BLM Greening STEM Request for Applications

Frequently Asked Questions

APPLICATION SYSTEM

Does the application character limits include spaces?
Yes. When copying and pasting text into the online application be sure to verify all text is transferred.

TIMELINE

What is the timeline?
Sept 15, 2021:   Online applications open
Oct 31, 2021:   Grant applications are due
Jan, 2022:   Award announcement/funding distributed
Jan-June, 2022: Grant performance period
July 29, 2022:   Grantee final reports due

When are applications due?
Applications are due October 31, 2021 by 11:45pm EST.

Once awarded, when do projects need to be completed?
Projects need to be completed by June 30, 2022.

Can programming occur over the summer?
No. All grant funded activities must occur between January 2022 to June 2022.

FUNDING

What amount of funding is available?
This year, a total of $40,000 is available for projects during the 2021-2022 academic school year.

How much funding can a project apply for?
Applicants may apply for a total request of $5,000 - $10,000. Higher funding requests should demonstrate significant participant engagement and/or project duration. Please see RFA for information regarding what funds can be used to support.

Who can serve as the fiscal agent for a project?
Either a non-profit partner or school district partner can serve as the fiscal agent. Use of a fiscal agent is required.

Can funds be used to purchase food for student participants?
Per the BLM, units cannot purchase food themselves. If the BLM unit has submitted their application with a fiscal agent (such as a friends' group or cooperating association) to receive the funds, the partner can purchase food.

PARTNERS

Can I work with a friend's group to develop and implement the project?
Yes, as long as the application is submitted by the BLM unit.

Who should be involved?
Bureau of Land Management: Please note that all projects must have a BLM lead. The BLM lead must be involved in the application for the award and the coordination of project activities.

Nonprofit Organization working at the community level: May receive and manage funds, as well as provide assistance and support for project activities.

School or School District: Projects must work with middle or high school students. Applications are required to provide a current letter of commitment from the participating school or school district. School districts may receive and manage funds.

GRADE/AGE CRITERIA

What are the target ages/grade levels?
Middle to high school students.