

Cox employees will award \$59,500 in grants to schools in Louisiana, Florida and Georgia

Teachers are invited to apply for grants up to \$2,500

Cox employees will contribute \$59,500 to public and private schools in its Southeast Region through the Cox Charities Innovation in Education program. Teachers and educators who work directly with students can apply for pre-k-12th grade classroom grants at www.CoxCharitiesSER.org from now until February 29, 2020. Cox team members will announce the winning grant recipients before the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

The Cox Charities Innovation in Education program launched in 2016, and the education grants are completely funded by Cox employees who donate through their paychecks. Teachers in Cox service areas in Louisiana, Florida and Georgia can qualify for grants up to \$2,500 for innovative projects and curriculum that enhance students' classroom experience. Educators can submit multiple applications for various programs within their schools.

"As a company founded on innovation, we understand the importance of connecting today's students to innovative technologies," said Erin Monroe Wesley, vice president of government and public affairs for the Cox Southeast Region. "The Innovation in Education program is part of Cox's commitment to education, and we're proud of our employees who generously donate to programs that support students across our region."

The Cox Southeast Region includes: Acadiana, Baton Rouge and New Orleans in Louisiana, greater Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach, Gainesville and Ocala areas in Florida and the greater Macon and Warner Robins areas in Middle Georgia.

Cox Charities was created to strengthen Cox communities through the support of programs that positively impact communities in the areas of education, technology, social issues, conservation and the arts. In addition to the Innovation in Education grants, Cox Charities offers Community Investment grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations (with a grant cycle opening in August 2020). This year, employees in the Southeast region pledged over \$170,000 to Cox Charities.

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