

Eco Scholars Grant Program

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Community Health Committee

Eco Scholars

Next Generation Sustainability



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Program Scope

- ❖ REES Fund Endowment
- ❖ \$1M Available in Grants
- ❖ Based on CAAP Goals
- ❖ January – December 2024



Research and Development

- ❖ Other Programs (Austin)
- ❖ Similar Grants (AACOG)
- ❖ Direct Teacher Input
- ❖ Review & Award Process

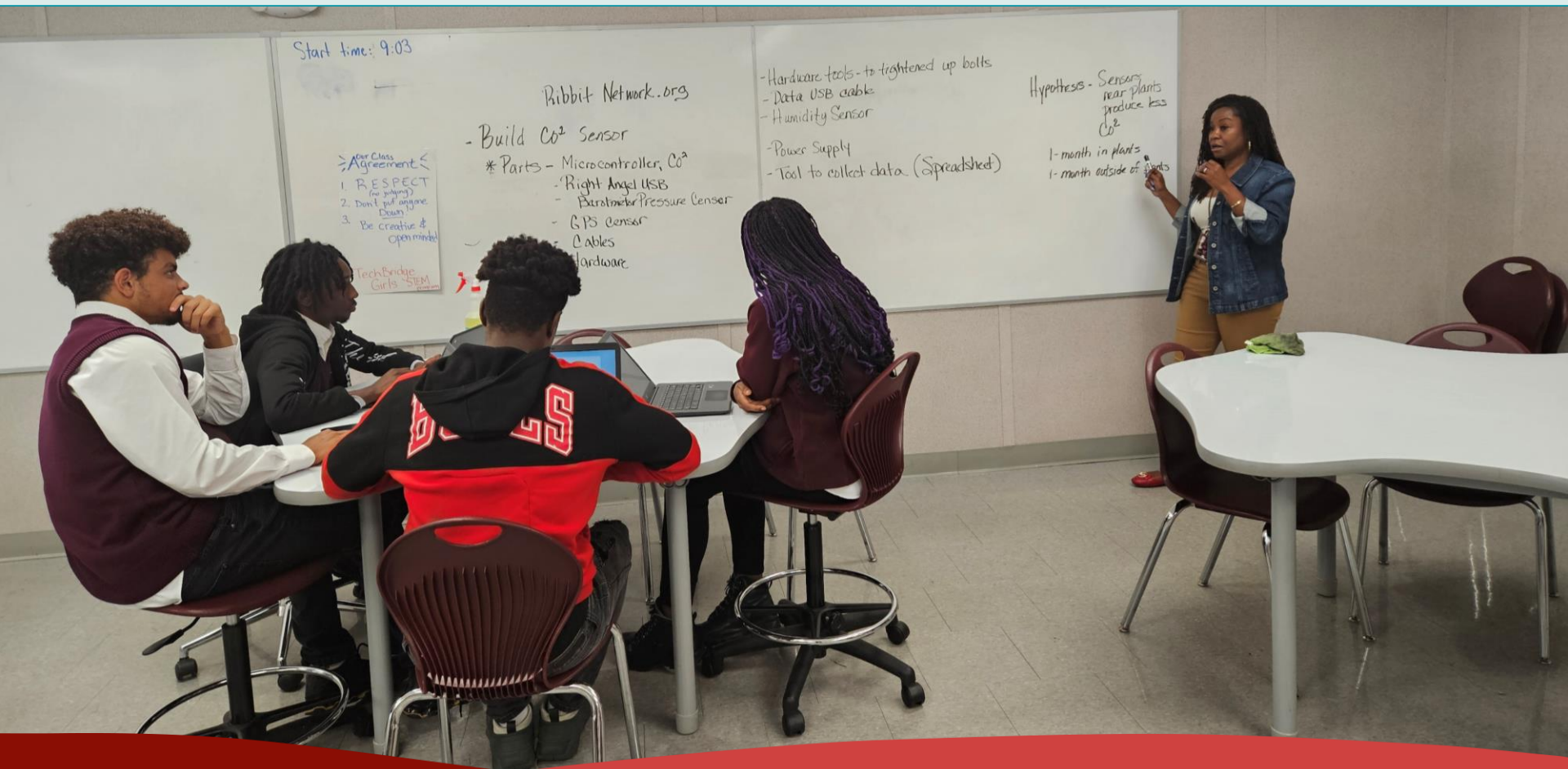
- ❖ Marketing, Advertising Communications Plan



Online Application

Overarching Guideline

"If It's Too Complicated Teachers Won't Apply"



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Program Design



- ❖ Teacher Friendly
- ❖ Simple Application
- ❖ Individual Consultation
- ❖ Flexibility and Support
- ❖ Easy Reporting

Eligibility

- ❖ ISDs & Private Schools
- ❖ Grades 1-12
- ❖ Multiple Projects per Campus
- ❖ Half Upfront as Seed Money to Begin
- ❖ Remaining Funds when Substantially Complete



\$3,000



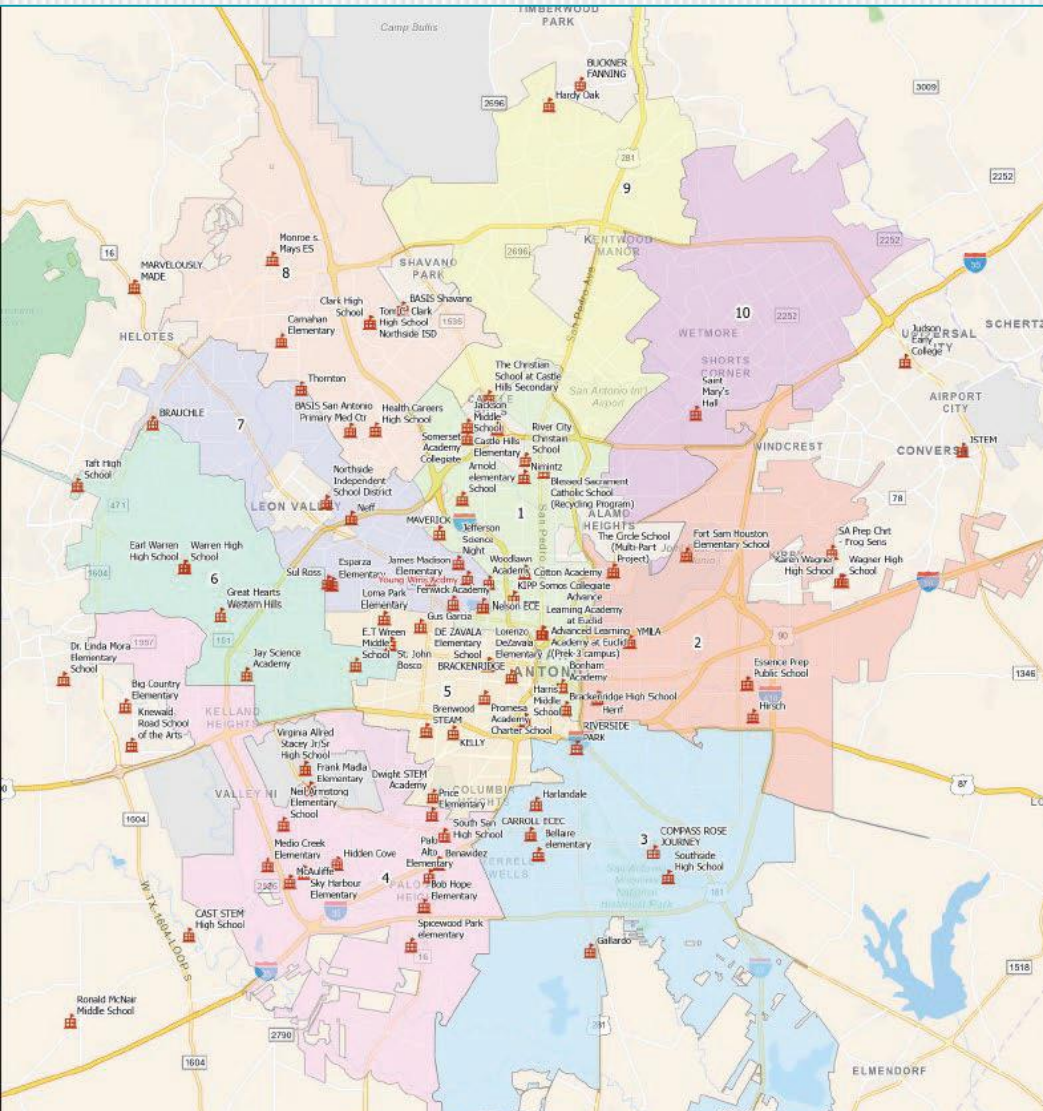
\$5,000



\$10,000

Well Received

- ❖ 145 Projects Approved
- ❖ \$1M Awarded
- ❖ 100 Schools
- ❖ All Council Districts



Participation

82 Elementary School Projects

35 Middle School Projects

28 High School Projects



Overview of Projects

63 Food Gardens

14 Conservation

29 Waste Reduction

7 CO2 Sensors

21 Education

6 Composting

5 Bees, Bats, Butterflies & Chickens



Program Results

- ❖ \$907,631 Distributed (91%)
- ❖ 109 Projects Substantially Complete
- ❖ Challenges
 - ❖ Campus Right-Sizing
 - ❖ Similar Projects Combined
 - ❖ Teacher Retirement and Reassignment



Amazing Successes

Creativity. Ingenuity. Innovation.



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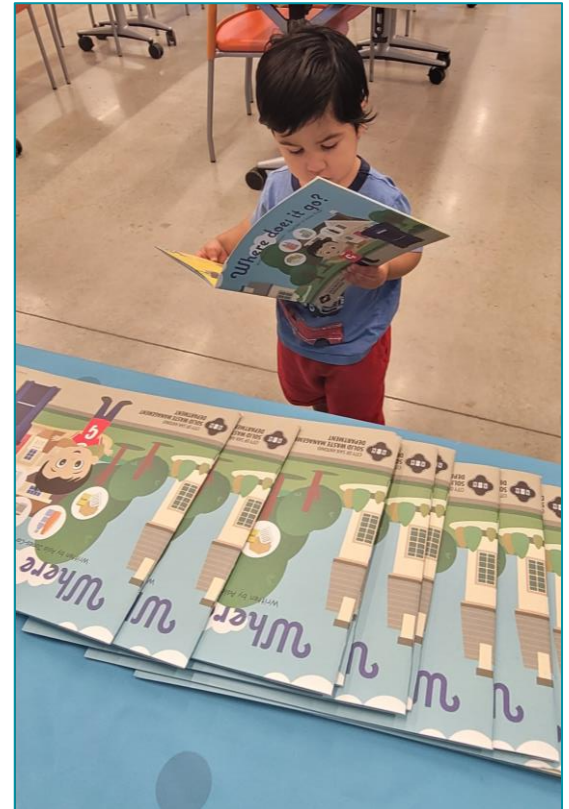
Student Organizations

CAAP Goal: **Empower**



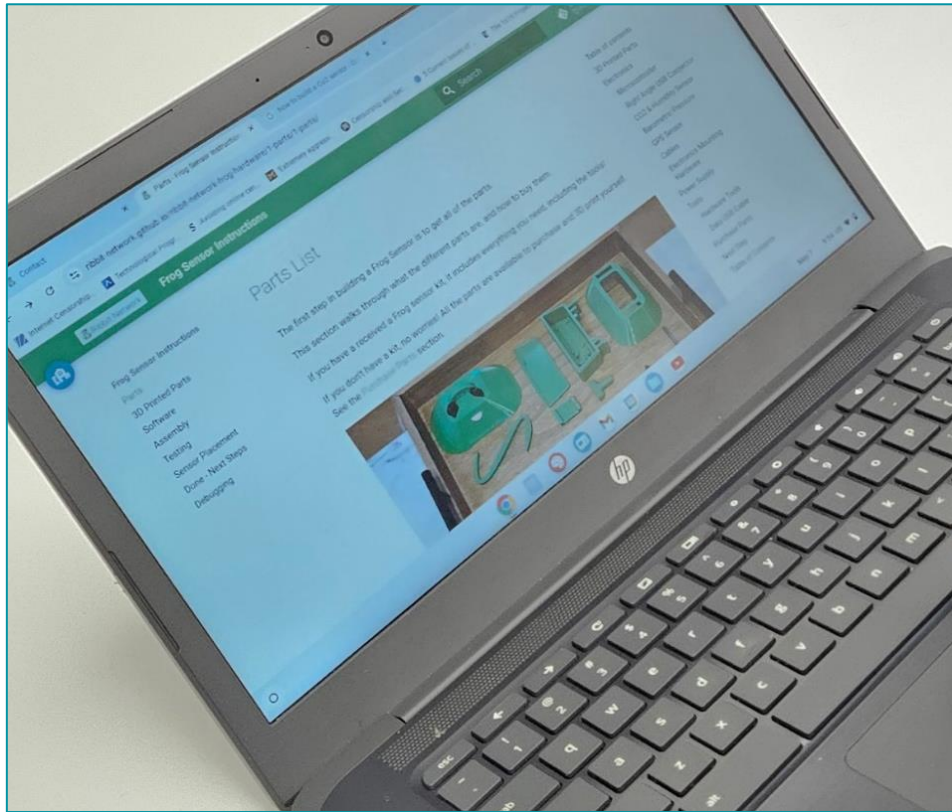
Materials and Tools

CAAP Goal: Educate



Environmental Science

CAAP Goal: Healthy Ecosystems



Campus Improvements

CAAP Goal: **Reduce Building Consumption**



Hands On Learning

CAAP Goal: Increase Carbon-Free Energy



On-Site Food Production

CAAP Goal: **Reduce Transportation**



Self-Sufficiency

CAAP Goal: A Circular Economy



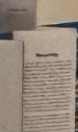
Teacher Testimonials

“It has been an enormous blessing working with you, and we are full of gratitude to you for this grant. It has helped our school tremendously.”

“Thank you for supporting our students and your flexibility as we integrate this learning opportunity into our school culture!”

“We are beyond grateful for your support and the impact it will have on this community.”





Thank You



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