

Iowa STEM CAPS Awardee Recommendation

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Proposals Received by October 15:

- Bettendorf/Pleasant Valley - \$25,000
- Cedar Rapids/College Community - \$25,000
- KCC/UI/Iowa City/Clear Creek Amana/Solon/West Branch/West Liberty/Regina/Tipton - \$24,948
- Northeast - \$22,452
- Rock Valley - \$25,158
- Washington - \$10,892
- **Total: \$133,450**

Key Criteria:

- Education driven by industry need
- Rigorous, relevant and dynamic STEM curriculum
- Authentic partnerships

Recommendation:

Initially, it was recommended that all of the programs be funded. Due to personnel issues with a business partner in Washington, the Washington superintendent informed the team that they are unable to fulfill the model originally outlined in their proposal. **Because of this, it is recommended that all proposals except for Washington be fully funded (total: \$122,558) with the following comments:**

Applicant	Strength	Challenge to be monitored
Bettendorf/PV	Infrastructure in place due to long academy history	Confirmation of expenses related to curriculum, materials and transportation
Cedar Rapids/College Community	Strong infrastructure with many strong partners	Commitment of districts to support business development coordinator
KCC/UI/Iowa City/Clear Creek Amana/Solon/West Branch/West Liberty/Regina/Tipton	Strong model of multi-district collaboration w/ diverse partnerships	Further thoughts around course credit (HS, community college, university) needed
Northeast	Passionate district leadership and commitment	Multiple professional development opportunities needed to fully understand the CAPS model
Rock Valley	Very strong business partners and high level of district commitment	Will need to continue to investigate how to get underrepresented students involved

Implementation Support:

The committee is committed to supporting the implementation of these Iowa STEM CAPS models by convening them, developing a learning community, connecting them to like-minded districts, and fostering best practices across the state, involving multiple institutions and businesses. **We request the remainder funds of \$27,442 be set aside for implementation support expenses.**

Total Funding: \$145,000