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## CenturyLink to offer more than \$1.4 million in grants to help support technology in the classroom

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MONROE, La., Oct. 5, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- CenturyLink, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) is committed to improving the communities it serves and education is at the forefront of its focus. The CenturyLink **Clarke M. Williams** Foundation's Teachers and Technology grant program helps teachers bring technology into their classroom to increase student achievement.

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Through this program, pre-K through 12th grade teachers in public, private and/or charter schools in CenturyLink local service areas and core corporate locations in the U.S. are eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 to implement innovative technology solutions in their classrooms.

To apply, teachers should visit [www.centurylink.com/teachersandtechnology](http://www.centurylink.com/teachersandtechnology) and complete an online application. The deadline for applications is midnight (Eastern) Jan. 12, 2018.

"CenturyLink understands the importance of introducing young people to science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, concepts to better prepare them for successful careers and to build a pipeline of skilled employees for the future," said Kristy LaCroix, CenturyLink community relations manager. "STEM competencies help teach students to be critical thinkers, work through challenges, communicate and collaborate across real and perceived barriers, and solve complex problems. We love to see how teachers are using technology in their classrooms to engage their students in new ways and are excited to be able to offer this grant opportunity program again."

Launched in 2008, the CenturyLink Teachers and Technology program has awarded more than \$7 million in grants to bring technology to classrooms across the country. The **Foundation** will continue its commitment to schools by

awarding more than \$1.4 million in grants to support innovative technology solutions in the classroom through its 2017-2018 Teachers and Technology program. CenturyLink service is neither required nor considered in the review of applications.

Grant winners will be announced between April 1 and May 15, 2018.

For the 2016-2017 school year, more than 2,300 grant applications were submitted and more than 300 grants were awarded based on each solution's overall innovation and anticipated positive impact on student achievement in the classroom. A list of those innovative solutions can be found [here](#).

### **About the CenturyLink Foundation**

CenturyLink strives to improve our customers' lives by connecting them to the power of the digital world and enhance the communities we serve in a meaningful way. The CenturyLink **Clarke M. Williams** Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to contributing to endeavors that improve the well-being and overall quality of life for people throughout CenturyLink's communities. Named after CenturyLink's founder Clarke M. Williams, the Foundation is endowed by CenturyLink to support initiatives that encourage our employees to use their time, talents and resources to strengthen the communities in which they live and work.

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