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Foundation Grant Summary  
2019-2020  
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I received the foundation grant for the 2019-2020 school year. Through this funding, I was able to purchase nonfiction text sets for my classroom to encourage peer and individual exploration of STEM topics that align with our standards. I was also able to purchase tablets for student use. Students are able to research topics they have learned about through reading the nonfiction texts. This allows students to make connections to their learning and grow their understanding of the topic. It also promotes conversation amongst peers and encourages students to challenge each other to research further and ask deep thinking questions.

The reason why this grant was so important is because it allows students to explore real life topics that are aligned with our standards. The tablets allow students to dig deeper in the area of nonfiction texts. Often in a first grade classroom, nonfiction texts are not used as frequently as fiction. First graders do not understand what research and exploration is. Through the tools purchased from the funding of this grant, I am able to model this for my students and have them practice reading and research in new and exciting ways.