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Avery	**11 awards = $14,792**			
Avery	Avery County High School	Reach for the Stars	for a field trip to Mayland Community College's "Earth to Sky Park" Planetarium in Burnsville, NC for approximately 95 students in 9th and 10th grades.	$1,000
Avery	Avery County High School	Readers are Leaders	to purchase books, reading journals, bookmarks, refreshments, and other related supplies for use by approximately 25-35 students in 3rd to 8th grade who will be mentored by high school students.	$1,000
Avery	Avery Middle School	Avery Middle School Art Program	to purchase clay, clay tools, and craft supplies for use by approximately 120 middle school students.	$1,000
Avery	Banner Elk Elementary School	STEM at Home: From Curiosity to Discovery	to purchase materials for at-home STEM exploration kits for use by 30 science students in fifth grade.	$1,000
Avery	Cranberry Middle School	Cranberry Middle School Pollinator Project	to purchase plants, soil, mulch, fertilizer, and garden tools for use by approximately 150 middle school students.	$1,225
Avery	Cranberry Middle School	Name of the Game: Collaboration	to purchase board games and puzzles for use by 33 students in 6th grade.	$712
Avery	Crossnore Communities for Children	Marjorie Williams Academy: 2026-27 Junior Capstone Projects	to purchase materials for student capstone projects and for a field trip to a museum, library, and/or college for approximately 30 students in 6th - 8th grades.	$3,000
Avery	Crossnore Communities for Children	Marjorie Williams Academy: Creating a High School Library, Inspiring Wonder	for a field trip to a bookstore and to purchase books and research-based reading materials to create a library for use by approximately 30 students in 9th through 12th grades.	$3,000
Avery	Freedom Trail Elementary School	Think it. Test it. Discover it!-Bringing Science to life through hands on experiences	to purchase supplies for hands-on science investigation labs for use by 15 students in fifth grade (materials may be reused for future years).	$1,000
Avery	Marjorie Williams Academy	Catawba Science Center Grant	for a field trip to the Catawba Science Center in Hickory, NC for 35 students in 2nd and 3rd Grade.	$1,000
Avery	Marjorie Williams Academy	Center Stage with Junie B. Jones	for a field trip to the Barter Theatre in Abingdon, VA for a live performance of "Junie B. Jones" and to purchase corresponding books for 35 students in 2nd and 3rd grade.	$855
Cherokee	**17 awards = $36,968**			
Cherokee	Andrews Elementary School	Challenge 24	to purchase a mathematics activity game for use by approximately 180 students in 3rd - 5th grades.	$492
Cherokee	Andrews Elementary School	Learning Through Play	to purchase materials for dramatic play centers for use by 12 students in kindergarten (materials can be reused in future years).	$1,000

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Cherokee	Andrews Elementary School	Speed Stacks	to purchase Speed Stacks cup stacking sets and related materials for use by 350 Physical Education students in kindergarten through fifth grade (materials can be reused in future years).	$970
Cherokee	Andrews High School	Less Tech, More Books	to purchase books as part of an Accelerated Reader program for use by approximately 220 students in grades 9-12.	$5,000
Cherokee	Andrews High School	Mathematics in Motion: Space Exploration Field Experience	for a field trip to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL for approximately 30 students in grades 9–11.	$2,000
Cherokee	Andrews High School	New Display and Tech Opportunity for the Art Room	to purchase a TV, wall mount, and casting device for use by approximately 40 art students in grades 9–12.	$850
Cherokee	Andrews Middle School	WILD School Yard: The Andrews Middle Outdoor Co-Lab	for materials and program fees for a cross-curricular outdoor learning experience for approximately 150 students in 6th - 8th grades.	$4,000
Cherokee	Hiwassee Dam High School	Glaze Chemistry for Art and Science	to purchase clay, glaze ingredients, respirators, and other related materials for use by approximately 30 physical science and ceramics students in 9th-12th grades.	$1,248
Cherokee	Hiwassee Dam High School	Micro Home...Mega Math!	to purchase foam boards, cutting mats, craft sticks, paint, and other modeling supplies for use by approximately 60 high school math students.	$1,000
Cherokee	Murphy Elementary School	Global Studies With Clay	to purchase clay and tempera paint for use by approximately 500 students in kindergarten through fifth grade.	$1,000
Cherokee	Murphy High School	Beyond the Ticket: Experiential Marketing at Biltmore	for a field trip to Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC for approximately 16–20 marketing students in grades 9-12.	$1,000
Cherokee	Murphy Middle School	Hoot: Life Science Through The Lens Of Conservation	to purchase investigation supplies, plant materials, and owl pellets for use by 106 science students in sixth grade.	$1,000
Cherokee	Peachtree Elementary School	History Alive at Biltmore Estate	for a field trip to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC for 78 students in 3rd - 5th grades.	$4,800
Cherokee	Peachtree Elementary School	Tellus Museum	for a field trip to the Tellus Science Museum in Cartersville, GA for 51 students in 4th and 5th grades.	$1,000
Cherokee	Peachtree Elementary School	Wheels of Fun with Pottery!	to purchase a pottery wheel, clay, tempera paint, and glaze for use by approximately 200 students in kindergarten - 5th grade.	$900
Cherokee	Tri-County Early College High School	Amplifying Impact	for an outdoor experiential learning field trip to Pacesetters Adventures and to purchase a sublimation printer and related supplies for use by approximately 199 students in grades 6-12.	$9,708

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Cherokee	Tri-County Early College High School	Tri-County Early College High School Science Olympiad Team	for registration and materials for a Science Olympiad team of approximately 15 students in grades 9-12.	$1,000
Clay	**5 awards = $10,975**			
Clay	Clay County Schools	Integrating Literature, Science, and Social Studies through a Cave Exploration Project (Kimberly Worley)	for a guided cave/underground lake field trip to The Lost Sea in Sweetwater, TN for approximately 35-40 students in fourth and fifth grade.	$1,000
Clay	Hayesville Elementary School	Doing Science, Not just Learning Science	to purchase Generation Genius subscriptions and materials for hands-on science investigations, and for field trips to the O. Wayne Rollins Planetarium in Young Harris, GA and an aquatic program with Mainspring Conservation Trust for 120 students in 4th grade.	$1,975
Clay	Hayesville Elementary School	Underwater Researchers: From Curiosity to Publication	for a field trip to the Georgia Aquarium and a corresponding class book publication for 91 students in third grade.	$5,000
Clay	Hayesville High School	From the Ground Beneath Us to the World Around Us	for a field trip to the Michael C. Carlos Museum and the Fernbank Museum of Natural History in Atlanta, GA for approximately 70 high school students.	$2,000
Clay	Hayesville High School	Hayesville School Farm Store	to purchase construction materials for approximately 131 high school and middle school students to renovate a building for the high school farm store.	$1,000
Graham	**2 awards = $3,000**			
Graham	Graham County Schools	Sewing in School (The Academy)	to purchase sewing and craft supplies for use by approximately 60–70 students in grades 6–12.	$2,000
Graham	Robbinsville High School	From Screen to Reality	to purchase paper, cardstock, laminating sheets, tri-fold boards, and related supplies for a graphic design project for approximately 25–30 students in grades 9–12.	$1,000
Jackson	**11 awards = $28,180**			
Jackson	Fairview School	7th and 8th Grade Washington, DC Trip	to cover costs for a field trip to Washington, DC for 12 students in 7th and 8th grade who are unable to pay for the trip.	$8,000
Jackson	Smokey Mountain Elementary School	Pressing the Point with Printmaking	to purchase printmaking materials for use by 75 students in 6th - 8th grades.	$961
Jackson	Smokey Mountain Elementary School	Tarheel Kitchen Learning Lab	to purchase kitchen supplies to create student cooking workstations for use by 46 math students in 6th grade (and up to 325+ students in kindergarten through 8th grade).	$1,000

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Jackson	Smoky Mountain High School	Creative Connections	to purchase materials for a craft enterprise project for special education students in high school.	$1,000
Jackson	Smoky Mountain High School	SMHS Digital Media	to purchase a high-qualify camera for use by approximately 40-50 students in 9th - 12th grades (can be reused in future years).	$2,000
Jackson	Summit Charter School	3rd Grade Capstone Experience: Roper Mountain Science Center	for a field trip to the Roper Mountain Science Center in Greenville, SC for 17 students in 3rd grade.	$1,000
Jackson	Summit Charter School	5th Grade Capstone Experience: Aquarium and Great Smokies	for a field trip to Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies in Gatlinburg, TN and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park for 24 students in 5th grade.	$3,000
Jackson	Summit Charter School	8th Grade Capstone Experience: Barrier Island and Charleston	for a field trip to Barrier Island, SC and Charleston, SC for 33 students in 8th grade.	$8,000
Jackson	The Catamount School	3-D Discovery Across Disciplines	to purchase a 3-D printer, filament, and storage cart for use by 75 social studies and math students in grades 6-8.	$1,300
Jackson	The Catamount School	Middle School Reading Revolution	to purchase books, notebooks, page holders, and outdoor blankets for use by 75 students in grades 6-8.	$919
Jackson	The Catamount School	TCS Community Garden	to purchase gardening tools, soil, watering supplies, seeds, produce distribution materials, and other related supplies for use by middle school garden club students.	$1,000
Macon	**2 awards = $1,919**			
Macon	Macon Middle School	Repair, Reuse, Reimagine: STEM Problem Solvers at Work	to purchase tools, diagnostic equipment, replacement parts, safety equipment, and related materials for use by approximately 600 students in 7th and 8th grades.	$1,000
Macon	Nantahala School	Building Math Confidence, One Manipulative at a Time	to purchase math manipulatives and related materials for use by approximately 30-40 students in 5th and 6th grades (materials can be reused in future years).	$919
Madison	**1 award = $4,000**			
Madison	Madison Middle School	From Curiosity to Creation: Learning Worth Sharing	to purchase materials and technology for a series of cross-curricular, hands-on science and ELA (English Language Arts) projects for 172 students in sixth grade (most items can be reused in future years).	$4,000
Mitchell	**13 awards = $22,820**			
Mitchell	Gouge Primary School	Play Our Musical Heritage	to purchase musical instruments, song books, and music-related picture books for use by approximately 400 students in grades K-2.	$1,000
Mitchell	Mitchell Elementary School	Limitless 3D Art	to purchase ChompSaws (a kid-safe tool for cutting cardboard) and craft supplies for use by approximately 374 students in 3rd-5th grades.	$1,000

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Mitchell	Mitchell Elementary School	Nature Nook Phase II: Growing Beyone the Classroom	to purchase adaptive equipment, a storage shed, a chalkboard, butterfly observation supplies, and other related garden materials for use by approximately 20 special education students in grades 3–8.	$3,000
Mitchell	Mitchell Elementary School	NC Symphony Field Trip	for a field trip to a North Carolina Symphony concert at Appalachian State University for 115 students in fourth grade.	$2,210
Mitchell	Mitchell Elementary School	Our Mountain Stories Project	for guest speakers and to purchase photography supplies, recording devices, microphones, research supplies, and other related materials for use by 4th grade students.	$1,000
Mitchell	Mitchell Elementary School	STEAM Equity: From Minerals to the Milky Way	for a field trip to the Catawba Science Center for approximately 112 students in 4th grade.	$2,670
Mitchell	Mitchell Elementary School	Young Scientists Investigation Kits	to purchase gardening supplies. weather tools, science journals, art supplies, and other related materials for use by 23 science and math students in 5th grade.	$1,000
Mitchell	Mitchell High School	Building Bodies - Reverse Autopsy	to purchase reusable plasticine clay, bags, and storage bins for an anatomy project for approximately 80 Health Science students in grades 9-12 (materials can be reused in future years).	$1,000
Mitchell	Mitchell High School	The science and art of photography	to purchase photography development supplies for use by approximately 65 high school students.	$940
Mitchell	Mitchell Middle School	8th Grade Mitchell Middle Mountains to the Sea	for a field trip to the Outer Banks for approximately 120 students in eighth grade.	$6,000
Mitchell	Mitchell Middle School	Bridges to Belonging: 8th-Grade Peer Mentorship & Family Empowerment Toolkit	to purchase craft supplies, interactive games, behavioral tools, reading materials, cooking supplies, and other related items for use by 16 Exceptional Children in 8th grade (mentors) and 16 Exceptional Children in 3rd–8th grades (mentees).	$1,000
Mitchell	Mitchell Middle School	Ceramic Lanterns	to purchase clay, glazes, and battery-powered lights to create ceramic lanterns for 58 students in 8th grade.	$1,000
Mitchell	Mitchell Middle School	Just Keep Playing!	to purchase musical instruments and replacement parts for use by 349 middle-school students.	$1,000
Rutherford	**21 awards = $35,818**			
Rutherford	CHASE Middle School	Expanding Horizons: A STEAM Journey to Biltmore	for a field trip to Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC for 60 students in eighth grade.	$1,980

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Rutherford	CHASE Middle School	Wildlife Detectives: Who Lives Here?	to purchase replica animal track, scat, and skull sets for use by approximately 115 students in 6th grade (materials can be reused in future years).	$894
Rutherford	Cliffside Elementary School	A Hands-On Journey Through North Carolina History at Biltmore Estate	for a field trip to Biltmore Estate for 37 students in fourth grade.	$2,000
Rutherford	East Rutherford Middle School	Free Books for All!	to purchase books for a Free Book Fair for all students at the school (grades 6-8).	$1,000
Rutherford	Ellenboro Elementary School	Building Backpack swag with Button Designs	to purchase a button maker kit and related supplies for use by 542 elementary school students.	$766
Rutherford	Ellenboro Elementary School	Curiosity in Action: Exploring Science Beyond Our Classroom	for a field trip to Discovery Place Science Center in Charlotte, NC for several third-grade classrooms.	$1,000
Rutherford	Ellenboro Elementary School	Let Every Voice Play	to purchase a permanent playground communication board for use by elementary school students that use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC).	$1,000
Rutherford	Ellenboro Elementary School	Science Explorers: Read It, Build It, Test It, Explain It	to purchase hands-on science kits and activities for use by approximately 90 students in third grade.	$993
Rutherford	Forest City-Dunbar Elementary School	Learning Through Our Senses: From Classroom to Community	to purchase supplies for hands-on activities exploring touch, sight, sound, smell, and taste and for a field trip for 20 special education students in kindergarten – 5th grade.	$2,000
Rutherford	Harris Elementary School	FARM DAY 2027	to purchase food, plants, t-shirts, books, and related materials for a day of farm-related activities for approximately 80 students in elementary school.	$1,995
Rutherford	Pinnacle Elementary School	Notice. Wonder. Investigate.--- Bringing Science to Life Through Hands-On Inquiry	to purchase science kits, activity packs, and reusable whiteboard notebooks for use by 155 students in grades 3-5.	$7,737
Rutherford	R-S Central High School	R-S Central High School Ceramics Program	to purchase clay, glazes, carving tools, and related supplies for use by approximately 180 high school students.	$996
Rutherford	R-S Middle School	Beyond the Book: Hands-On ELA Investigation & Creation Lab	to purchase breakout activity boxes, mock courtroom trial materials, and other related supplies for use by 100 middle school English students (materials can be reused in future years).	$938
Rutherford	R-S Middle School	Leap Into Learning: An Up-Close Look at Life Science.	for an in-school frog dissection event by the Schiele Museum educational outreach program for 196 students in seventh grade.	$2,000
Rutherford	R-S Middle School	Taste Testing Titles	to purchase books for a "book tasting" event for 565 students in 6th - 8th grade (books can be reused in future years).	$2,000

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Rutherford	Rutherford Early College High School	STEM Pathways @ REaCH: Hands-On Learning for Future Careers	to purchase materials and tools for engineering, building, electrical, design, prototyping, and 3D printing projects for use by high school STEM students.	$1,000
Rutherford	Rutherfordton Elementary School	Rocket Missions: Learning Together, Leading Together	to purchase materials for cross-curricular hands-on learning days for approximately 360 students in kindergarten - fifth grade (some materials can be reused for future years).	$3,920
Rutherford	Sunshine Elementary School	Bringing Science to Life	to purchase science books and squid dissection, earth science, and terrarium kits for use by approximately 50 students in fourth grade.	$600
Rutherford	Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	From Page to Stage: The Beating Heart	to purchase licenses, scripts, construction materials, props, costumes, and other related items for a theatrical production serving approximately 20 students in grades 9-12.	$1,000
Rutherford	Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	Garden Critter Fence	to purchase materials to install a fence around a school garden for students in 5th grade through high school.	$999
Rutherford	Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy	Robotics & 3D Design in Computer Science	to purchase a 3D printer and robot kits for use by 110 students in 8th grade and 24 students in 7th grade.	$1,000
Swain	**5 awards = $5,441**			
Swain	Mountain Discovery Charter School	MDCS Middle School Reading-Writing Workshop	to purchase books, flexible seating, refreshments, and writing materials and for a field trip to the Spring Literary Festival at Western Carolina University for 73 students in 6th–8th grades.	$1,000
Swain	Swain County Bright Adventures Pre-K	Farm Experience	for a field trip to Darnell Farms in Bryson City, NC for 80 preschool students.	$1,441
Swain	Swain County High School	Drumming for Music Therapy	for a monthly drumming and music skills class for 15 students with intellectual disabilities in grades 6-12.	$1,000
Swain	Swain County High School	Student Enterprise: From Design to Sales	to purchase materials to expand an existing classroom-run school store for approximately 16 students with disabilities in 9th -12th grade.	$1,000
Swain	Swain County Middle School	Art on the Spectrum	for art studio sessions for approximately 15 students with special needs in grades 6 - 12.	$1,000
	88 awards total		**Total**	**$163,913**