

Duke gives \$50K grant to TCTC

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SENECA — An Upstate electric company recently invested grant money into Tri-County Technical College to help build a more talented and diverse workforce.

The Duke Energy Foundation awarded \$50,000 to Tri-County Technical College for its marketing program to increase the number of women, minorities and veterans pursuing engineering and mechatronics degrees.

The foundation awarded \$100,000 between the Clover School District, independent colleges and universities in Duke Energy's service areas and Florence-Darlington Technical College.

"We are making strategic investments in South Carolina to help build a talented workforce that drives economic prosperity for all," Duke Energy S.C. state president Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe said in a news release. "We have a long history of targeting investments to have the greatest impact for our communities. These grants continue that tradition and will help strengthen the workforce pipeline needed to fuel the Palmetto State's economic engine now for years to come."

Duke's foundation contributes more than \$30 million annually in charitable gifts and is funded by the company's shareholders, the release said.

In 2018, Duke donated more than \$2 million to nonprofit organizations in South Carolina.