$20,000**

Welcome Table, Inc. – Summer STEM

To Support the CDF Freedom School CDF Freedom Schools®. This is a national program founded by the Children’s Defense Fund that provides summer enrichment for children and families using a research based, multicultural curriculum that embraces STEM education and reading. (Austin, TX) **\$25,000**

About KDK-Harman Foundation

KDK-Harman Foundation was founded by Janet E. Harman in December 2004. The Foundation provides financial and capacity-building resources to education-focused nonprofits that assist disadvantaged Central Texas families, with a focus on women, to help them achieve educational success. The ultimate goal of such funding is to transform their lives from poverty to financial independence to enable a better life for themselves and future generations. The Foundation supports programs within Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, Caldwell, Burnet and Llano counties.