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Building a skilled workforce by creating alternative pathways for driven people seeking careers in technology.

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Boeing Announces Grant to Support Free Tech Education and Job Placement for Over 600 LaunchCoders

ST. LOUIS – On November 19, 2018, The Boeing Company announced a \$165,000 grant awarded to [LaunchCode](#) to support free training and job placement for more than 600 aspiring technologists in St. Louis. The goal of the grant funding is to provide driven individuals a pathway to upward career mobility, creating a pipeline of diverse, skilled workers entering the region’s most in-demand industry.

“A significant tech talent gap exists today, resulting in many high-paying jobs in technology being left unfilled. The demand for people with software development skills outstrips the supply of people who obtain these skills through the traditional, 4-year college degree programs,” said Sarah Mayer, Boeing Senior Director and LaunchCode Board Member. “LaunchCode addresses both the supply and demand side of the tech talent gap by making a career in coding accessible to all, and connecting employers with LaunchCode graduates through apprenticeship positions that lead to high-paying positions that offer future career growth. This results in not only a brighter future for individual LaunchCoders, but also improves employers’ ability to deliver products and services to their customers.”

In October, St. Louis-based entrepreneur network ITEN [predicted](#) a 60 percent growth in tech jobs in the region over the next three to five years. Now the most prolific creator of new developers in the region, LaunchCode has educated over 3,000 individuals in its hometown of St. Louis alone.

Along with awarding LaunchCode over \$500,000 in grant funding since the nonprofit’s inception, Boeing has hired over 30 LaunchCoders into upwardly-mobile tech careers through the Apprenticeship Program.

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