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FIRST TECH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION AWARDS \$1.1 MILLION TO EDUCATION NONPROFITS

Funds benefit more than 60 nonprofit organizations serving communities throughout California, Oregon and Washington

Hillsboro, Ore. – April 18, 2019 -- In its ongoing commitment to support the next generation of leaders, thinkers and innovators, [First Tech Federal Credit Union](#) approved more than \$1.1 million in grants to over 60 nonprofit organizations in California, Oregon and Washington. The organizations that received funding support children in underserved communities with an emphasis on access, equity and inclusion, especially in the areas of science, technology, education and mathematics (STEM).

The \$1.1 million awarded is part of First Tech's ongoing philanthropic work within local communities. First Tech is committed to building strong relationships with organizations that are helping to create an inclusive community where children have the tools they need to learn and succeed.

This year's funding was directed to organizations supporting the next generation of leaders and thinkers, such as Oregon-based Free Geek, whose mission is to sustainably reuse technology, enable digital access, and provide education to create a community that empowers people to realize their potential. With a grant from First Tech, Free Geek is better able to bridge the growing digital divide and provide young learners access to technology to build a more diverse pipeline of STEM professionals.

"First Tech supports us at all levels of our mission," says Sara Rasmussen, digital inclusion manager with Free Geek. "Technology access is fundamental to academic success and, later on, economic opportunity, for all kids. By providing this support to young people, we're opening a door. First Tech has made it possible for us to grow and improve the Plug into Portland program and allow us to develop innovative solutions for helping even more kids."

"As the credit union for the world's leading technology companies, we're committed to supporting the next generation of leaders, thinkers and innovators through improved access to education," said Nicole Frisch, community engagement director at First Tech. "We're thrilled to support these exceptional organizations as they strive to create long-lasting change. Together, we're building stronger communities that can thrive for generations to come."

Grants awarded during the recent cycle include the following organizations:

Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), Oregon; **\$75,000** to support OMSI's strategic accessibility and equity initiatives, providing more opportunities to reach and better serve the diverse community.

Silicon Valley Education Foundation, California and Oregon; **\$74,000** to support Elevate [Math], a tuition-free program that provides math intervention for middle school students to help them reach grade level proficiency.

Beaverton Education Foundation, Oregon; **\$70,000** to support the BSD Future Bus and STEAM 4 All, a program that supports and encourages all students to explore academic experiences in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics.

Girls Inc. of the Pacific Northwest, Oregon; **\$44,500** to support Eureka!, a STEM-based approach to engaging and empowering 8th -12th grade girls to build confidence in STEM-related fields.

Free Geek, Oregon; **\$44,000** to support Plug into Portland, a digital access program providing technology and training to K-12 students in the Portland-Metro area with a goal of increasing academic achievement for all.

Computer History Museum, Mountain View; **\$35,000** to support the Fellows Awards and Design Code Build, a program that works to bridge the digital divide by providing underrepresented youth access to STEM workshops.

Junior Achievement of Washington, Washington; **\$35,000** to support *JA BizTown*®, a program that provides students with the opportunity to apply in-school financial education to real life scenarios.

Boys & Girls Club of Silicon Valley, California; **\$30,000** to support C5: 21st Century Learning Initiative, a year-round academic program focused on developing the technology and literacy skills needed to be successful in school, career and life.

Washington STEM, Washington; **\$30,000** grant to support Career Connected Learning and Early Math initiatives, a program that works to improve early math learning and empower children from underrepresented communities to explore STEM careers.

FIRST Washington, Washington; **\$25,000** to support girl-focused and diversity-focused FIRST program teams, bringing STEM equity, access and inclusion to all youth including minorities, low-income and girls.

Centro Cultural de Washington County, Oregon; **\$20,000** to expand and amplify the Lego Robotics program, making it more accessible for youth of color from K-12 and to create a more cohesive pipeline for STEM education, especially for girls.

Family Giving Tree, Milpitas; **\$20,000** to support Back-to-School Drive Backpack Build, a program that provides backpacks filled with school supplies to those children most in need in our communities.

Adelante Mujeres, Oregon; **\$20,000** to support Fiesta of Hope and Chicas STEM, a program that provides culturally-appropriate STEM opportunities to more than 600 youth throughout Washington County.

The Tech Museum of Innovation, San Jose; **\$15,000** to support Girls @ The Tech initiative, a program that builds a pipeline for girls to nurture their interests, boost their skills and solidify their confidence in STEM.

Junior Achievement of Northern California, Walnut Creek; **\$10,000** to support Project SUCCEED, a program that equips youth with the financial knowledge and skills necessary to make informed financial choices.

Museum of Flight, Seattle; **\$10,000** to support Michael P. Anderson Memorial Aerospace Program, a program that inspires underserved youth to experience the thrill of math and science and to dream of their own possibilities within the field of Aerospace engineering.

East Palo Alto Kids Foundation, East Palo Alto; **\$10,000** to support Educator Micro Grants, a program that provides teachers with critical funding to help bridge wide gaps in funding and resources.

Pacific Science Center, Seattle; **\$10,000** to support Curiosity Days, a program that seeks to inspire individuals to explore connections between science and the Seattle community.

Page Ahead, Seattle; **\$10,000** to support Book Up Summer, a program that gives students from low-income families the resources they need to maintain their reading skills during the summer.

About First Tech Federal Credit Union Community Programs

First Tech Federal Credit Union is committed to supporting the next generation of leaders, thinkers and innovators. In 2018, First Tech provided \$3.28 million in charitable giving and more than 30,000 employee volunteer hours to the community; directing dollars and time to nonprofit partners who provide programs and services to children and families in need. First Tech's philanthropic focus areas include support for education (STEM, early childhood literacy and financial education), research (Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and supportive health services for children) and innovation (food, shelter and safety). Visit firsttechfed.com/community to learn more about the ways First Tech pays it forward throughout the year.

About First Tech Federal Credit Union

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