

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All District and School-Level Administrators and Teachers  
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**Subject:** *Funding Focus Friday: Glenn W. Bailey Foundation STEM Stars Grant Opportunity*

Because DCSD is committed to expanding innovative, student-centered opportunities that prepare learners for success in college, careers, and life, I am pleased to share the [Glenn W. Bailey Foundation STEM Stars Grant Program](#). This promising funding opportunity supports advanced STEM programs serving middle and high school students in grades 6 through 12. The foundation looks for programs that spark students' interest in STEM, strengthen college and career readiness, provide project-based learning, offer specialized pathways, and connect students to real-world experiences through partnerships with colleges, research institutions, and STEM-related industries.

This is not a grant for vague ideas or undeveloped concepts. It is built for programs that can clearly demonstrate quality, structure, measurable impact, and long-term value. The foundation accepts applications on a rolling basis and reviews submissions monthly. School districts are limited to one application per organization/EIN per year, so instructional collaboration with district leaders is key.

Funding is capped at \$25,000 annually, with multi-year support considered on a case-by-case basis.

This opportunity aligns well with [DCSD's Strategic Plan](#) by strengthening rigorous instruction, expanding meaningful student engagement, and supporting partnerships among schools, families, community organizations, higher education, and industry. Schools with strong STEM pathways, robotics programs, biomedical science initiatives, environmental science projects, maker spaces, coding experiences, or competition-based learning should take a serious look at this opportunity.

How students and teachers can benefit from this STEM grant:

- **Expand hands-on learning** through updated materials, lab tools, maker resources, and project-based experiences that deepen engagement and strengthen problem-solving skills.
- **Strengthen college and career readiness** by connecting students to STEM majors, internships, mentorships, and career exploration opportunities tied to real workforce needs.
- **Grow specialized pathways** in areas such as robotics, computer science, biomedical science, engineering, and environmental science that can increase student interest and achievement.
- **Support stronger instruction** by helping teachers refine STEM curriculum, increase interdisciplinary learning, and strengthen real-world application in the classroom.
- **Increase family & community engagement** through STEM showcases, competitions, and workshops that spotlight student learning and build broader school-community support.

The foundation states that requests should be feasible, cost-effective, and central to the organization's mission. It also notes that the review and approval process typically takes 60 to 90 days, so applicants should not apply for projects that need immediate funding.

Schools or departments interested in the [Glenn W. Bailey Foundation STEM Stars Grant](#) should be prepared to present a clear program design, solid student outcomes, authentic STEM exposure, and a sustainability plan through a [Letter of Inquiry](#). Programs that already have a strong foundation will be far more competitive than programs built on general ambition alone.

Remember to follow the [DCSD Grant Guidelines](#) and coordinate with the [Department of Grants and Partnerships](#) on next steps. We are here to support you in shaping your ideas and strengthening your submissions. To begin your application, have questions answered, or get experienced advice, email us at [grantsandpartnerships@dekalbschoolsga.org](mailto:grantsandpartnerships@dekalbschoolsga.org).

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Good luck!