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## **Cox Charities to award \$55,868 to Southeast Region schools**

*Teachers can apply for grants up to \$2,500*

**Pensacola, FL** - Cox Communications has announced that its employees will award nearly \$56,000 to public and private schools in its Southeast Region through the Cox Charities Innovation in Education grants. The grant applications are now available to teachers (grades Pre-K-12) at [www.CoxCharitiesSER.org](http://www.CoxCharitiesSER.org) and will be accepted through April 9, 2018. *Applicants will be notified of their funding status before the close of the 2017-2018 school year. Grant recipients will receive payments at the start of the 2018-2019 school year.*

The Cox Charities Innovation in Education Program provides grants of up to \$2,500 each to Southeast Region schools to fund classroom programs and curriculum that encourage and promote students' ingenuity and imagination through the innovative use of technology. Teachers, librarians and principals are encouraged to submit multiple applications for various programs within their schools.

"We know our teachers have to look for alternate resources to implement new or continue existing programs," said Fran Gladden, vice president of government and public affairs for the Cox Southeast Region. "Through Cox Charities, which is funded by the contributions of more than 700 Cox employees, we look forward to supporting these innovative classroom initiatives. We applaud the teachers who bring these exciting ideas to life, and look forward to the difference it will make in our students' education and future."

The Cox Southeast Region includes Lafayette, Baton Rouge and New Orleans in Louisiana, Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach, Crestview, Destin, Gainesville and Ocala in Florida, and Macon and Warner Robins in Georgia.

Cox Charities was created to strengthen Cox communities through the support of programs that positively impact communities in the areas of education, technology, social issues, conservation and the arts. In addition to the Innovation in Education grants, Cox Charities offers Community Investment grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and a portion of the funds help Cox employees in need through the Cox Benevolent Fund, a local employee relief program.

In 2017, employees of Cox Communications Southeast Region pledged to donate just under \$160,000 to continue fulfilling its mission of strengthening Cox communities through the support of programs that positively impact the communities they serve. The grant cycle for Community Investment grants will open in late summer.

For Cox Charities Innovation in Education grant applications and more information about Cox Charities, visit [www.CoxCharitiesSER.org](http://www.CoxCharitiesSER.org).

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