

# 2017 IMPACT REPORT

## OUR GOALS FOR THE ST. LOUIS REGION

We believe introducing children to technology can open their worlds to possibility. ITEF empowers educators to embrace innovative learning projects that enable this transformation.

With a keen eye on underserved schools and communities, the innovative technology education fund seeks to accelerate learning in K-12 spaces through the innovative uses of technology.

ITEF is a St. Louis, Missouri based, charitable, nonprofit, private 501 (c)(3) foundation that supports innovation in education by funding advanced technology in the classrooms of public, private, parochial and charter schools in the greater St. Louis area. In addition, we provide opportunities for educators to continue to grow and learn in their field. Our work is supported through the FCC license we hold for four Educational Broadband channels in St. Louis, Missouri.

To us, innovation is about positive change, supporting novel approaches that suit the educational environment, having the vision to see things differently and, most of all, using that vision to change instructional practices for the benefit of students and educators alike.



## 2017 INNOVATOR AWARDS

# SIX AREA SCHOOLS GRANTED \$295,000

The Innovative Technology Education Fund (ITEF) has announced the six area schools chosen to receive 2017 innovator grants, ranging from \$28,000 – \$66,000, to transform learning for their students.

“Each year, we ask area teachers to send us their best ideas for increasing innovation, and we have the opportunity to make some of their concepts a reality and watch their students do amazing things,” said Charmaine Smith, Chief Executive Officer of ITEF. “ITEF is extremely pleased to provide an average of nearly \$50,000 to each of these six schools so they can create spaces where students have increased access to technology and opportunities to innovate.”

Since 2008, ITEF has provided \$3,332,482.17 in grants to area schools, funding programs including transforming libraries into makerspaces, introducing robotics

and animation to elementary art students, and converting an RV into a mobile innovation center that serves an entire district.

ITEF’s unique model allows the use of existing technology to provide access to innovative tools for students. The nonprofit organization holds the FCC license for four educational broadband channels, which it leases to provide funds for grants that benefit area schools. The organization also uses the signal to help some schools obtain high-speed Internet access for their students at no cost.

Board members of St. Louis-based ITEF select grantees from applicants who meet requirements, including being a charter or accredited K-12 public, private or parochial school in the greater St. Louis region.

Check out the winning schools and projects on the next page!

**Our ITEF grant** was the spark, and now we have a fire! Our grant provided items to teach science through a hands on study of agriculture. There was so much excitement around the initial year of learning, that it has now become the permanent way of how we teach.

Tracy Brosch  
Desoto MO School District

# 2017 INNOVATOR AWARDS

## \$35,000 Adams Elementary (SLPS)

**ROOTED IN STEM:** A hands-on, experiential project which integrates technology into school garden management.

## \$50,000 Forder Elementary

**TWO STARS TO THE RIGHT, STRAIGHT ON TO LEARNING:** This project uses field missions to excite, inform and ignite intellectual curiosity and includes students, family and community.

## \$54,000 Lift For Life Academy

**BUILDING PERSPECTIVE & EMPATHY THROUGH 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY PHOTOGRAPHY:** Using photography as a vehicle to explore empathy and community with the support of professional photographers.

## \$66,000 Ritenour School District

**PROJECT-BASED LEARNING: EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO IMPROVE THEIR WORLD:** Mobile themed carts to ignite project-based learning while introducing a variety of problem solving experiences to students.

## \$28,000 The Soulard School

**SOW, GROW, VIDEO:** Using the culinary arts program as a path to hands-on learning about food, food systems, and growing cycles.

## \$62,000 Walbridge STEAM Academy (SLPS)

**WILDCATS INNOVATION LAB:** Creating a STEAM space to encourage student collaboration and foster student curiosity.



Adams Elementary



Forder Elementary



The Soulard School



Walbridge STEAM Academy



Student Written Innovative Ideas for Technology

Students are encouraged to write grant proposals for innovative projects ranging from video game development to 3D-printed guitar picks. The ideas are creative and clearly student-driven. The amount requested for each grant averages \$250 and has impacted over 60 students in the two years this program has been running. 11 SWiIFT projects were funded at the three schools for a total of \$3,500.00.

## 2017-18 GRANT RECIPIENTS

**Sam Pitlyk**

Hudson Elementary in Webster Groves

**Stephanie Knight**

Cold Water Elementary in Hazelwood

**Adam Scimone**

Nipher Middle School in Kirkwood



# LEAN INTO LEARNING GRANTS

The second year of our "Lean Into Learning" professional development grant initiative was a huge success. Educators took on a variety of learning activities. We awarded \$90,000 for educators from 15 districts and many more schools to attend conferences, visit schools across the nation, collaborate with neighboring districts, participate in online learning through Harvard Graduate School of Education, attend Stanford FabLearn 2017, and participate in a make and take Raspberry Pi workshop. Our community of innovative educators is ready to learn and grow in all kinds of unique and exciting ways. We understand that professional development can take many forms and are open to different ideas and initiatives.

## 34 grants were awarded to educators from the following places:

*Parkway School District, Ritenour School District, Lindbergh School District, Sunrise R-IX School District, Mehlville School District, Whitfield School, Alton School District, Ferguson Florissant School District, Tower Grove Christian School, University City School District, Rockwood School District, St. Louis Public Schools, Webster Groves School District, Fox C-6 School District, Clayton School District, Affton School District*

If you don't see your school or district, what are you waiting for? Go ahead and apply! Learning is fun and most expenses are covered in this exciting grant opportunity where you get to choose your own experience. The online application will open again on June 1, 2018. Professional development opportunities must be completed by December 31, 2018 and there is a \$4,000 limit. Apply early because funds ran out in September of 2017! ITEF is excited to support educators as learners.

More information about this initiative can be found on our website:

<http://innovted.com/2017/12/06/lean-into-learning-2017/>

**It was extraordinary**, and I came home with so many ideas that I'm not quite sure where to begin. It would have been easy for our grant to be rejected or only funded for two instead of all four of us, but it truly makes a difference for us all to have learned together.

Ronni Zagora  
Director of Curriculum & Student Programs  
Lindbergh Schools



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## 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

### REVENUE

Foundation Revenue:	\$912,197.00
Unrealized Gains On Investments:	\$377,578.00
Realized Gains On Investments:	\$221,634.00
Interest And Dividend Income:	\$85,427.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,596,836.00</b>

### EXPENSES

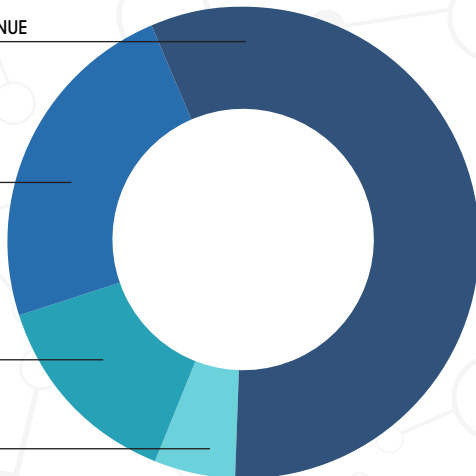
Total Grantmaking:	\$419,581.00
Salaries, Benefits and Payroll Taxes:	\$167,752.00
Administrative Expenses:	\$90,478.00
Grant-Related Expenses:	\$56,534.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$734,345.00</b>

FOUNDATION REVENUE

UNREALIZED GAINS  
ON INVESTMENTS

REALIZED GAINS  
ON INVESTMENTS

INVESTMENT &  
DIVIDEND INCOME



TOTAL  
GRANTMAKING

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