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### Ten80 Foundation Receives Motorola Solutions Foundation Innovation Generation Grant

[Ten80 Foundation](#), today announced it has received a grant for \$50,000 as part of the “Innovation Generation Grant” program from the [Motorola Solutions Foundation](#), the charitable arm of [Motorola Solutions, Inc.](#) Through the grant, Ten80 Foundation and its partners will focus on students from STEM in kindergarten to middle school as we work together create a sustainable platform that encourages long range success in high schools and beyond. The partnership will target schools in Chicago and Miami, that feed into high schools already engaged in Ten80 programs..

The Innovation Generation program awards organizations such as Ten80 Foundation that foster and support science, technology, engineering and mat (STEM) initiatives for teachers and U.S. preschool through university students – especially girls and underrepresented minorities.

Having worked in Miami Dade and Chicago schools for two years, Ten80 has established long standing relationships with district and school educators as well as thousands of students. According to Melissa Fernandez, CTE Instructional Supervisor for Miami Dade County Public Schools, “The Ten80 curriculum is the best I’ve ever seen at teaching math modeling and data driven design.”

Ten80 Foundation and its partners reached an average of 1200 new students each month in 2015 through US ARMY Funded STEM EXPOS for high schools, Art of STEM Festivals for younger students and summer workshops and camps. It also provided content and project based learning experiences for teachers across the country. It has supported with Motorola funds the [Ten80 National STEM League](#) program. This project based curriculum and completion was evaluated by WestEd, leading 3rd party evaluator for educational initiatives nationwide, and awarded the top designation of Exemplary. Through a follow-up evaluation, Ten80 was also certified as ready-to-scale nationally and has been doing so with significant student results. To date, only 34 national programs have been ranked high enough by West Ed to be listed in Change the Equation’s (CTEq) STEMWorks database. There are 22 promising programs, 8 accomplished and Ten80 is ONE of only FOUR rated as Exemplary & Scaling.

The Motorola Solutions Foundation grant program overall will impact about 900,000 students and teachers, each receiving an average of 100 programming hours from our partner non-profit organizations and institutions. Programs will support special populations including girls and women, underrepresented minorities, the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, people with disabilities and the military.

“The Motorola Solutions Foundation created the Innovation Generation Grant program eight years ago to support educational experiences that spark students to turn their dreams into the innovations that will shape our society’s future,” said Matt Blakely, director of the Motorola Solutions Foundation. “Organizations like Ten80 are teaching tomorrow’s leaders that careers in engineering and technology are not only fun, but also within their reach.”



For additional information on the Motorola Solutions Foundation grants programs, visit: <http://responsibility.motorolasolutions.com/index.php/solutions-for-community/> and for more information on Ten80 Foundation and the National STEM League please visit [www.ten80foundation.org](http://www.ten80foundation.org) and [www.nationalstemleague.com](http://www.nationalstemleague.com)

### **About Ten80 Foundation**

Ten80 Foundation strives to help students and teachers transition to "living in the innovation space"©. In a society increasingly based on innovations in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), EVERY student is a STEM student. The path to STEM literacy and to becoming a contributor to the innovation process is different for each individual. Ten80 Foundation supports research proven data-driven programs that offer STEAM to STEM platforms as well as STEM support skills curriculum.

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### **About Motorola Solutions Foundation**

The Motorola Solutions Foundation is the charitable and philanthropic arm of Motorola Solutions. With employees located around the globe, Motorola Solutions seeks to benefit the communities where it operates. The company achieves this by making strategic grants, forging strong community partnerships and fostering innovation. The Motorola Solutions Foundation focuses its funding on public safety, disaster relief, employee programs and education, especially science, technology, engineering and math programming. For more information on Motorola Solutions Corporate and Foundation giving, visit our website: [www.motorolasolutions.com/giving](http://www.motorolasolutions.com/giving).