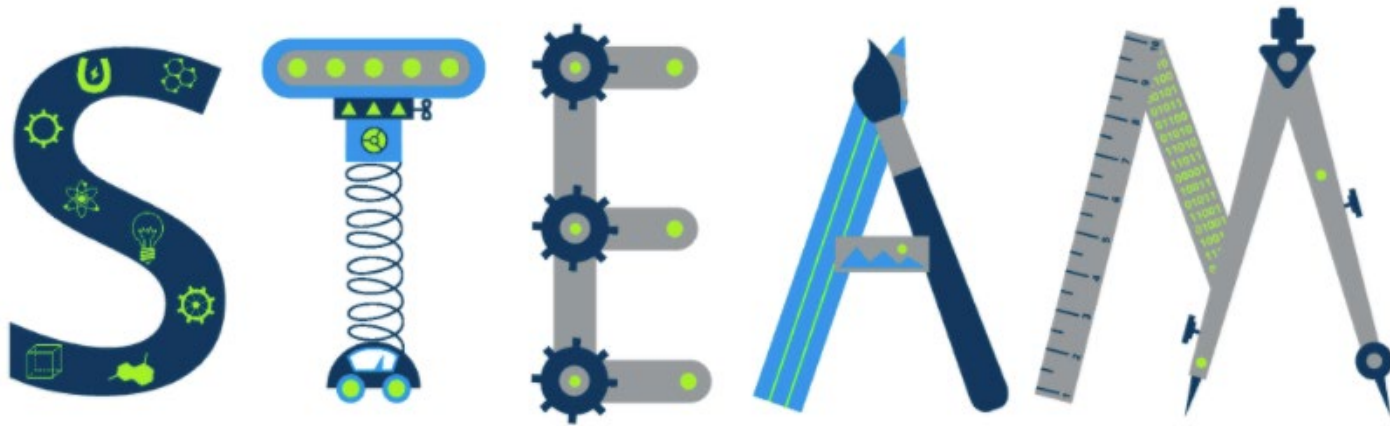


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Technical Assistance Webinar

May 13, 2021



Welcome

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Agenda for today's webinar

- Provide an overview of the Notice of Funding Opportunity – NOFO
 - Alignment to State goals
- Grant Purpose, Objectives, and Eligibility
- Review ISBE application process and timelines
- Review selection process
- Provide time for your questions





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What is STEAM?

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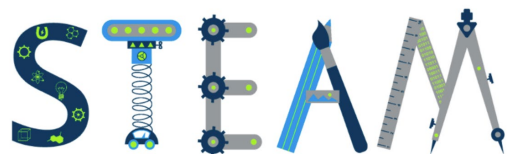
The Education Commission of the States (ECS) defines, STEAM in terms of student learning:

“Student learning occurs at the **intersection** of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics — incorporating standards in all subjects utilizing an inquiry-based and experiential instructional approach.”



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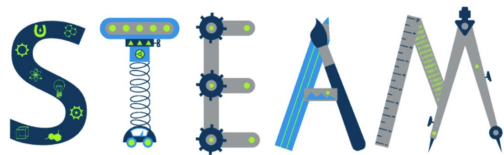
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School STEAM Grant Program Background

- Funded through the Illinois State Lottery
- Illinois State Lottery established a specialty instant scratch-off ticket; a percentage of funds allocated to promote STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) programming in schools.





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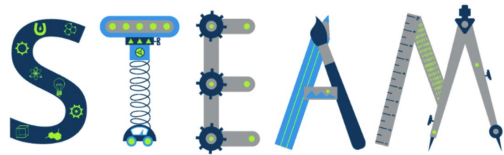
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Alignment to State Goals

Goal #1 - ISBE 2020-2023 Strategic Plan

Every child will make significant academic gains each year, increasing their knowledge, skills, and opportunities so they graduate equipped to pursue a successful future, with the state paying special attention to addressing historic inequities.

Strategy 1.1: Support best practices and continuous quality improvement including an emphasis on equity and diversity in order to support student learning while also addressing remote and blended learning.

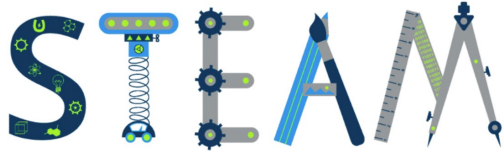


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ISBE Equity Statement

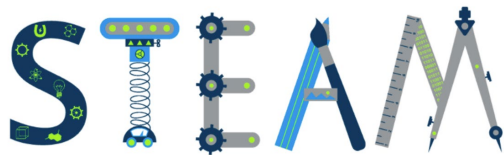
Illinois has an urgent and collective responsibility to achieve educational equity by ensuring that all policies, programs, and practices affirm the strengths that each and every child brings within their diverse backgrounds and life experiences, and by delivering the comprehensive supports, programs and educational opportunities they need to succeed.



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Grant Purpose, Objectives, Description,
and Eligibility

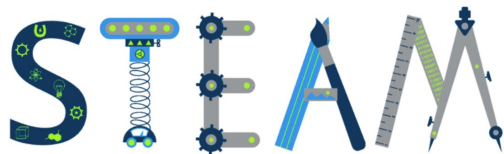


School STEAM Grant Program Purpose

- Makes available STEAM educational programming to low-income students in disadvantaged neighborhoods.
- Promoting young women to enter into the fields of science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

School STEAM Grant program legislation can be found here: [School STEAM Grant Program](#)





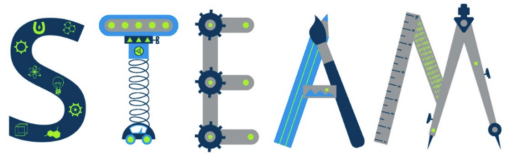
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School STEAM Grant Program Objectives

- Increase schools' capacity to support STEAM instruction and student participation, especially among low-income students in disadvantaged neighborhoods and/or encourage young women to consider STEAM careers.
- Build the capacity of teachers to offer and support STEAM instruction and student participation in STEAM education.





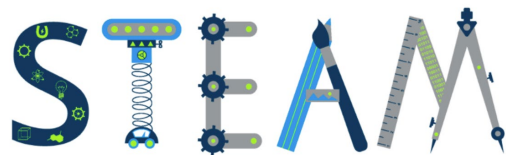
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School STEAM Grant Program Objectives

- Support K-12 student development of key knowledge and skills that underpin STEAM programs to promote and encourage future participation in STEAM careers.
- Increase the integration of STEAM learning environments and activities into the school curriculum that foster and promote positive development of skills necessary for collaboration, creativity and design, problem-solving, open inquiry, experimentation, and communication.





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Eligibility

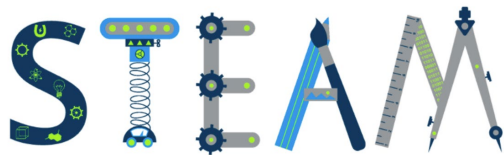
- Available to public schools*, charter schools, area vocational centers, and laboratory schools in which the percentage of students classified as low income exceeds the state average during the 2019-20 school year as indicated on the Illinois School Report Card.

(Note: Entities may find information regarding the state average on the [Illinois Report Card](#). A list of eligible schools can be accessed [here](#).)



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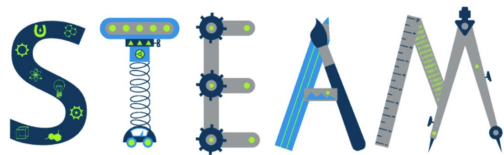
Program Description

- Competitive Grant
- Funding = \$1.1M (subject to availability)
 - Individual applications capped at \$350,000.
- Grant Period: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 (Grantees may re-apply for up to 2 years, there are no assurances of renewal).
- Submission Deadline: 4 PM CST on June 14, 2021



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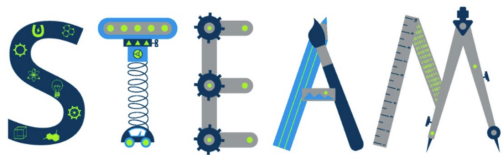
Program Description – Use of Funds

- Conduct or contract with third party suppliers to deliver programming for K-12 learners to encourage or promote skill attainment and career opportunities in STEAM education programs.
- Priority funding opportunities for programs providing hands-on experience and programs encouraging young women to enter STEAM career fields.

The ISBE hub for STEAM Education information and this grant can be found on ISBE.net by clicking this link: [STEAM](#)

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/STEAM.aspx>





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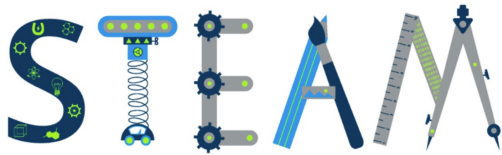
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Program Description – Application Prerequisites

- Complete Pre-Qualification requirements **BEFORE** applying via Grantee Registration and Pre-Qualification Process through GATA web portal <https://www2.Illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Grantee/Pages/default.aspx>
- Complete FY22 Fiscal and Administrative Risk Assessment (Internal Controls Questionnaire [ICQ] Fully executed PDF documents with supporting documentation and signatures Complete FY22 Programmatic Risk Assessment

(Note: Grant awards will not be executed until FY22 ICQ Organizational Risk Assessment and Programmatic Risk Assessments are completed.)

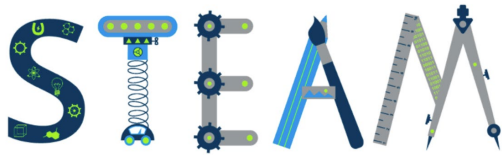




Grantee Requirements (GATA)

- DUN AND Bradstreet Universal Numbering System(DUNS) Number **and** System for Award Management System (SAM)
 - Must be registered in SAM before submitting application (register at [System for Award Management \(sam.gov\)](http://System for Award Management (sam.gov)))
 - Must provide a valid DUNS number <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>
 - Must maintain active SAM registration with current data throughout grant period.





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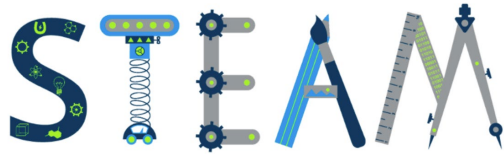
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Program Accountability

Grant is Subject to the Provisions of:

- Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA), 30 ILCS 708/1 et seq.
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=3559&ChapterID=7>
- Administrative Rules for GATA, 44 Ill. Admin. Code Part 7000
<https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/044/04407000sections.html>





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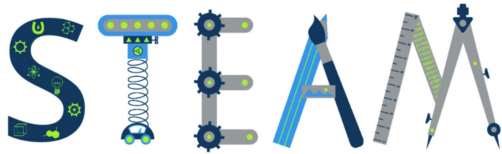
Application, Submission Checklist & Attachments

Instructions: Each application must be submitted in the format outlined below to be considered complete. It is advised to attach a copy of the completed checklist with the application.

1. Uniform Application for State Grant Assistance (Attachment 1)
2. Program Narrative (Attachment 2) maximum 10 pages
3. Objectives and Activities (Attachment 3) maximum five pages
4. Cost-Effectiveness, Impact & Sustainability (Attachment 4) maximum five pages
5. FY2022 State Budget Summary and Payment Schedule (Attachment 5)

(Note: Program Narrative Requirements for Attachments 2 thru 5A can be found on pages 11 and 12 of the RFP. Attachments required for submission of grant application can be found here: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/STEAM-RFP-FORMS.pdf>)





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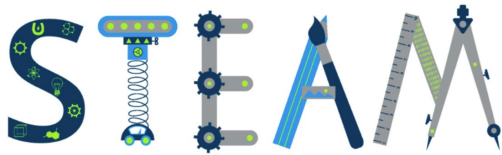
Application, Submission Checklist & Attachments (continued)

6. FY2022 Budget Summary Breakdown (Attachment 5A)
7. Certifications and Assurances (Attachments 6 and 7)
 - a) Program-Specific Terms of the Grant (Attachment 6)
 - b) Grant Application Certifications and Assurances (Attachment 7)

(Note: Program Narrative Requirements for Attachments 2 thru 5A can be found on pages 11 and 12 of the RFP. Attachments required for submission of grant application can be found here:

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Program Description - Submission

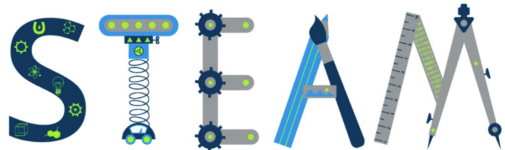
- Electronic submission through ISBE Attachment Manager (*No later than 4 PM CST on June 14, 2021*)
- Fully executed PDF documents with supporting documentation and signatures
- Submit through <https://sec1.isbe.net/attachmgr/default.aspx> (Choose Rhonda Manalia from the drop-down menu in Receiver Information.) Submit application using button at the bottom of page.

(Note: Late Proposals will not be accepted)



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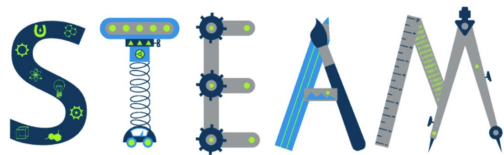
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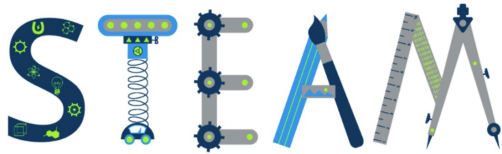
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Selection Criteria

Merit-Based Review and Selection Process for Competitive Grants: ISBE is required to design and execute a merit-based review and selection process for applications. This process is incorporated by reference in the NOFO on page two.

- Applicants must meet eligibility criteria for consideration.
- Statutory Priority Points Available:
 - a. The proposal focuses on recruitment of female students, programming designed for female students, or designation of a majority of the available spots in the STEAM program for females to learn and explore careers in science, mathematics, technology, engineering, and art. (5 points).
 - b. The proposal provides hands-on experiences and/or activities. Evidence is provided to show students will actively participate in the acquisition of knowledge or skills through direct practical experience in the STEAM learning activities. (5 points).



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Review Criteria - Scoring

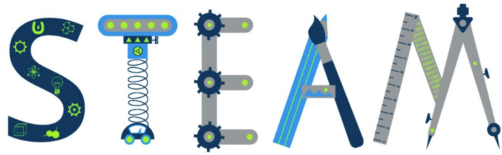
Based Upon:

- Priority Points
- Program Narrative Requirements
- EBF Percent of Adequacy

* Activities must align with eligibility requirements to provide STEAM programs to eligible students. % of low-income students must exceed 2019-20 state average on IRC.

Criteria	Maximum Points	% of Total Points
Section 1: Statutory Priority Points*	10	6.5%
Section 2: Need	30	19.4%
Section 3: Capacity	10	6.5%
Section 4: Quality	50	32.3%
Section 5: Cost-effectiveness, Impact, and Sustainability	35	22.6
Percent of Adequacy Points	Up to 20 Max	12.9%
TOTAL	155	100%





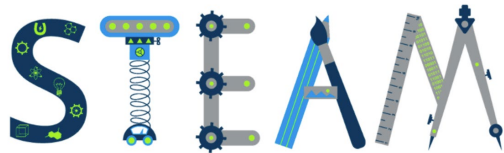
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Awards will be determined based on the final application score inclusive of points based on a district’s final Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) FY 2020 Percent of Adequacy Calculation, see table below.

EBF final Percent of Adequacy	Points
100% or greater	5
81-99%	10
71-90%	15
70.9 and below	20

A district’s EBF Percent of Adequacy can be found at:

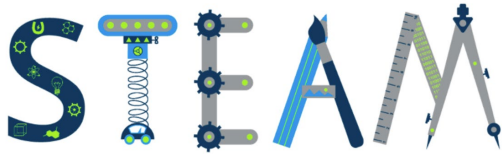
<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ebfdistribution.aspx>. Click the Reports ribbon, open the FY 2021 EBF Distribution Quick Facts, download the table, view column ‘K’.



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Evaluation Rubric

Not Provided	Very Limited	Somewhat Limited	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong
0	1	2	3	4	5
Proposal requirements are absent.	Proposal provides very few details to meet the project outcomes.	Proposal is unclear and lacks enough evidence to meet project outcomes.	Proposal provides moderate detail and conveys potential to meet project outcomes	Proposal provides good detail and solid evidence to meet project outcomes	Proposal exceeds expectations and provides substantial evidence to meet project outcomes



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Tiebreaker

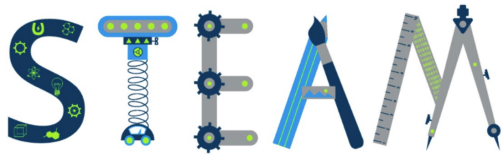
- In the event of a tie, the applicant with the greatest number of priority points will be given priority.
- If the priority points are equal, applicants with the highest EBF Percent of Adequacy points will be given priority.

Note: Following the notification of grant awards, an applicant may request copies of reviewer scores and comments by contacting Rhonda Manalia at rmanalia@isbe.net



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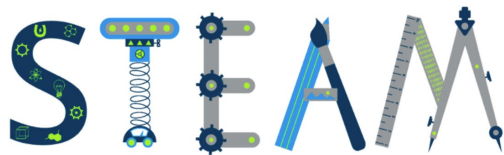
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Grant Award Notifications

- Email notifications
- Issued by the State Superintendent
- Approximately 90 days after application deadline
- **Does Not Authorize** commencement of performance or expenditures
- Will be followed by additional information to finalize the grant

(Note: Funds expended prior to programmatic approvals are done at the applicants' own risk.)





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Performance Measures

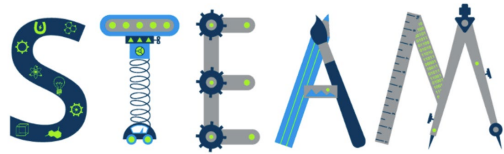
100% of All Planned STEAM Learning Activities, Opportunities, Must:

- Align with the program objectives of the grant to deliver quality STEAM programming that focuses on offering STEAM programs to low-income students in disadvantaged neighborhoods and/or encourage young women to consider STEAM careers.
- Align to the Illinois Standards for Learning in the content areas of mathematics, fine arts, and science (and the guidelines pertaining to engineering design and technology therein).



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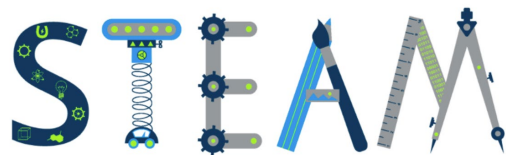


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Performance Measures

100% of Professional Learning in Preparation for STEAM Instruction Must:

- Focus on building the capacities of teachers to deliver quality STEAM instruction to students in a variety of methods.



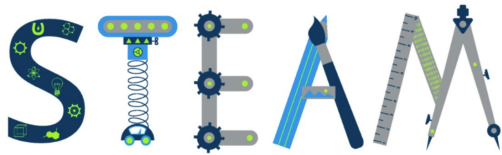
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Performance Standards

Any program performing below 75% of performance measures may have funding suspended.



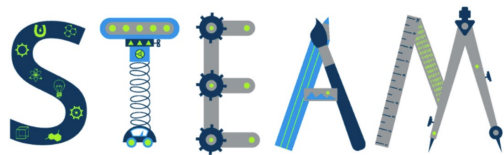


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Deliverables and Milestones

1. Semiannual report of progress to be submitted electronically as indicated by ISBE staff will include:
 - a) Review of program progress in meeting planned objectives submitted in application.
 - b) Program recruitment and enrollment data for student participants disaggregated for race/ethnicity, gender, grade level, low-income eligibility, and primary career pathway of interest.

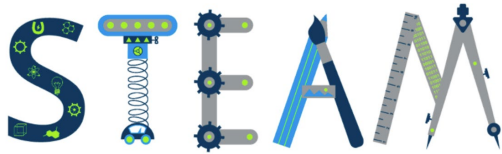


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Deliverables and Milestones (continued)

2. A final report should be submitted electronically when the program is completed. This report shall include:
 - a) Summary of progress toward accomplishing each program objective with supporting data or data representations to include an assessment of program quality and recommendations for improvements and sustainability.
 - b) Summary of program impact and recommendations based on data for future programming and engagement of K-12 students in STEAM education.



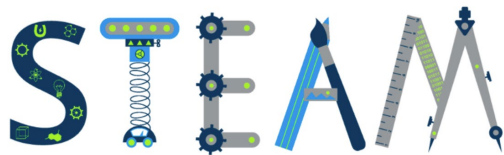
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Deliverables and Milestones (continued)

- c) Program review of effectiveness to include data points that measure success of programming and student growth in STEAM learning.
- d) Consideration of the importance of program sustainability and details of how STEAM learning will continue after the grant concludes.
- e) Student work samples that provide evidence of learning (electronic documents, virtual media, student narratives, etc.) as part of the progress monitoring and/or reporting component.
- f) Photos of students participating in the programming, if applicable (if appropriate local photo/media releases have been obtained)





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Allowable Expenditures

- Teacher stipends to plan and deliver STEAM programs, pathways, career exploration, or other STEAM activities that align with grant and program objectives.
- Professional learning for educators to implement STEAM programs. This may include partnerships with local ROEs, EFEs, ISCs, businesses, higher education, or other educational partners.
- Supplies for students, such as STEAM kits or software to achieve planned learning outcomes.
- Resources for educators and/or students to implement and support the STEAM program.
- Contracts with third-party vendors to supply STEAM educational programming.



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Resource Links

- [Administrative Rules for GATA](#)
- [Attachments 1-7 \(Required\)](#)
- [Attachment Manager](#)
- [Code of Federal Regulations](#)
- [Grant Accountability and Transparency Act](#)
- [Grantee Registration and Pre-Qualification](#)
- [Illinois Report Card](#)
- [Illinois Lottery Law](#)
- [Indirect Cost Rate Plan](#)
- [Merit-Based Review and Selection Process](#)
- [Program Narrative Requirements \(Attachments 2 - 5A\)](#)
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- [STEAM Eligible Districts](#)
- [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#)



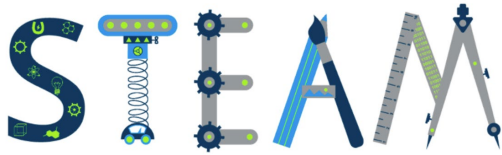
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