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2014 ~ 2015 GRANT AWARDS
Educators in Unit 5 and District 87 submitted 104 applications requesting a total of $122,129. The Foundation was able to award $36,327 toward 28 projects. Since 1992, $550,613 has been awarded to support 656 projects.

Elementary Schools
Bent Kimberly Taber, Hillary Wiggs, Susan Weeks, Nicole Milligan, Dana Wegner, Alma Sanchez, Guillermina Delgado, Emily Schimick ~ $2,793 ~ El español del mundo (The Spanish of the World)
Susan M. Layden ~ $240 ~ Math in the Real World
Karen Mercer, Tracey Boyer, Sara Johns, Vanessa Lopez ~ $4,900 ~ Stamp Out Summer Reading Loss
Rhett Felix, Sara Stanek ~ $85 ~ Native Americans Alive!

Cedar Ridge
Megan Yaklich, Tracey Boyer, Sara Johns, Vanessa Lopez ~ $4,900 ~ Stamp Out Summer Reading Loss
Karen Mercier, Cathy Troyer ~ $375 ~ Edible Classroom

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Oakland
Rhett Felix, Sara Stanek ~ $85 ~ Native Americans Alive!


Sugar Creek
Brenda Garrett ~ $1,855 ~ NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE
Dana Micks ~ $400 ~ Cool Tools for School
Kristi Sutter ~ $377 ~ Museum Box
Tara Bennett ~ $400 ~ Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site
Lora Boyd ~ $288 ~ “Step their way from A to Z”
Tracy Hitchins ~ $400 ~ Light and Shadow Explorers

Susan Nicklas, Polly Swarengen ~ $388 ~ Postcards From Across the USA

Junior High / Middle Schools

BJHS
Helen Brandon, Michelle Nauman-Dicken, Kelly Slater, Cindi Johnson, Dusti Steiner, Stacey Kennedy, Abby Murphy, Katelyn Wise ~ $340 ~ Creating Future Meteorologists one Weather Station at a Time
Jayme Corcoran, Ian Crawley, D. Kay, K. Ayers ~ $2,200 ~ “Growing in Every Sense of the Word – A STEM Gardening Project”
Kathleen Irvin ~ $400 ~ “The Inspiration of a Holocaust Hero”
Kathleen Irvin, Katelyn Wise, Jayme Corcoran, Robyn Cashen ~ $400 ~ “Serenity Space – Healing through the Fine Arts”
Carol Jackson ~ $4,316 ~ Visiting Artist : Art Mural Project

KJHS
Jennifer Snyder ~ $664 ~ Fiction…In science, it’s all about connections!

High Schools

BHS
Monica Estabrook ~ $146 ~ Motorized Kinetic Art

NCHS
Jeff Christopherson, John Bergmann, Mike Roller ~ $400 ~ Science Palooza - Hands On Science

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NCHS
Barbara Koski, Julie Trimpe, Claire Rybaraczyk, Caroline Fox, Trish Warner, Jenny Sokulski, Nicole Maurer ~ $3,000 ~
Hi/Lo Library – Literacy Library

NCWHS
Kevin Enderlin, Molly Stolfa, Don Whitman ~ $500 ~
Manipulating Photosynthesis In The Production Of Poinsettias
Rexie Lanier, Remy Garard ~ $400 ~ Book Bracket Battle
April Schermann ~ $3,500 ~ Using Robots to Teach Math and Science
Beth Smith ~ $1,260 ~ The Mobile Museum Project
Lisa Tomlin ~ $300 ~ Bringing the Next Generation Science Standards to Life
Jeritt Williams, April Schermann, Barb Bush, Dave Weber, Beth Smith ~ $1,800 ~
    Beam Me Up Scotty!  Star Trek STEM

BEYOND THE BOX
Monies for this award are provided by the Shirk Family Foundation

Colene Hoose  Kathie Brown, Christa Hoder, Margaret Nelson, Rylee Long, Karen Mercer ~ $9,995
Title: Big Designs by Little Scientists

Description: Building on student inquiry, students design scientific explorations and experiments while integrating literacy, promoting active engagement, and raising test scores.

"There is an urgent and critical need to bring the excitement and relevance of science back into the elementary classroom. Schools must equip students with 21st Century skills and science content knowledge, so they can compete within the global community. Students need hands-on, minds-on, activity based learning which promotes critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, communication, creativity, and innovation.

This can be found within the educational experience provided in the Seeds of Science/Roots of Reading Kits and Great Explorations in Math and Science (GEMS) Kits. These integrated, supplemental kits provide grades 2-5 classrooms with quality scientific supplies, award winning informative texts, and experiment opportunities for students to actively investigate science topics. Seeds of Science/Roots of Reading emulates a "Do it! Talk it! Read it! Write it! Model."