3Mgives Austin - \$156,446 to Central Texas agencies in June

Austin Independent School District (AISD) will use a grant of \$97,450 to bring <u>Project Lead the Way</u> preengineering programs and equipment to Title I middle and high schools.

<u>Lanier High School</u> in Austin was one of 19 schools across the country selected to receive an Ingenuity Grant from 3M. This grant of \$19,996 will provide curriculum resources and professional development to enhance math instruction at the school.

Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering, Inc. (TAME) received \$12,000 for <u>TAME Trailblazer</u> visits to Leander ISD and Austin ISD. The only interactive science and engineering museums-on-wheels in Texas, these 40-foot exhibit trailers deliver engineering and science exhibits targeting third through eighth-grade students.

<u>Open Door Preschool</u> was granted \$6,000 for Pre-Literacy and Literacy AmeriCorps tutors. In line with the organization's mission, these tutors will work to inspire young Austin-area children with diverse needs, economic levels and family backgrounds in an engaging educational environment.

The Contemporary of Austin (formerly Austin Museum of Art) will use \$5,000 for <u>Seeing Special Things</u>. This curriculum, offered to public elementary schools in Austin, enhances student literacy and critical thinking skills through museum visits, classroom discussions, artist workshops and art making.

The University of Texas at Austin, on behalf of <u>ACE: A Community for Education</u>, has been awarded \$5,000 for an ACE K-2 Tutoring Expansion Project. The ACE AmeriCorps tutors participate in one-on-one daily bilingual literacy tutoring for kindergarten through second-grade students at local Austin schools. This funding helps expand the program to Wooten Elementary.

The University of Texas at Austin has been approved for a grant of \$5,000 for <u>Graduate STEM Fellows in the K-</u> <u>12 Education Program</u>, an extension of the National Science Foundation GK-12 program. The fellows will provide STEM enrichment to students at local Austin schools while simultaneously developing their own teaching skills.

A grant of \$3,500 will support the <u>Travis Audubon Society's</u> "Opening Classroom Doors to Nature." This program will be delivered during the school day at Leander ISD's Whitestone and Deer Creek elementary schools.

Austin Jazz Workshop Inc. will use a grant of \$2,500 to bring professional jazz musicians directly into public school classrooms and encourage student participation in music programs. The 2014-2015 series focuses on music from <u>Count Basie's KC Swing</u>.

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