## **Opportunity Fund Awards**

2022	7	\$46,030.00	\$6,575.71
2023	9	\$49,861.49	\$5,540.17
Grand Total	16	\$95,891.49	\$5,993.22

Year	Awardee(s)	Amount	Constituency	Project Title	Description
2022	Parish, Allen	\$5,500.00	Faculty	Community Brass	The Community Brass Band Seminar is designed to
				Band Seminar	educate and train area high school and college
					students to create successful New Orleans Brass
					Bands. Our area is growing, culturally, in regards to
					visual art culture; see, for example, the Art Crawl
					and the countless new murals that are being
					painted. However, our regional culture has much
					potential for growth regarding musical culture.
					There is a disconnect in band programs between
					teaching students how to play an instrument and
					training students how to use that skill for public
					performance opportunities. Our area is hungry for
					live performance; our area high school and college
					students are hungry to perform. ULM, through this
					project, will positively impact our society through
					our service to the community. The project aligns
					perfectly with our Vision Statement as this project

					will be free for all students and will create opportunity for our community as a whole and the individuals who attend.
2022	Bell, Jeremy	\$8,500.00	Faculty	SciMAT Technology Innovations	The SciMAT Lab project will provide interactive materials focusing on assistive technology in a shared lab setting and will provide professional development to local school districts on the use of assistive technology. SciMAT stands for Science, Math, Assistive Technology. The lab will be a state- of-the-art laboratory for education, occupational therapy, and speech students to have access to assistive technology materials along with the incorporation of STEM materials in science methods courses. The lab will have multiple purposes and will also provide professional development to local school districts through current partnerships. The Opportunity Fund grant will be used to purchase audio/visual equipment to be used in the classroom such as projecting of class materials, virtual instructional videos, live classroom feeds, and professional development in local schools through Zoom. This project will provide students in multiple programs access to assistive technology materials through the use of the A/V equipment that have not been available in the past, and the program will provide professional development to current

students will be actively engaged with area K-12 students in their final year of study and will continue to impact thousands of students with the knowledge and connections gained by attending

					campus students who presently do not have sufficient research options. Housed in the Strauss Hall Computer Lab, this project will allow supervised students to access questionnaire administration software, online behavioral science experiments, real-time text analytics programs, and data modeling. This will allow and encourage off- campus students to design their own faculty- sponsored research projects as well as to collaborate with faculty in ongoing efforts. These students can participate in virtual research teams and statistically analyze and interpret their results for the larger scientific community under close faculty supervision. The project hopes to impact up to 800 students by the fourth year.
2022	Funder- Jenkins, Darrion	\$4,165.00	Faculty	Sky Breakers Drone Workshop	"Sky Breakers Drone Workshop" will help students explore aspects of the Unmanned Aircraft System Management and Agricultural Business degrees through the teaching of hands-

					staff, the Warhawk Women Read book club, and a variety of professional development workshops and socials; upcoming for spring are a research forum and a women in sports event.
2023	Arnett, Kaitlin	\$6,000.00	Staff	ACT Prep Workshops	Not all students who aspire to attend college

	Carpenter, Caroline				gloves, shoe inserts, headphones, and strobe lights to temporarily alter the physical and sensory abilities of participants. It is scientifically proven to promote sensitivity and awareness in individuals caring for those with dementia. With the additional resources provided by the Opportunity Fund, KDSON will ensure students can deliver excellent person-centered care for this vulnerable population and their families.
2023	Jones, Brice	\$6,900.00	Staff	ULM OMC Visual Communications	Photos and videos are a language unto themselves, communicating a message to an audience. The ULM Office of Marketing and Communication will use the award to purchase additional equipment to allow the staff to improve visual communications that tell the story that is ULM, reinforcing our mission and vision, and providing an inside look at the ways in which we are changing people's lives every day on the bayou.
2023	Kennedy, Heather	\$7,990.99	Faculty	SOE Interactive Model Classroom	The 1 Tc 0.003 Tw 0.23 0 TBT12 -0 0EMChd1eracThe

					inclusion, and to remain student and ensemble- focused as the festival grows and matures.
2023	Tolson, Kim and Wiedemeier, Allison	\$4,100.00	Faculty	ULM Museum of Natural History K-8 STEM Discovery Boxes	The ULM Museum of Natural History is supporting area K-8 teachers in the region to teach hands-on STEM lessons to their students; these funds will be used to create "Discovery Boxes" containing materials needed to instruct in-class STEM activities aligned with Louisiana Student Standards for Science, and the subject matter will come from the five science domains recognized by the Louisiana Department of Education. Availab(e)ET1 g459.84 377.882.443Tm[)T