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FIRST TECH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION AWARDS MORE THAN \$400,000 IN INNOVATION GRANTS TO 29 NONPROFITS THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST AND CALIFORNIA

(HILLSBORO, Ore., and SAN JOSE, Calif.) – October 11, 2018 – In continuation of its commitment to supporting healthy communities, [First Tech Federal Credit Union](#) has awarded \$400,000 in grants to 29 nonprofits throughout California and the Pacific Northwest. The selected innovation grant partners are working to create innovative solutions to our communities’ most pressing needs — removing access barriers and ensuring children and families have the food, shelter and safety they need to learn, grow and thrive.

It’s difficult for children to be healthy or learn effectively when they’re hungry, concerned about their safety or experiencing homelessness and instability. First Tech is committed to enriching the lives of future generations by improving children’s access to basic resources. By working with partners who provide support for children’s most basic needs, First Tech is helping ensure that every child has the opportunity to succeed. First Tech is proud to partner with the following organizations and supports their mission to cultivate better experiences for the next generation of leaders, thinkers and innovators:

Community Action, Hillsboro; **\$7,500** to support Community Action Resource Eligibility (CARE) Assessment, a 16-question assessment that can quickly connect individuals to the resources they need.

Marion-Polk Food Share, Salem; **\$5,000** to support the Youth Farm Leadership Development and Hunger Relief Program, an urban farm and collaborative educational site that cultivates new leaders by engaging people in growing food for the community.

Oregon Food Bank, Portland; **\$75,000** to support MPIN Food Expansion Project in Clackamas and Washington Counties. This project will address the hunger gap by providing an increase in infrastructure to source and distribute more food throughout high poverty areas of Clackamas and Washington.

Urban Gleaners, Portland; **\$25,000** to support the Washington County Capacity Continuation, a program that will enable their team to scale up and sustainably meet the needs of added food pantries and food distribution to hungry families in Washington County.

Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation, Beaverton; **\$5,000** to support the Beaverton School-Based Health Center, a program that provides community members with access to critical services that are designed to keep students healthy, in school, and ready to learn.

Willamette West Habitat for Humanity, Hillsboro; **\$20,000** to support technology upgrades and the Community Improvement Project, a program that provides critical home repairs to low-income homeowners in Washington County.

Placer Food Bank, Roseville; **\$20,000** to support Feed Our Future, a program that provides food to children and families through school pantries and backpack programs.

Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services, Sacramento; **\$6,300** to improve their technological capacity and increase efficiencies, making it easier for staff to track inventory and distribute large volumes of food to hungry families.

Second Harvest Food Bank, San Jose; **\$50,000** to support the Holiday Campaign, a program that provides food at no cost to over 300 local community-based organizations at 905 sites.

Valley Verde, San Jose; **\$15,000** to support the Community Food System model, a seed-to-table program that addresses food insecurity in low-income communities through environmentally sustainable home organic gardening.

FareStart, Seattle; **\$10,000** to support FareStart's new CRM database system and the 2018 Holiday Meal Program, helping to transform lives by empowering individuals to achieve self-sufficiency through life skills and job training.

Food Lifeline, Seattle; **\$15,000** to support the Northgate Elementary School pantry, a mobile food program that provides access to healthy, nutritious and cultural specific food to the community.

Mary's Place, Seattle; **\$7,000** to support the Popsicle Place program, a program providing special care to families with children dealing with critical illnesses.

Northwest Harvest, Seattle; **\$7,840** to support Growing Connections, a program that contracts with local farmers owned and operated by persons of color to secure culturally appropriate fresh food for Central District, SoDo and East Hill Kent clients.

"First Tech's innovation grant partners are approaching widespread and complex problems in new ways," said First Tech President and CEO Greg Mitchell. "We're proud to partner with courageous organizations that are tackling big problems affecting children while driving positive change through innovation and collaboration."

Learn more about how First Tech is fueling the next generation of future leaders at www.firsttechfed.com/Discover-First-Tech/Discover-First-Tech/Our-Community-Commitment.

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