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Gov. Snyder's MiSTEM Advisory Council Awards \$2.85M to 34 STEM Projects

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LANSING – Thirty-four Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs are sharing \$2.85 million in state grants from Governor Rick Snyder's MiSTEM Advisory Council, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced today.

The state Legislature set aside \$2.85 million in 2017-18 to distribute grants up to \$100,000 for the implementation of STEM programs listed in the STEMworks database. The MiSTEM Advisory Council selected the awardees, whose funding ranges from \$24,000 to \$100,000, from 134 applications seeking more than \$10 million. The applications came from local and intermediate school districts (ISDs), universities, and STEM providers

"STEM education is critically important to a student's success later in life," Governor Snyder said. "Thank you to my partners in the state Legislature and the Department of Education for ensuring that more Michigan students will have access to these STEM skills."

The MiSTEM Advisory Council said in a statement:

"The Council would like to thank the Governor for the leadership and vision to propel STEM education down a new and exciting path. The legislature has stepped up to the challenge and appropriated funds to support this shift in culture, enabling STEM programming around the state to benefit from proven best practices.

"As proud as we may be about this initial success, we are even more encouraged by the widespread potential that will be harnessed and directed toward the further advancement of STEM education for all of the students throughout the state."

State Superintendent Brian Whiston said the grants' STEM focus will help Michigan become a Top 10 education state in 10 years – the central goal of the Michigan Department of Education.

The grants align with the Top 10 plan's goal of implementing high-quality classroom instruction through a child-centered instructional model with a strategy to enable public schools' students to engage in integrated STEM programming.

In weighing the applications, the MiSTEM Advisory Council considered reviewer ratings, program type, and distribution across the MiSTEM Network Regions.

Two successful applicants, Oakland Schools and West Shore ESD, received multiple awards to provide professional development in regions other than their own. They are using the funding to build on statewide work underway for several years with seed funding from other sources.

Here is the list of 10 ISDs, 10 local districts and three STEM education provider applications selected for funding:

Organization	Region	STEMworks Program	Amount
Lakeview Sch. District (Calhoun)	Region 1 – Southwest Michigan	PLTW	\$94,340
Oakland Schools	Region 2 – South Central Michigan	Modeling MS Science – Jackson/Lansing	\$100,000
Brighton Area Schools	Region 2 – South Central Michigan	PLTW	\$53,007
National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc.	Region 3 – Wayne County	Camp Invention	\$100,000
Wayne RESA	Region 3 – Wayne County	Math Recovery	\$62,716
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	Region 3 – Wayne County	PLTW	\$74,339
Detroit Public Schools Community District	Region 3 – Wayne County	A World In Motion® (AWIM)	\$97,730
Iridescent	Region 3 – Wayne County	Iridescent	\$91,382
Macomb ISD	Region 4 – Macomb County	Math Recovery	\$53,737
Oakland Schools	Region 5 – Oakland County	Modeling Biology	\$100,000
Oakland Schools	Region 5 – Oakland County	Modeling Chemistry	\$100,000
Genesee ISD	Region 6 – Genesee, Lapeer, St. Clair Counties	Math Recovery	\$98,406
Shiawassee Regional ESD	Region 7 – Capital Area	Math Recovery	\$99,120
Otsego Public Schools	Region 8 – West Michigan	MiSTAR	\$34,160
Kent ISD	Region 8 – West Michigan	Math Recovery	\$45,675
Oakland Schools	Region 8 – West Michigan	Modeling MS Science - Muskegon	\$100,000
Mason County Eastern Schools	Region 9 – West Central Michigan	Cereal City Science	\$100,000
Midland Public Schools	Region 10 – Central Michigan	MiSTAR	\$88,784
Sanilac ISD	Region 11 – Thumb	Cereal City	\$100,000

Oakland Schools	Region 12 – North East Michigan	Modeling Biology - Roscommon	\$100,000
Public Schools of Petoskey	Region 13 – North West Michigan	Full Option Science System (FOSS)	\$60,185
Eastern Upper Peninsula ISD	Region 14 – Eastern UP	Cereal City Science - elementary	\$93,488
Eastern Upper Peninsula ISD	Region 14 – Eastern UP	Cereal City Science – middle school	\$82,474
Oakland Schools	Region 15 – Central UP	Modeling Physical Science - Marquette	\$100,000
L'Anse Area Schools	Region 16 – Western UP	Engineering is Elementary	\$28,119
Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium & Keweenaw	Region 16 – Western UP	Math Recovery	\$24,285
Great Lakes Fishery Trust	Statewide	Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative	\$99,166
Muskegon Area ISD	Statewide	Math Recovery	\$99,960
West Shore Educational Service District	Statewide	AP Computer Science/Computer Science Discoveries	\$668,927 (6 applications total)

The Legislature created the MiSTEM Advisory Council in 2015. It's made up of 11 voting members serving at the pleasure of the Governor and four ex-officio legislators appointed from the House of Representatives and Senate.

For more information on the MiSTEM Advisory Council Grant, visit:
<http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5236-447282--,00.html>

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