Call for Proposals -- Notice of Funding Opportunity for NASA Teams Engaging Affiliated Museums and Informal Institutions (TEAM II) Community Anchor Awards (ANCHR)

The due date for proposals for the program element Appendix K. Community Anchor Awards for TEAM II (ANCHR) has been changed to November 14, 2022, per Amendment 9.

Audience: Informal Education Institutions
Proposal Due Date: November 14, 2022

The NASA Office of STEM Engagement invites proposals from museums, science centers, planetariums, NASA Visitor Centers, youth-serving organizations, libraries, and other eligible nonprofit institutions via this updated 2021 NASA Teams Engaging Affiliated Museums and Informal Institutions (TEAM II) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), NH21ZHA002N. Proposals must be submitted electronically via the NASA proposal data system NSPIRES.

NASA TEAM II is a competitive, high-quality, national program that supports NASA-themed science, technology, engineering or mathematics education, including exhibits, within NASA’s congressionally directed topics of space exploration, aeronautics, space science, earth science, or microgravity. The Community Anchor Awards for TEAM II (ANCHR) funding opportunity supports institutions in strengthening their service as a local NASA STEM informal education community resource.

The basic goal of the TEAM II solicitation is to further NASA Strategic Objective 4.3: “Build the next generation of explorers” by engaging students to build a diverse future STEM workforce.

Proposers receiving awards under this NOFO will receive the new designation of a “NASA Informal Education Community Anchor”, which recognizes the institution as a local community resource that addresses identified community needs related to STEM engagement, shares knowledge of NASA STEM Engagement learning resources and opportunities that can help meet that need, and holds programs/activities that utilize and grow that knowledge and impact the audience’s need. The awarded institution benefits from specific use of the NASA Insignia (Logo) and participation in a NASA Informal Education Learning Cohort.

Eligible institutions do not need to have the words "museum,” "visitor center,” "science," "planetarium," "youth”, or “library” in their official name, but they must be located in the United States or its Territories. See the NOFO for full eligibility requirements and other limitations. Check the NSPIRES website once a week to learn if amendments or frequently asked questions have been added. (The direct NSPIRES link is listed at the end of this message.) Amendments and FAQs also will be announced via the NASA Education EXPRESS listserv. To subscribe to NASA Express, go to: https://www.nasa.gov/stem/express.

Community Anchor Awards for TEAM II (ANCHR)
Pre-proposal webinar (optional): August 11, 2022
Full proposals are due: November 14, 2022
Individual award range: $35K – $40K
Period of Performance: 1 – 2 years
For more information about this opportunity, visit the updated 2021 TEAM II NOFO NSPIRES Landing Page:
https://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?solId={796E2FCA-FAC7-B98F-9A5B-DC31BFDA752B}&path=&method=init

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please direct your questions to the Points of Contact listed within the NOFO.