
FY2018 ArtsWave STEAM Mini-Grant Program Guidelines



ArtsWave STEAM Mini-Grant Application Guidelines

Purpose

ArtsWave STEAM Mini-Grants support the implementation of short-term or one-time interesting and creative STEAM experiences (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) to address ArtsWave's goal of 'Fueling Creativity & Learning.'

Who May Apply

Classroom teachers, principals, and other educators in grades K-12 are encouraged to apply. The applicant school must be located within one of the following counties: Brown, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren Counties in Ohio; Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, and Pendleton Counties in Kentucky; and Dearborn, Ohio, and Union Counties in Indiana. Community and G.E.D. schools, home schools, preschools and day care centers, and school auxiliary (PTAs/PTOs) are not eligible to apply. Priority consideration will be given to schools with 50% or greater enrollment of students who qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced-Price Lunch program.

Eligible Requests

Applicants may request STEAM Mini-Grant funding to underwrite the cost of partnering with a local **Arts or STEM partner to provide STEAM experiences in the classroom**. Proposed experiences should inspire creative teaching and provide students with a meaningful way to **engage in both STEM and Arts concepts together**. Eligible requests may include one classroom, grade level, larger segments of the school population, or the entire school, but must ensure both STEM and the Arts are present in the proposed project.

Proposed activities should be selected from the available list of programming and partners on the Cincy Arts & Stem website here: www.cincyartsandstem.org. Applicants may apply any time throughout the 17-18 school year until March 31, 2018, and may only receive one STEAM Mini-Grant in a single year.

Grant Amounts

Grant awards up to \$1,000 to underwrite the cost of the partnership and applicable project materials.

Application Instructions

All application materials must be submitted via ArtsWave's online grantmaking system. While completing your application, remember these tips:

- We recommend that you prepare your responses offline in a word processing program and then copy and paste them into the appropriate sections of the online application.
- Limit the use of bullets and other formatting in text fields.
- Add mail@grantapplication.com to your safe senders list to ensure that you receive all communications from the online grantmaking system.

The application for FY18 STEAM Mini-Grants can be accessed using the following link:

https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_2232?SA=SNA&FID=35111

The application consists of the following sections:

A. Organization Information

- School Name, Address, District, Free/Reduced Lunch Rate
- Principal's Name, Phone, Email
- School Employee Applying Name, Phone, Email

B. Details of Request

- Total amount requested
- Project title,
- Project description (200 words)
- Name of partner arts organization
- Targeted art fields, Targeted STEM fields
- Total # of students expected to be served by this project
- Project timeframe (50 words)
- Description of how funds will be used (100 words)
- Definition of success (100 words)

C. Statement of Assurances

Determination of Grant Amount

All applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria. Applicants will be notified by email within two weeks of submission.

- Projects that support creative teaching and learning using STEAM content
- Projects that provide for student participation and active learning
- Proposed materials or supplies are appropriate and approved for school use (if the project includes the purchase of equipment, the equipment becomes the property of the school)

Grant Requirements

Upon notification of award, teachers must submit a Grant Acceptance Form via the online grant portal. A single grant payment will be issued to the applicant's school after the grant acceptance has been received. Grant awards are issued on the 5th and 20th of each month. Funds must be used in accordance to the proposed project plans submitted. A short evaluation form will be required of all STEAM Mini-Grant recipients within 30 days of the funded activity and should also be submitted via the grant portal.

Contact ArtsWave

Additional application questions may be directed to Kara Shibiya at 513-632-0128 or kara.shibiya@artswave.org.