



# Nevada STEM Networks

## Funding Application

### About

Eligible Applicants – Any organization which seeks to deliver outstanding STEM programming to the community.

Actions of the Nevada STEM Network – The Nevada STEM Networks has received funding from the Governor’s Office of Science, Innovation, and Technology to support STEM programming in three ways:

<b>Scale-Up</b> existing STEM programming to reach more students and community members in its originating STEM Network region.
<b>Extend</b> existing STEM programming to another STEM Network region. In this case the application should be directed to the STEM Network in which the program will be sent to.
<b>Pilot program</b> funding for organizations that are seeking to create novel approaches to meet STEM programming gaps in their respective STEM Network region.

Types of Programs – STEM programming can be described as any curriculum, prepackaged lessons, camps, professional development, work based learning, and other established STEM educational opportunities.

Program Evaluation – The Nevada STEM Network requires that all supported programs assist in evaluating programming outcomes. The nature of this evaluation is contingent on the type of STEM programming that is being proposed. Possible evaluation measures include, but are not limited to, distribution of surveys, participant counts, and collection of demographics.

Allowable Use of Funds – Requested funds may be divided amongst foreseeable program expenses as the applying organization sees fit. No cap is placed on personnel related expenses (e.g., salaries) and program related expenses (e.g., materials, transportation, supplies, etc.) to provide greater creative freedom for applicants. An indirect cost or F&A of up to 5% is not required but may be applied prior to calculating the percentages for salaries. It is requested that part of the budget narrative (Q 13) speak directly to the rationale behind how the funds are divided.

Unallowable Use of Funds – Funds may not be used for food, drink, or alcohol. Any awarded funding shall not be used to supplant existing funds nor should it be used for projects, initiatives, or activities that do not align with the vision of the Regional STEM Network. Lastly, funding may not be used to purchase supplies or travel which exclusively benefits members of the applying organization and does not support the STEM program which is seeking funding.

Awards Process – Submitted applications will be reviewed by the region’s respective STEM Network Advisory Committee. It is up to the discretion of this committee to identify high value STEM programs which are well positioned to make use of STEM Network funds. The network accepts applications on a rolling basis with awards being made as frequently as each month. Grant requests can be made in amounts ranging from \$1,000 up to \$40,000.

Funding Spend-Out Requirement – If funds are awarded the applying organization must spend all requested monies by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This is in accordance with the state of Nevada’s fiscal year budgeting requirements.

## **General Information**

1. Name of the Applying organization
2. Street Address
3. City
4. Zip Code
5. Website
6. Name of main contact for funding request
7. Telephone number for main contact
8. Email Address for main contact
9. Mission of the applying organization
  
10. Briefly describe the history of the organization

## Program Details

11. Which STEM Network action is the applying organization seeking funding for?

Scale-Up  
(Reach more people within region)

Extend  
(Replicate in another region)

Pilot Program  
(Create and implement new program)

12. Which STEM Network Region is the application being submitted to?

Rural  
[Dawn.Baldwin@dri.edu](mailto:Dawn.Baldwin@dri.edu)  
  
(Churchill, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Nye, Mineral, Pershing, and White Pine Counties)

South  
[Craig.Rosen@dri.edu](mailto:Craig.Rosen@dri.edu)

(Clark County)

Northwest  
[Eric.Holmes@dri.edu](mailto:Eric.Holmes@dri.edu)

(Douglas, Carson City, Lyon, Storey, Washoe Counties)

13. How much funding is being requested? (A complete budget and narrative will also be required and should be sent separately to the appropriate STEM Regional Manager)

14. What is the title of the program which will be using STEM Network funding?

15. In 500 words or less please address *who* will be impacted by the program.
  - a. Speak specifically to the number of participants and their age, gender, and ethnicity.

16. In 500 words or less please address *what* the program seeks to accomplish.
  - a. What are the goals and objectives?
  - b. What STEM programming gap is the program looking to fill (if applicable)

17. In 500 words or less please address *when* major milestones of the program will be executed.
  - a. When will major milestones be completed? (Include as separate document if desired.)

18. In 500 words or less please address *where* the program will be implemented.
  - a. How will the applying organization get the program in front of targeted audiences?

19. In 500 words or less please address *why* the proposed program is needed in the current STEM environment. Explain why this program should be scaled up or extended. If a pilot program, then expand upon how the proposed program is different or unique.



20. In 500 words or less please address *how* the applying organization plans on following through with delivering the proposed STEM program.

21. The Nevada STEM regional networks are setting a priority to increase interest, awareness, participation, and outcomes of underrepresented individuals in STEM (females, members of racial and ethnic groups, persons with disabilities, and persons with low socioeconomic status). How can this program support that objective?

22. Does the applying organization have any plans in place to sustain the STEM program after the initial STEM Network funding has been spent? If so, what are the applying organization's actions to maintain the STEM program?

23. Briefly describe past results of the STEM program. (Only applicable to Scale-up & Extend applicants)

24. Will your organization be partnering with anyone to implement this program?

25. Has the applying organization conducted any sort of internal or external evaluation of the STEM program which is seeking funding? If so, please attach the evaluation. If not Please explain the internal justification (Only applicable to Scale-up & Extend applicants)

26. Please add any additional information that may be of interest to the reviewing STEM Network Advisory Committee.

27. Please send any letters of support/collaboration to the appropriate regional manager.