

APEX COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

The Dodge Pratt Northam Art and Community Center

“We are truly grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with Apex to promote educational programs for area youth, with a focus on alternative energy.”

–JoAnn Ballard, Executive Director, Dodge Pratt Center

About the Dodge Pratt Center

Based in Boonville, New York, the Dodge Pratt Center has an over-50-year track record of serving rural community needs by providing activities that engage all age groups, from toddlers to senior citizens. The center offers a “21st-Century Learning” after-school enrichment program that includes hands-on activities, reading programs, art lessons, and an impressive robotics program.

In December 2020, Apex awarded a \$5,000 community grant to the center for the expansion of its STEM education programming in the following ways:

- in-kind donations of solar education kits, which supported hands-on solar energy education for 40 middle- and high-school students from the towns of Boonville and Forestport in the summer of 2021
- retention of a qualified instructor for the STEM programming
- funding for an extension of the center’s robotics program, providing more time for students to focus on learning and use of sensors and programming
- provision of necessary hand tools for students and staff to complete STEM-related activities



Apex also supported the center’s programming by serving as a guest speaker for the center’s robotics team, discussing solar energy and answering students’ questions.



LOCATION:
ONEIDA COUNTY, NY



FOCUS AREA:
PROMOTING
EDUCATION



GRANT AMOUNT:
\$5,000

About the Apex Community Grant Program

One of Apex Clean Energy’s primary goals is to be a dependable, long-term community partner with residents, local governments, and community organizations where our projects are located. One small way we do this is by giving back to host communities through the Apex Community Grant Program. The program supports projects and programs that build healthy communities, create economic opportunity, encourage environmental sustainability, and promote education. Since 2017, Apex has donated more than \$3 million in support of organizations in project communities across the country.