
Pacific Power Foundation Awards Over \$300,000 in Grants to Advance Education and STEM Initiatives

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The Pacific Power Foundation has announced the allocation of more than \$300,000 in grant funding to 89 nonprofit and community organizations across California, Oregon, and Washington. These grants are dedicated to expanding access to quality STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education and strengthening learning opportunities in the communities served by Pacific Power.

The Pacific Power Foundation, operating as the charitable arm of PacifiCorp in the western United States, has a longstanding history of supporting local organizations and initiatives. Since its establishment in 1988, the foundation has awarded over \$80 million to nonprofit organizations, underscoring its enduring commitment to community growth and vitality.

Ryan Flynn, director of the Pacific Power Foundation and president of Pacific Power, emphasized the foundation's ongoing mission: "The foundation is delighted to support local organizations that uplift the next

generation of STEM professionals. We are truly inspired by the communities' efforts in opening doors for the next generation of innovators, problem-solvers, and leaders.”

This most recent round of grant funding, totaling \$313,000, is part of one of four annual grant cycles. The foundation's focus on STEM and educational initiatives reflects a recognition of the vital role these fields play in preparing young people for the challenges of the modern workforce.

Among the organizations receiving support are:

Tolowa Needash Society here in Del Norte County. Funding will help build the Xwii-t'ii-dvn (People's House) and a storage unit at Nii~-lii~-chvn-dvn Ne'sr-dash-dvn (Dance Place). This project provides the Tolowa Dee-Ni Nation with an upgraded space for community gatherings and cultural events.

Mt. Shasta Museum Association in Siskiyou County. The grant will enable the museum to offer expanded STEM activities during its Science Saturdays program, encouraging families to engage in science learning together.

The Pacific Power Foundation typically awards grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 per recipient, with most grants falling between \$2,000 and \$5,000. However, the precise figure for Del Norte County's allocation in this grant cycle has not been disclosed

The foundation's history of charitable giving demonstrates a consistent focus on education, youth engagement, and community enrichment. Over the years, previous grants have supported a diverse array of programs, including:

- After-school STEM clubs in rural school districts, providing resources for hands-on learning and mentorship.
- Scholarship programs for underrepresented students pursuing degrees in science and engineering.
- Community science fairs and robotics competitions, helping foster interest in technology and innovation among young learners.
- Teacher training workshops aimed at equipping educators with the tools to inspire and educate future generations in STEM fields.

These investments have contributed to increased access to educational opportunities, particularly in underserved and rural areas, and have helped build a foundation for long-term community resilience and growth.

The Pacific Power Foundation is one of the largest utility-endowed foundations in the United States. Its mission, through charitable investments, is to support the growth and vitality of the communities served by Rocky Mountain Power and Pacific Power. The foundation operates in six states, serving over two million customers as Rocky Mountain Power in Utah, Wyoming, and Idaho, and as Pacific Power in Oregon, Washington, and California.

By offering four grant cycles each year, the foundation ensures a steady stream of support for organizations addressing a wide range of community needs. The latest round of grants, with a strong emphasis on STEM and education, reflects the foundation's understanding of the transformative power of knowledge and opportunity.

As communities continue to navigate the evolving demands of the 21st century, the Pacific Power Foundation's support of educational and STEM initiatives remains an important resource. The foundation believes that investing in the next generation of leaders, innovators, and problem-solvers, the fit is helping to lay the groundwork for a more equitable and prosperous future.

More information about the Pacific Power Foundation and its grant programs, is available at:

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