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Energy Partners Fund awards \$22,000 to STEM programs on the Central Coast

-- October 19, 2017 – Santa Barbara, Calif. – The Energy Partners Fund, a committee advised fund at the Santa Barbara Foundation, awarded \$22,000 to educational programs and organizations focusing on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The grants were presented October 16th at the Maritime Museum in Santa Barbara.

The Energy Partners are a diverse mix of oil & gas companies and community partners who join together to bring STEM alive to local students, teachers, and non profits.

Grants from the fund support a variety of programs on the Central Coast, all with the goal to foster learning and enthusiasm for STEM. The grants include donations to schools, museums, educational organizations, and consist of 8 mini grants of approximately \$1,500 each; a \$5,000 award to the Maritime Museum for the History of Oil in the Santa Barbara Channel exhibit; and a \$4,500 donation to the California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA) which provided full funding for a Santa Barbara high school graduate to be a summer intern in their Energy Academy.

The mini grants range from supporting several area robotics programs to providing solar and drone classroom kits providing hands on experience for students. Other mini grants focus on library and museum STEM programming.

The Energy Partners include Aera Energy, ExxonMobil, Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas, SPE International, Chevron, Crimson Pipeline LP, E&B Natural Resources, The Murphy Foundation, Phillips 66, Pacific Western Bank, Venoco, Santa Barbara Foundation, PCEC and NALCO Champion.

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The Mini Grants:

<u>School or Organization</u>	<u>Project</u>
AAUW – Santa Maria	Tech Trek Science and Math Camp
Cuyama Valley High School	Develop a renewable energy laboratory
El Camino Elementary School (Goleta)	Steam Institute - Dash robots
Orcutt Academy High School	Spartatroniks Robotics Team
Providence Christian School (S.Barbara)	Drone Quadcopter Project
Dos Pueblos High School	Riviera Robotics Team
Santa Maria Public Library	STEAM Discovery
Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum	Brain Builders after school STEAM Program

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