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## Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for your support in increasing our mission to expose young women to technology skills and careers. The Next IT Girl is changing the face of technology. We're bridging the gap by connecting students, technologies, academia, and businesses to create an ecosystem of innovation and drive the change we need to see in tech. We educate, mentor, and advance women on all aspects of computer science and information technology. By supporting broader career options and encouraging all technical interests, we provide the support network they need to pursue and excel in technology-related careers. Our program offerings range from Drone Technology, Graphic Design, Artificial Intelligence, Music Technology, and more.

This funding opportunity will provide us with the ability to create a progress pipeline that builds out the lifecycle of our organization transitioning students from K-12 into college. The pipeline will include but not limited to; IT workshops, student and mentor events, internships, career readiness programs, in-school programs, and in-demand technology resources. We will provide education through professional development and enrichment activities for young women ages 8-22 – all designed to educate, mentor, and expose students to multidisciplinary careers in technology.

This funding will also allow The Next IT Girl to expand programming offerings. Our goal is to always deliver in-demand and current skill sets to students and access to valuable tech resources not readily available in our communities. The Next IT Girl was one of the many organizations impacted and successfully managed operations and programming virtually for three years during Covid-19. We're are excited to be hosting programs back in-person in 2023 and are extremely grateful this funding is allowing us to come back better than we left in 2019. More in-person community events, STEM programs, and technical workshops to offer the great state of South Carolina. I invite and strongly urge officials to attend these events to see our talented students and the impact this funding is providing. Thank you to Rep. JA Moore for championing for our youth, communities, and the need for technology education.

Sincerely,

Napiya Nubuya
Founder, The Next IT Girl