

Boeing makes \$4M in grants to local nonprofits: Here's who's getting the funding.



Boeing's offices in St. Louis



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The Boeing Co. (NYSE: BA) said Thursday it is donating \$4 million to 38 nonprofit organizations in the St. Louis area, with a focus on the Ferguson-Florissant, Riverview Gardens and East St. Louis areas.

The grant money, which covers the period from Sept. 1 this year through Aug. 31, 2024, emphasizes programs to advance science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education; support veterans and military families; and provide resources for underserved communities, said Chris Bray, Boeing Global Engagement central region senior manager.



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The \$4 million total includes \$1 million from Boeing's five-year, **\$5 million commitment** to develop a proposed advanced manufacturing center in north St. Louis, \$1.4 million in

the Ferguson-Florissant area for STEM and workforce development, about \$900,000 in the Riverview Gardens area and about \$700,000 in the East St. Louis area. The aerospace giant also provided community assistance to veterans as well as organizations focused on recidivism prevention, a Boeing spokesperson said.

Boeing in 2019 donated \$2.5 million through the regional grant partnerships program, \$3.2 million in 2020, \$4.3 million in 2021 and \$4 million in 2022, according to Bray, who has worked for Boeing for six years.

“Our goal is to be part of the journey to make St. Louis and the region the best it possibly can be,” said Bray. “We can’t do it alone. We have so many great philanthropic organizations out there making a difference.”

Boeing did not disclose the grant amounts to the recipients, which are:

- Girls Incorporated of St. Louis
- St. Louis Regional Public Media Inc
- Wings Of Hope Incorporated
- Better Family Life, Inc.
- National Audubon Society
- St. Louis Science Center Foundation
- The Magic House
- Black Girls Do STEM
- LaunchCode Foundation
- Saint Louis Zoo Association
- Challenger Learning Center of St. Louis
- Create A Loop
- Donald Danforth Plant Science Center
- Ferguson Florissant School District
- Riverview Gardens School District
- East St. Louis School District
- Maryville University of St. Louis
- Project Lead The Way Inc.
- The Little Bit Foundation
- Veterans Community Project
- Duo Dogs Inc

- Cyberup
- Criminal Justice Ministry
- Arise Equine Therapy Foundation
- St. Patrick Center
- Missouri Veterans Endeavor
- The Mission Continues
- US Chamber of Commerce Foundation
- Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis
- YWCA Metro St. Louis
- St. Louis Area Food Bank Inc
- Fathers Support Center
- Beyond Housing
- Employment Connection
- Jackie Joyner Kersee Foundation
- RUNG Foundation Inc
- Wyman Center Inc.
- Mission: St. Louis

Arlington, Virginia-based Boeing is one of the largest employers in the St. Louis region, with nearly 16,000 employees working at three facilities, in St. Louis, St. Charles and Mascoutah, Illinois, according to *Business Journal* research. It produces a number of military aircraft and weapons systems locally including the F/A-18 Super Hornet, EA-18G Growler, F-15 Eagle, eT-7A Red Hawk, MQ-25 Stingray, Joint Direct Attack Munition, Harpoon and Small Diameter Bomb. Additionally, the St. Louis Composite Center of Excellence manufactures composite parts for the Boeing 777X commercial aircraft.
