

Valley View Educational Enrichment Foundation Awarded American Water Charitable Foundation STEM Education Grant

Bolingbrook, Illinois – June 17, 2025 – The Valley View Educational Enrichment Foundation announced on June 5th that it was awarded an American Water Charitable Foundation STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) Education grant, focusing on STEM-related curricular and extracurricular programs for underserved students. The \$25,000 grant from American Water Charitable Foundation ensures that 18 educational programs, designed and delivered by Valley View District 365-U educators and submitted to the Educational Enrichment Foundation, can be delivered for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. The Education Foundation received a record 131 grant applications requesting over \$173,000 in this grant cycle.

“The Valley View Educational Enrichment Foundation Board, consisting of community leader volunteers, is extremely grateful for the support from the American Water Charitable Foundation. We were deeply concerned about being able to fund many grant applications due to the volume submitted this year. With these funds, we can certainly fund more than expected, enabling our students to receive amazing educational experiences,” said Mike Lawler, Valley View Educational Enrichment Foundation President.

The STEM Education grant is part of the American Water Charitable Foundation’s Keep Communities Flowing Grant Program. The Foundation is a philanthropic non-profit organization established by American Water (NYSE: AWK), the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., supporting high-impact projects and initiatives that further American Water’s commitment to the communities it serves.

“The American Water Charitable Foundation is proud to support initiatives that provide access to high-quality learning students need to be successful,” said Carrie Williams, President, American Water Charitable Foundation. “We take pride in supporting American Water’s continued efforts to be a responsible neighbor and reliable partner in the community.”

The Valley View Educational Enrichment Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, relies on the generosity of individuals, local organizations, and businesses to raise funds for the programs that go above and beyond the excellent curriculum provided by District 365-U. Since the beginning efforts of the Education Foundation 30 years ago, they have been able to fund 1,191 grant programs for nearly \$2 million.

Learn more about the Valley View Educational Enrichment Foundation’s mission and community impact at www.vvef.org

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 6,700 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 American Water Charitable Foundation

The American Water Charitable Foundation, a philanthropic non-profit organization established by American Water (NYSE: AWK), focuses on three pillars of giving: Water, People, and Communities. Since 2012, the

Foundation has invested more than \$20 million in funding through grants and matching gifts to support eligible organizations in communities served by American Water. The Foundation is funded by American Water shareholders and has no impact on customer rates. For more information, visit [amwater.com/awcf](https://www.amwater.com/awcf).

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