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## North Island Credit Union Foundation Looking to Fund Innovative Teacher Projects

\*\* Foundation Encourages San Diego County Teachers to Apply for a Project Grant \*\*

San Diego, CA – August 12, 2024 – North Island Credit Union Foundation encourages San Diego County teachers who have an innovative class project idea to apply for a credit union grant through its Teacher Grant program. Ten grants of \$500 each will be awarded to local teachers in October in the fall program.

The North Island Credit Union Foundation biannual grant program is available to full-time teachers in San Diego and Riverside County, or credit union members teaching in California, looking to fund special learning opportunities for their students. The project should have clearly defined learning objectives tied to students' academic needs, display creativity and benefit a significant number of students.

"Providing support to our teachers and schools is a critical part of our Foundation's mission as we work to empower our communities," said North Island Credit Union Foundation President Marvel Ford. "We're excited to offer this grant program to help our hard-working teachers bring an innovative classroom program to life and encourage any educator who has a project idea to apply."

Interested teachers can find more information and apply online <a href="here">here</a>. The application deadline is September 23, 2024. Grant recipients will be announced in October 2024.

Since the creation of the program in 2012, \$195,000 in teacher grants have been awarded to benefit students across Southern California. The spring grant program funded a wide range of projects, including understanding organisms and issues in the water shed, starting a market for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade entrepreneurs, creating a folk art program and launching a solar desalination project, among others.

A non-profit charitable corporation, North Island Credit Union Foundation focuses its resources on four key pillars of long-term community empowerment, including investing in its communities and youth, supporting educators and schools, promoting financial literacy and honoring our service members.

## **About North Island Credit Union Foundation**

North Island Credit Union Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that serves as the philanthropic arm of North Island Credit Union, a division of California Credit Union operating in San Diego and Riverside Counties. California Credit Union is a state chartered full-service credit union with assets of nearly \$5 billion, approximately 200,000 members and 25 retail branches. North Island Credit

Union Foundation works to strengthen the financial well-being of our communities by providing targeted resources to non-profit partners effecting meaningful change across San Diego and Riverside counties. California Credit Union funds all administrative costs of the Foundation, enabling it to return 100% of donations back into community programs. Please visit ccu.com/foundation to learn more or make a tax-deductible donation, or follow the Foundation on Instagram® @northislandcufoundation.

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