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**North Island Credit Union Foundation Provides \$5,000 in Teacher Grants
To Benefit Educators & Students**

San Diego, CA – November 19, 2024 – Conducting a geometry-based city planning project, creating a lending library, expanding a school garden and starting a school community mosaic project are just some of the school projects receiving funding from North Island Credit Union Foundation through its Fall 2024 Teacher Grant program.

As part of its commitment to help educators create innovative learning opportunities for their students, the Foundation has provided 10 grants of \$500 each to underwrite class projects in San Diego and Riverside counties. The grants will fund a diverse range of programs illustrating the creativity and commitment teachers bring to their classrooms and communities.

“We congratulate these inspiring teachers and are proud to continue North Island Credit Union Foundation’s commitment to supporting our education community through these grants,” said North Island Credit Union Foundation President Marvel Ford. “We hope this extra support will help educators as they create innovative and meaningful programs for their students.”

The Fall 2024 North Island Credit Union Foundation Teacher Grant recipients include:

Grant Recipient	School	City
Kimberly Almendariz	Bear Valley Middle School	Escondido
Gloria Bernabe-Monypeny	Horace Mann Middle School	San Diego
Sarah Dunn	High Tech Elementary School Chula Vista	Chula Vista
Ben Fishburne	Madison Avenue Elementary School	El Cajon
Caitlin Flores	Hope Elementary School	Carlsbad
Eileen Grady-Romero	Southwest High School	San Diego
Jedzida Herron	La Mirada Elementary School	San Ysidro
Cherie Maurice	VIP Village Preschool	Imperial Beach
Michael Paap	Holmes Elementary School	San Diego
Cheryl Stark	Hans Christensen Middle School	Menifee



L-R: High Tech Elementary School Chula Vista Teacher Grant Recipient Sarah Dunn receives a grant check from North Island Credit Union Senior School and Community Development Officer Shadi Poustchi. The grant will be used to fund a project for 4th graders using ecobricks to learn about plastic pollution.

Photos of additional recipients can be found [here](#).

Since the creation of the program in 2012, North Island Credit Union and its Foundation have awarded \$205,000 in teacher grants to support innovative learning projects. Up to 20 grants are awarded bi-annually in the spring and fall. Any full-time classroom teacher in San Diego, Riverside, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Ventura County can apply for a grant for a program that has clearly defined learning objectives tied to students' academic needs, displays creativity in education, and targets a significant number of students.

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. Named a Forbes Best-In-State Credit Union in 2024, California Credit Union is a state chartered full-service credit union with assets of \$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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