

## Quick Facts

### TEF at a Glance

The Technology Education Foundation – also known as "TEF":

- Funds and supports community organizations and groups that benefit children, teens and adults of all ages who do not have access to or have limited access to technology.
- Funds organizations with projects and initiatives that will have a strong impact on closing the technology gap.
- Is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, serving the greater Madison and Dane County areas.
- Is based in Madison, WI and was founded in 2007 by Jim Berbee, the founder of Berbee Information Networks Corporation (now CDW).
- Has direct ties to the Berbee Derby, as 100% of proceeds from the Berbee Derby fund TEF.

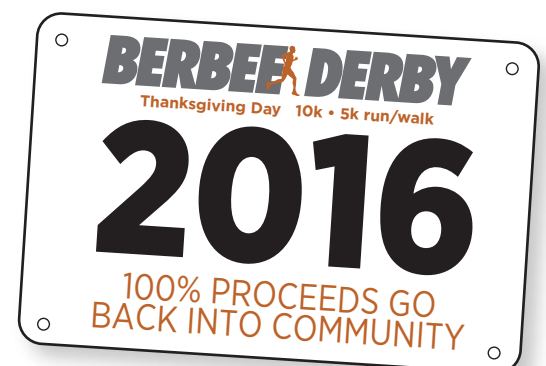
### How TEF Works

- TEF helps fund community partners and groups, such as schools and schools districts, community organizations, technology and science-focused organizations, and others who help the men, women, and children in the surrounding communities.
- These partners and group in turn use TEF funds to purchase and provide resources directly to people in the community, in the form of technology tools and enhancements, educational training technology and career training, and programming.

### Who Benefits From TEF

- Children and teens have greater access to technology to further their education and learning.
- Children, teens, and young adults obtain a better understanding of the career opportunities in technology and science.
- Adults receive critical technology training, which provides much-needed skills for jobs and career advancement.
- Community members of all ages benefit from new and upgraded technology available at community organization and center locations throughout the surrounding area.

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## **Direct Ties to the Berbee Derby**

- 100% of money raised from the Berbee Derby turn directly into TEF grants that are disseminated to organizations who serve greater Madison and Southern Wisconsin communities.
- Started in 2004, the Berbee Derby is a Madison-area Thanksgiving-Day tradition.
- The Berbee Derby offers 5K and 10K options for walkers, joggers, and runners.
- The Berbee Derby is the premiere, professionally run Thanksgiving Day race event in the greater Madison area.

## **Financial Impact of TEF**

TEF has provided more than \$570,000 in technology education grants since its inception. More than \$88,000 of grants were given out in 2015 alone.

## **Examples of Community Partners who are Grant Recipients**

Examples of grant recipients include (this list showcases examples, and is not an exhaustive list of grant recipients):

- Educational: School District of Poynette, Falk Elementary School (Madison), Country View Elementary School (Verona), Verona Area International School, Savanna Oaks Middle School, Brooklyn Elementary School, School District of Monroe
- Community Organizations: YWCA, Boys & Girls Club, Urban League of Greater Madison
- Community Meeting Places: Madison Children's Museum, Deforest Area Public Library
- Technology- and Science- Focused Organizations: Information Technology Academy, DANEnet, Capital Science & Engineering Fair
- Religious Groups: Catholic Multicultural Center

## **Organizations Eligible to Apply for TEF Funding Include**

- Those with a non-profit 501(c)(3) designation
- K-12 school programs (and programming during school and non-school hours)
- Government-funded and -operated organizations
- Nonprofit healthcare facilities (such as Hospice Care)

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