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Moody Foundation awards \$75 million to transform STEM education in Texas schools

AUSTIN, Texas — The Moody Foundation has granted \$75 million to underserved schools across Texas to enhance STEM education. This funding aims to expand access to STEM education by equipping students in economically disadvantaged communities with the resources they need to excel in science, engineering, technology and mathematics (STEM).

"The Moody Foundation is making a transformative investment in the future of Texas," said Kathleen Hill, chief financial officer of the Moody Foundation. "Our goal is to empower students in areas of greatest need, supporting them from early education throughout their careers. We believe that fostering a passion for STEM catalyzes positive change, and we hope this initiative will inspire students to explore their interests and reach their fullest potential."

The grant supports three core initiatives: technology integration, after-school programming and professional development. The foundation will provide tablets, computers and learning software to classrooms across the state. Additional funding will expand extracurricular programs such as robotics, coding and Math Olympiad clubs to further engage students beyond the classroom. Specialized professional development workshops will be offered to assist educators in implementing the new technology and STEM-focused teaching methods in their curricula.

This grant will benefit students attending underfunded districts, which have been identified based on their demonstrated need for financial support.

Through its initiatives, the Moody Foundation aims to foster a passion for STEM subjects among students who have previously lacked access to these fields. It hopes to address career readiness goals by equipping students with the skills they need to enter the workforce while improving academic outcomes.

"We are beyond grateful for the generosity the Moody Foundation has shown us," said Courtney Hogan, superintendent of an awarded district. "This grant will make a profound difference in our students' lives." To learn more about the Moody Foundation's recent grants and initiatives, visit moodyf.org.

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About the Moody Foundation:

Founded in 1942 by William Lewis Moody Jr. and Libbie Shean Moody, the foundation works to uplift Texas communities through education, healthcare and the arts. In total, the foundation has awarded \$1.8 billion in grants across Texas.