# Missouri American Water Proudly Recognizes American Water Charitable Foundation 2024 Workforce Readiness and STEM Education Grantees

Recipients include four nonprofit organizations across Missouri

ST. LOUIS, Mo – (November 12, 2024) – The American Water Charitable Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization established by American Water, the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., recently announced four organizations were awarded a Workforce Readiness/STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) grant, supporting communities served by Missouri American Water.

"Focusing on education of the future members of our workforce is one of the ways we support the communities we serve, said Rich Svindland, president of Missouri American Water. Investing in our youth is critical to sustain the success of communities in the future."

These grants are part of the American Water Charitable Foundation's Keep Communities Flowing Grant Program, focusing on three pillars of giving: Water, People and Communities. The Workforce Readiness grant focuses on general career readiness, financial and business literacy, positive youth development and life skills training.

The STEM education grant provides STEM-focused curricular and extracurricular programs for underserved students. Below is a list of grantees throughout Missouri.

- Gateway Music Outreach in Florissant \$25,000 for expansion of the adopt a musician and community-based programs.
- Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis \$25,000 in support of the JA trades program offering hands-on experience and highlighting the importance of STEM skills in various trades
- Creative Learning Alliance in Joplin \$25,000 to purchase the Bubble Monster Exhibit, a hands-on creative experience applying both water and the principles of physics.
- Missouri Gateway Green Building Council in St. Louis \$25,000 for the Missouri Green Schools Program recognizing schools participating in a systems-based approach to long-term sustainability.

"Gateway Music Outreach is deeply grateful for the American Water Charitable Foundation's Workforce Readiness/STEM grant," said Angel McKay, executive director." This funding will expand our Adopt-A-Musician Program and Community Music Outreach Projects, providing intensive music education to more underserved students and families. By integrating music with STEM, we will provide a holistic experience preparing students for success."

"The American Water Charitable Foundation is delighted to partner with

eligible nonprofit organizations across Missouri, said Carrie Williams, President of the American Water Charitable Foundation. We are proud to support initiatives that provide access to high-quality learning students need to be successful."

Learn more about Missouri American Water's community impact here.

### About American Water

American Water (NYSE: AWK) is the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the United States. With a history dating back to 1886, We Keep Life Flowing® by providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable drinking water and wastewater services to more than 14 million people with regulated operations in 14 states and on 18 military installations. American Water's 6,500 talented professionals leverage their significant expertise and the company's national size and scale to achieve excellent outcomes for the benefit of customers, employees, investors and other stakeholders.

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# About Missouri American Water

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# About American Water Charitable Foundation

The American Water Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides a formal way to demonstrate the company's ongoing commitment to be a good neighbor, citizen, and contributor to the communities where American Water and its employees live, work and operate. For more information, visitamwater.com/awcf.

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