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Iowa STEM Council Announces Innovation Fund Awardees

Four programs were selected to receive seed funds to scale innovative STEM programming across Iowa

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – The Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council has awarded seed funding through the Iowa STEM Innovation Fund to four exemplary programs to scale their STEM efforts across the state. The STEM Innovation Fund supports statewide STEM programming to develop programs of promise for inspiring and engaging youth in STEM activities and careers.

"Iowa has many outstanding organizations that provide innovative and inspiring STEM programs and activities for today's youth. Some of those programs need access to additional resources in order to have an impact beyond their local community. The STEM Innovation Fund helps provide support to local programs of promise for possible scaling across the state and beyond," said Jeff Weld, Executive Director of the STEM Council.

The STEM Council opened the application for the STEM Innovation Fund to all six Iowa STEM regions in September 2018. After completing the review process, four awardees were selected out of a pool of 20 applicants based on their innovation, scope of work, evaluation metrics, community collaborations and financial sustainability. The 2019 Innovation Fund awardees are:

- Iowa Conservation Education Coalition
- Iowa Tech Chicks
- St. Theresa Catholic School
- University of Iowa Department of Computer Science

STEM Innovation Fund awards are made possible through generous contributions from private-sector partners.

For more information about the STEM Innovation Fund, visit www.IowaSTEM.gov/innovation-fund.

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About the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council

Established in July 2011 via Governor's Executive Order, the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council is a public-private partnership of educators, companies and Iowa students and families addressing policies and programs designed to improve Iowa's educational system focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The STEM Council works to engage and prepare students for a career-ready workforce path, regain our State's historic leadership position in education, and provide a vital competitive economic advantage now, and for the future, to ensure that every Iowa student has access to world-class STEM education opportunities. The 50-member STEM Council is chaired by Governor Kim Reynolds and Accumold President and CEO Roger Hargens. For more information, visit www.IowaSTEM.gov.