



## Announcing the 2016 STEM Grant Recipients!

AzCASE and Cox Communications are proud to **announce the recipients of the 2016 STEM Grants** for out-of-school time programs. The sixth grant cycle of the STEM Grant program brought in over 90 applications designed to encourage and promote the inclusion of informal STEM learning opportunities in Arizona out-of-school programs. Needless to say, the judges had a tremendous challenge on their hands!



Grants ranged from \$500 to \$1500 and the nine selected grant recipients come from programs spanning the state. From 3-D printing to controlling robots with coding, these programs will provide youth with valuable skills to prepare them for success in college, career and life. In addition to the nine grant recipients, there were nine finalists that will receive 4-H Rockets to the Rescue kits to bring to their programs.

Thank you to all of the grant applicants for your commitment to positive youth development and informal STEM education! Grants are annual so stay tuned for information about our 2017 STEM Grant cycle. The 2016 STEM Grant recipients are:

- **Abia Judd Elementary School, LEGO Robotics | Prescott**
- **Catalina Foothills School District, Coding & Robotics | Tucson**
- **Fireside Elementary, STEM Innovation Station | Phoenix**
- **Kyrene Community Education, Star Wars & Maker Mania | Tempe**
- **Northland Preparatory Academy, Maker Mondays | Flagstaff**
- **Paradise Valley Unified School District, Young Coders Club | Phoenix**
- **Peoria High School, MESA: Engineering Your Future | Peoria**
- **Scottsdale Public Library, Code Club | Scottsdale**
- **Western Valley Elementary, Rocket Launch | Phoenix**

Learn more about the 2016 Grantees!

## COX Connect2Compete

Cox's Connect2Compete (C2C) is a national nonprofit program aimed at bridging the digital divide by providing low-cost cable broadband, computer, training and content solutions for disadvantaged communities. Cox's commitment is to offer significantly discounted prices for cable broadband service and equipment for families with children in grades K-12 who participate in the National Free School Lunch Program. Families receive:

- \$9.95 Starter CHSI
- Free wifi cable modem rental
- Free professional or self-install
- No deposit
- No contract

Cox recently announced an expansion to the program so families who live in HUD properties and who have school aged children in the household can also qualify. C2C and Cox have developed a Principals' Toolkit, which includes flyers, posters, template letters, robo call messages, web banners, newsletter samples, etc. to be used for communicating to families about the program. Please share with the families you serve!

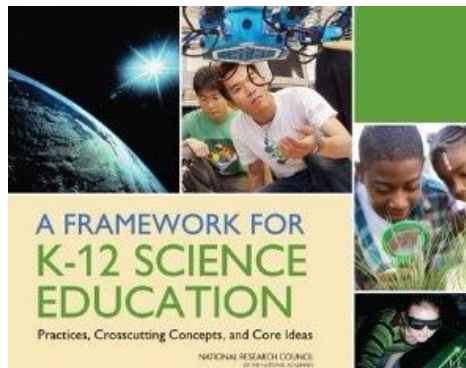
[View the Toolkit](#)



## Webinar: Framework for K-12 Science Education & Afterschool

The Afterschool Alliance recently hosted a webinar discussing the National Research Council's Framework for K-12 Science Education and what it means for afterschool. Check out the recording to learn more about the report and what this STEM Framework looks like in practice.

[Watch the webinar](#)



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