

Andrew Johnson Amateur Radio Club

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Grant Awarded to the Andrew Johnson Amateur Radio Club (AJARC) for “Youth STEM through Amateur Radio Outreach” project - Greeneville Tennessee

AJARC Project Summary: The Andrew Johnson Amateur Radio Club (AJARC), in partnership with the Greene County Makers and Free Wildlings Homeschool Playgroup, is creating a STEM classes for Greene County youth (ages 8-18) to grow their interests in amateur radio and gain a technician class license. The project will be developing STEM curriculum in support of gaining a Technician Class amateur radio license. It will also provide classroom materials, an electronics workbench, and amateur radio station that will reside at the Greene County Makers space. The electronics workbench and amateur radio station will be utilized by the students during classes for exploration, fun, (GOTA = Get on the Air), and create a positive community impact. The Grant period covers September 1, 2022 through September 1, 2023.

Peter Higgins, President of the Greene County Makers shared that *“Technology is a vital part of the future of our community, and this is an amazing opportunity to further our mission of promoting STEM to the children of Greene County”*

Ian Bible (KE4EAC), Andrew Johnson Amateur Radio Club president commented about the grant awarded by saying that *“The AJARC is honored to receive this grant and help us further our community outreach programs and promote amateur radio.”*

“The Free Wildlings homeschool group is excited to partner with the AJARC and GCM to provide Stem opportunities to our children and parents!” Janina Geary Group Leader commented. The Free Wildlings Homeschool Playgroup (Greeneville, Tri-Cities, and TN) has 336 Members.

Steven Bible (N7HPR), the club’s volunteer project coordinator, who will be working to create the curriculum stated that *“We are excited to provide the amateur radio experience to help children learn about science and technology in Greeneville and Greene County. We hope to grow this program so others can take advantage of it and learn from the curriculum we develop.”* Steven will be assisted by AJARC club members with the classes.

AJARC is just one of twenty-four organizations nationally that were awarded funding which was announced from a new [ARRL Foundation Club Grant Program](#) funded from Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC). The ARRLF awarded \$270,000 to 24 radio clubs during their first round of applications. The ARRL Foundation received 128 applications in the first round, with requests totaling \$1.74 million.

The **Andrew Johnson Amateur Radio Club** (www.ajarc.org) is a (501(c)(3) non-profit organization. AJARC purpose is to facilitate the exchange of information and cooperation between club members and the general public to promote radio knowledge and to conduct club programs and activities to advance the

general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community. The Grant will be managed by the Andrew Johnson Amateur Radio Club.

The **Greene County Makers** (<https://www.facebook.com/greenecountymakers/>) is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to build and support a thriving local maker community.

The **Free Wildlings Homeschool Playgroup** (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/346818820230409>) has over 300 members. In this group are families which are home schooling their children. Parents are also participating and working to gain their amateur radio license.

ARRL Foundation (<http://www.arrl.org/club-grant-program>) is a 501(c) (3) organized and operated for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, and more specifically, to study and contribute to the development of amateur radio and other innovative programs related to the purpose of the American Radio Relay League, Inc.