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TVA Awards STEM Grants to Eight Schools in KUB Service Territory

Knoxville, TN – Eight schools served by KUB have been awarded grants to develop science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education projects to help spark student interest in future careers in STEM-related fields.

The STEM grants were awarded by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), in partnership with Bicentennial Volunteers, Inc. (BVI), a TVA retiree organization. Eligible schools must receive their power from a local power company served by TVA. More than \$35,000 in grants were awarded to the eight schools in the KUB service area.

"Seeing young minds introduced to STEM topics at such a young age is exciting," said Gabriel Bolas, KUB President and CEO. "We appreciate both TVA and BVI for making this program possible and the educators who support the development of strong young minds in our community. Hopefully being exposed to these subjects early in their education will lead some students to important and rewarding jobs in the utilities industry in the future."

Teachers across the region applied for funding of up to \$5,000 for projects, and 233 applications were selected.

"TVA is committed to supporting STEM education to help develop today's students into tomorrow's engineers, scientists and IT professionals," said Jeannette Mills, TVA Executive Vice President and Chief External Relations Officer. "It's inspiring to be able to contribute to the innovators of the next generation."

Local recipients include:

- Beaumont Magnet Academy \$2,500
- Green Magnet Academy \$5,000
- L&N STEM Academy \$5,000
- Northview Intermediate School \$5,000
- Northview Primary STEM School \$5,000
- Seguoyah Elementary School \$5,000
- Shannondale Elementary School \$5,000
- South Knoxville Elementary School \$3,500

A full list of grant recipients, and information on how to apply for a future STEM grant can be found at www.tvastem.com.

KUB is a municipal utility serving Knox and parts of seven adjacent counties and provides electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater services to more than 473,000 customers.

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