



FORT WORTH MUSEUM
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Fort Worth Museum of Science and History Receives Action Grant
Grant to Fund Current Science Initiatives and Technology

Fort Worth, TX - The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History has been awarded a Fort Worth Facebook Data Center Community Action Grant, for the second year in a row.

The \$15,000 grant will support the Museum's Current Science initiative, which explores ways to connect science with topical content, such as meteorological and astronomical events, for guests of all ages. The funds will pay for equipment needed to support Current Science Facebook Live presentations and a permanent *FutureLab* to host ongoing virtual reality experiences.

"These are important ways for us to reach audiences that might not have easy access to science in a more traditional sense," said Dr. Doug Roberts, Chief Technology Officer. "We are so excited that Facebook is supporting the Museum's work on public engagement around the topics of science and history. The partnership with Facebook enables the Museum to expand our use of virtual reality and interactive immersive environments that allow our guests to explore current science topics." Dr. Roberts continues, "This grant is especially valuable as the Museum prepares an exhibition on space exploration, which looks back fifty years to the landing of Apollo 11 and also to the exciting future our understanding of the universe."

The Fort Worth Facebook Data Center opened in 2017 and launched its Community Action Grant program last year to recognize innovative work by non-profit organization in STEM education and technology accessibility.

The Museum's receipt of a separate \$13,600 Facebook Community Action Grant in 2018 funded the launch of its Current Science initiative, which supports the Museum's commitment to innovation in lifelong learning and community education. The Museum provides a connection between North Texas and global innovations in science technology.

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About the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

The Museum was established in 1941 and is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. Anchored by its rich collections, the Museum is dedicated to lifelong learning. It engages guests through creative, vibrant programs and exhibits interpreting science and the history of Texas and the Southwest. The Museum is open daily, except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. For more information, visit www.fortworthmuseum.org