



August 3, 2023

Ms. Isabella Scocozza
Director of Instruction and Funded Programs
Township of Union Public Schools
2369 Morris Avenue
Union, NJ 07083

Dear Ms. Scocozza:

Congratulations! The Rackspace Foundation has approved a grant of \$25,000 for the Township of Union Public Schools. Our offer of this grant is subject to your agreement to:

1. Use the grant funds only as specified in your grant proposal (attached) to increase your STEAM initiatives throughout the Township of Union Public Schools school district
2. Maintain your records to show and account for the use of grant funds
3. Provide written acknowledgement of receipt of grant funds
4. Refrain from use of the funds for any purpose prohibited by law
5. Cooperate with the Rackspace Foundation to publicize the award
6. Comply with reasonable requests for information about your program activities

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If you agree to these terms, please have an authorized representative sign and return one copy of this letter to us at rackspacefoundation@rackspace.com.

Sincerely,

M. Jason Bowling

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Rackspace Foundation Board Chair

I certify that the organization named above accepts the terms outlined in this letter:

Name, Title

Date



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Rackspace Grant Proposal

Township of Union Public Schools

Demographics

The Township of Union Public School District is in northern-central Union County, New Jersey. The Township of Union Public Schools is considered by NJ.COM as the fourth most diverse town in New Jersey. The school system currently operates ten schools-six kindergartens through grade four elementary, one-fifth grade school, two-middle schools, and one-comprehensive high school.

The Township of Union Public School District is comprised of approximately 1,200 employees and serves roughly 7,300 grades pre-k through twelfth grade students in a culturally diverse community. The district programs foster a small-town atmosphere for students despite the township's geographic size (9.08 square miles). With strong community support, Union serves a variety of student learning types and styles so that highly individualized services can be implemented within the system.

According to the New Jersey School Performance Report, the district has a total of 15.4% of students with disabilities. In addition, a total of 5.6% of students are considered English learners. 40.6% of students are economically disadvantaged.

The mission of the Township of Union Public School District is to build on the foundations of honesty, excellence, integrity, strong family, and community partnerships. We promote a supportive learning environment in which every student is challenged, inspired, empowered, and respected as diverse learners. Through cultivation of students' intellectual curiosity, skills and knowledge, students can achieve academically and socially, and contribute as responsible and productive citizens of our global community.

Statement of Need

The Township of Union Public School will seek a total of \$100,000 in foundation funding to increase our STEAM initiative throughout the school district. The district is in the process of modifying the student technology electives to provide them with 21st century skills. We were able to purchase



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maker spaces for all the ten elementary and secondary schools using ESSER funds. These maker spaces were placed in each library/media center for school use. The maker spaces consisted of robotics, circuitry/electronics, crafting, maker books, small and large group activities and independent and teacher led activities. The custom curated maker kits support our current STEAM initiatives.

Unfortunately, the maker spaces did not come with a 3D printer. The 3D printer will add value to the overall maker space area and allow our elementary school students a variety of opportunities to create and develop in an interactive learning environment. This will provide an equitable maker space program for every elementary school in our district. On the high school level, the 3D printer located in the Engineering and Design Program is currently broken. Students need a replacement since they cannot complete the necessary components of these courses without the machine. 3D printers can be a great resource for students to use throughout various curriculum areas. Students can quickly create prototypes of historical artifacts, 3D versions of artwork, topography and so much more. Images are brought to life and will give the students a new perspective. This educational tool will allow our learners to engage in an interactive way and encourage real world understanding.

Technology is integrated within the curricula to enhance the instructional process. STEM projects are infused into the K-12 science curriculum. The Township of Union Public Schools have 1:1 Chromebook access for all students in grades two through twelve. Staff are trained in the integration of technology tools and resources to support student learning. Student topics include coding, G-Suite, digital citizenship, cyber-bullying, robotics, and intellectual property. At the high school, students can take three consecutive years of STEM classes in one of our two STEM labs. Courses include: Introduction to Engineering and Principles of Engineering. Students may also enroll in an independent study for Robotics and after school Esports programs. The middle schools offer a STEAM after school club, Drone program and Esports program. Students work on design projects throughout the school year and most recently participated in the district wide STEAM Fair in March 2023. Within the elementary school, the district partnered with Lobe Learning to provide virtual STEAM programs throughout the school year for all students and their families. The district also coordinated two sessions of an innovative Music and STEAM Program throughout the elementary schools.



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The Township of Union Public Schools needs an update of technology-related curriculum and materials to keep our students and staff current in the state standards. Each building has a technology teacher that oversees all the STEM related classes and activities. It is our hope to purchase curriculum STEM related kits, based on evidence-based programs, for each school building to incorporate throughout the school and after school day. The current technology curriculum is either outdated or non-existent. These kits can include Lego Education, Robotics, Dash/Dot, Wonder Workshop, Chrome Books, Ozobots etc. based on age-appropriate curriculum. The Next Wave STEM curriculum kits can provide curriculum access, pacing guides, and course overviews for each school site. The curriculum kits focus on educational equity and ensuring all students have access to STEM opportunities in order to prepare to be lifelong learners.

Budget

(9) 3D Printers & Supplies x \$3000 each= \$27,000

(1) 3D Printer & Supplies for the High School x \$8000= \$8,000

(10) Technology Curriculum Kits per school x \$6,500 each= \$65,000

Total Amount Requested: \$100,000

**Technology Curriculum Kits will include but not limited to Next Wave STEM, Lego Education, Makey Makey Kits, Dash Dot, Wonder Workshop, Chrome Books, OzoBots etc.*

The Township of Union Public School District will use a purchase order for payment per Uniform Administrative Guidance. All receipts of grant funds will be submitted for board approval. The district will keep all supporting documentation from the foundation for any upcoming monitoring visits. The Township of Union Public Schools will publicize the foundation funding, if received, based on our partnership with Rackspace Technology.

All technology foundation-related purchases will be kept in secure locations within each school building. Each school will house the technology items in the Computer Science room under the oversight of the technology teacher and Director.



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