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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **PSO Announces 2022 AEP Foundation STEM After-School Grant Winners**

TULSA, Okla. (Aug. 1, 2022) – Twenty-one FFA chapters across Oklahoma are receiving a share of \$40,000 in American Electric Power Foundation FFA STEM After-School Grants.

The AEP Foundation is the charitable arm of American Electric Power, parent company of Tulsa-based electric provider, Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO). This unique grant program reflects the strong alignment between PSO, the AEP Foundation and the Oklahoma FFA Foundation in providing students the opportunity to learn and grow in STEM-related fields.

Funded grants included projects in beekeeping, drones in agriculture, and an artificial intelligence cattle simulator.

Grants ranging from \$825 to \$2,500, were awarded to FFA chapters in Atoka, Barnsdall, Caney Valley, Clayton, Dewey, Fletcher, Fort Cobb, Hammon, Hobart, Ketchum, Kiowa/Savanna, Oologah/Inola, Quinton, Snyder/Frederick, Soper, Stigler, Wapanucka and Wister.

Priority was given to applications that would benefit more than one chapter and that were sustainable over multiple years.

“This partnership with FFA will bring meaningful, hands-on, STEM programs to Oklahoma students,” said PSO Vice President of External Affairs Tiffini Jackson. “These grants emphasize real-world skills that can help propel these students into a rewarding future.”

Since 2018, the AEP Foundation and PSO have awarded grants now totaling more than \$173,000 to FFA chapters to fund a wide range of programs and activities that are helping advance agricultural education, foster innovation and inspire success. In 2020, the AEP Foundation announced a \$200,000 grant to fund the program through 2024.

“STEM education is critical to our future, and this program brings essential resources to young Oklahomans who otherwise might have only seen this technology on a computer screen or read about it in a book,” said Jacey Fye, Oklahoma FFA Foundation executive director. “We thank PSO and the AEP Foundation for this important program that will open the future to our FFA students.”

#### **About the AEP Foundation**

The American Electric Power Foundation is funded by American Electric Power (Nasdaq: AEP) and its operating subsidiaries. The Foundation provides a permanent, ongoing resource for charitable initiatives involving higher dollar values and multi-year commitments in the communities served by AEP and initiatives outside of AEP’s 11-state service area.

The Foundation focuses on improving lives through education from early childhood through higher education in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math; by meeting basic needs for emergency shelter, affordable housing and the elimination of hunger; and championing social and racial justice. Other Foundation support may be offered to protect the environment, promote healthcare and safety, and enrich life through art, music and cultural heritage.

#### **About PSO**

PSO, a unit of American Electric Power (Nasdaq: AEP), is an electric utility company serving more than 568,000 customer accounts in eastern and southwestern Oklahoma, powering a cleaner, brighter energy future for its customers and 232 communities. Based in Tulsa, PSO has approximately 3,800 megawatts of diverse generating capacity that primarily includes wind and natural gas. It maintains and operates more than 24,000 miles of distribution lines and 3,700 miles of transmission lines and is one of the largest distributors of wind energy in the state. Find news releases and other information at [www.PSOklahoma.com](http://www.PSOklahoma.com). Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor and Instagram @PSOklahoma.

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