California American Water Proudly Recognizes $10,000 American Water Charitable Foundation State Strategic Impact Grant to West Sacramento Foundation

West Sacramento, Calif. (11/10/2026) - The American Water Charitable Foundation, a philanthropic nonprofit organization established by American Water (NYSE: AWK), and California American Water announce that the Foundation has awarded a $10,000 State Strategic Impact Grant to the West Sacramento Foundation and its efforts to expand access to high-quality, hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) learning opportunities for young children in West Sacramento.

"Young children are natural scientists. They learn by asking questions, experimenting and exploring the world around them," said **Justine Jimenez, President and CEO of West Sacramento Foundation**. "With support from the American Water Charitable Foundation, we can give educators the tools, training and resources they need to turn that natural curiosity into meaningful STEM learning experiences."

This grant will support STEM learning for children ages four and five across a mixed-delivery early learning network that includes Family Child Care, State Subsidized Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program. The initiative is supported through partnerships with the City of West Sacramento's Quality Early Learning Program and Washington Unified School District.

"Introducing children to STEM concepts through hands-on, age-appropriate learning can help build curiosity, confidence and a love of learning from an early age," said **Sarah Leeper, President of California American Water**. "Thanks to the American Water Charitable Foundation, we're proud to support the West Sacramento Foundation and its partners as they create meaningful learning opportunities for young children while providing educators with resources that strengthen their teaching practices."

The project will build upon resources and curriculum available through County, Play, Explore (CPE), a multi-agency California effort focused on promoting positive and confident math, science and computer science outcomes among children from birth through age eight. Funding will help provide training, reflective coaching, curriculum resources, and hands-on classroom materials to assist early-learning educators.

The State Strategic Impact grant is part of the 2026 Keep Communities Flowing Grant Program, focusing on three pillars of giving: Water, People and Communities. State Strategic Impact grants support high-impact projects and initiatives throughout American Water’s national footprint.

"The American Water Charitable Foundation is proud to support the West Sacramento Foundation and its efforts to create meaningful STEM learning opportunities for young children," said **Carrie Williams, President, American Water Charitable Foundation**. "Investing in opportunities that help children explore, discover and learn supports stronger communities and helps prepare the next generation for a bright future."

By pairing classroom resources with educator training and coaching, the initiative aims to make early STEM experiences engaging, developmentally appropriate and accessible across a variety of learning environments. The program will help children build confidence in STEM while strengthening the skills and practices of the educators who serve them.

Learn more about the American Water Charitable Foundation’s Grant programs here.

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