Science/Computer Labs
To improve or expand technology in rural middle or high schools to improve science or math academic achievement

Request for Proposals

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Application Submission: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 2:00 pm MST

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Introduction

About Science Foundation Arizona
Science Foundation Arizona (SFAz) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization initiated in 2006 by the Greater Phoenix Leadership Inc., Southern Arizona Leadership Council and the Flagstaff Forty in conjunction with the executive and legislative branches of state government. SFAz serves as a catalyst for high-wage, knowledge-based jobs and economic diversity through administration and strict oversight of research, development and education grants to public education and other non-profit research performing institutions. For more information, visit www.sfaz.org.

Objectives

The proposed grants will be a part of Science Foundation Arizona’s initiative to improve educational resources and performance in the rural and remote school districts in Arizona.

Science Foundation Arizona (SFAz) is requesting proposals from rural Arizona middle and high schools to develop or expand science or computer labs to improve student academic performance and school grades. These labs can be stationary or mobile, but must emphasize hands-on student engagement, be used for multiple years and be part of the school’s plan to increase academic performance. SFAz encourages creative and innovative ideas to enhance student performance through these labs.

Eligibility

All rural middle and high schools are eligible. Rural is defined as a school or district that is located at least 30 miles from a metropolitan center. Schools in high needs areas will be given priority.
Application Process & Requirements

Proposal Requirements

1. All awards will be in honor of a person and a plaque or some other semi-permanent acknowledgement of this honoree will be required at the site and on the school/district’s website. Details will be specified in the award letter.
2. The grants will be in amounts between $10,000 and $50,000. If the amount awarded is in excess of $20,000, it may be allocated over multiple years.
3. SFAz evaluates all projects with both quantitative and qualitative measurements. Recipients must be willing to participate in an evaluation that could include sharing student achievement data as well as photos of student projects and events surrounding the grant activities.
4. School or district contact information, including school name and address, district, county and contact person information.
5. Demographic description of the school/district including academic achievement data, school and district grade, ethnic percentages and poverty levels as well as other information deemed appropriate. A reporting of the percentage of the district’s administrative costs vs the instructional expenditures is also requested. (one page maximum)
6. Description of the need for the proposed project or purchase.
7. If applicable a description of past programs to bring science and technology to the school, whether or not those programs succeeded and why. (6 & 7 total one page combined)
8. Description of the project or purchase including goals, objectives, timeline and the criteria that will be used to determine success in reaching your goals. (one page maximum)
9. If equipment is purchased, there must be a description of how it will be secured and maintained over time.
10. A one-page budget for the proposal signed by the fiscal agent using the Budget of Record Template in this link http://bit.ly/1lirNJ5
11. Acknowledgment and acceptance of the above-mentioned conditions by sending completed proposal cover sheet, sample included – click here to download http://bit.ly/1btOUXg
12. Disclose any other non-federal grants that your school or district has.

Review

1. An external team of experts with experience in rural education will evaluate the proposals and make recommendations to the leadership of SFAz.
2. The board of directors of SFAz will make the final determination as to which proposals are funded.
3. A final decision will be made by April 30, 2014
Submission Details and Deadlines

Electronic submissions to Stephanie Torigian at storigian@sfaz.org

Hard copy paper submissions by mail to John Kriekard, Director of Education, Science Foundation Arizona, 400 E. Van Buren St., Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Full Application Submission Deadline:
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*For questions please contact Science Foundation Arizona at 602-682-2800 or contact John Kriekard, Director of Education, Science Foundation Arizona @ jkriekard@sfaz.org*
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1. TITLE OF PROPOSAL (15 word limit)

2. APPLICANT/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR*
   
   2a. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR NAME
   2b. EMPLOYER ID NUMBER (EIN)
   2c. INSTITUTION NAME
   2d. MAILING ADDRESS
   2e. TITLE
   2f. DEPARTMENT
   2g. TELEPHONE:  FAX: EMAIL ADDRESS

3. BUDGET
   
   3a. REQUESTED BUDGET ($)
   3b. GRANT TERM (YEARS)

4. OFFICIAL FISCAL AGENT SIGNING FOR APPLICANT ORGANIZATION**
   
   Name
   Organization Name
   Title
   Address
   Tel
   Fax
   Email

   4a. I certify that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I confirm acceptance of and agreement with the SFAz Terms and Conditions of Grants & Contracts including that this applicant organization affirms and ensures the applicant principle investigator(s) meets SFAz eligibility requirements and the project is in full compliance with the SFAz Terms & Conditions.

   SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL NAMED IN 4   DATE

*Key-point of contact, responsible for project management
**Institutions financial representative/department