



## LCSA Grants Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What types of organizations are eligible to apply for a grant?

The Lancaster County STEM Alliance exclusively supports organizations classified as tax-exempt under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation only supports organizations serving residents of Lancaster County, PA.

### 2. What types of STEM programs are eligible for funding?

We fund programs focusing on out-of-school STEM learning, STEM career exploration, in-school project-based learning, and initiatives that promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in STEM learning.

### 3. Can organizations outside of Lancaster County apply for funding?

No, only organizations based within Lancaster County are eligible for our grants.

### 4. How do I apply for a grant?

Visit our website and follow the application guidelines provided.

### 5. What is the application deadline?

Please refer to our website for the current application deadlines.

6. Can I submit multiple applications for different programs?

Yes, organizations may submit up to two applications for different programs, but each application will be evaluated independently.

7. How long does the application review process take?

The review process generally takes 4-6 weeks following the application deadline. All applicants will be notified of the funding decision, regardless of the outcome.

8. What is the maximum amount of funding available per grant?

Funding amounts are capped at \$100,000 per focus area. Applicants can request funding starting at \$25,000 and may apply in increments of \$25,000 up to the maximum of \$100,000.

9. Are there specific reporting requirements for funded programs?

Yes, all grant recipients are required to submit a final report detailing the program's impact, outcomes, and use of funds. Additionally, recipients will collaborate with LCSA on the development of program evaluations and support participant engagement in these evaluations.

10. Can grant funds be used for administrative costs?

A portion of the grant funds can be allocated for administrative costs, but the majority should be directed towards program implementation and impact.

11. What does a commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging entail?

Applicants must demonstrate how their programs will be inclusive and accessible to all individuals, regardless of age, disability, economic circumstance, ethnicity, gender identity, race, religion, sexual orientation, or other identifying characteristics.

12. Are there resources available to help me with the application process?

Yes, we offer an informational webinar before the grant application deadline. You are also welcome to contact a member of the LCSA team for further assistance at [stem@steinmancommunications.com](mailto:stem@steinmancommunications.com).