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EXPERTS IN
HANDS-ON
STEM EDUCATION



Exploring STEAM Funding Options WEBINAR

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Who We Are

PCS Edventures History

Started as Pat's Computer School in 1988

Grew to network of experiential learning centers in Idaho, Washington and California

PCS Edventures learning solutions are now in more than 7000 sites in all 50 states and over 17 other countries

Philosophy of hands-on projects that fuel a passion for learning and a lifelong love of STEM

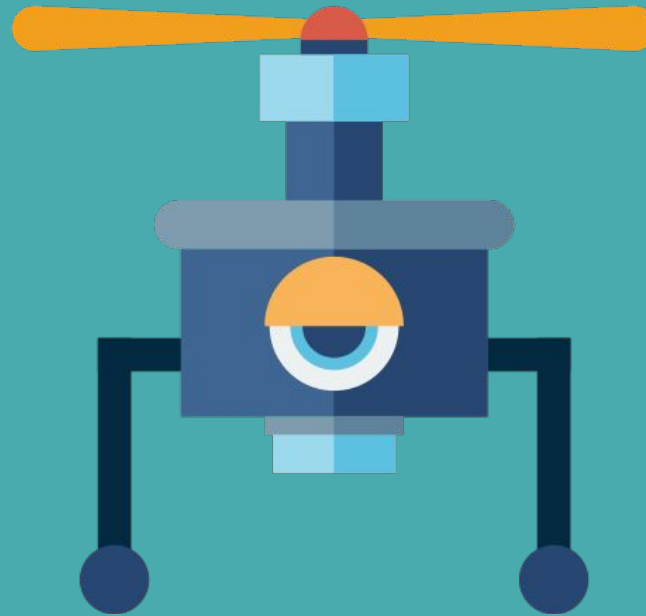


Who We Serve

- K-12 educators in classrooms
- After-school programs
- Libraries and makerspaces
- Youth groups such as FFA, Boys & Girls Club, 4H, etc



STEAM FUNDING OPTIONS



Government Funding

- **State Government**
 - State STEM organizations
 - LEA Funding
- **Federal Government**
- **U.S. Department of Education**
 - Title I
 - GEAR UP
 - 21st Century Community Learning Centers
 - After School



- **Local Bank or Credit Union**

- **Are you near any BIG BUSINESSES?**

- Micron

- Walmart

- Intel

- 3M

- Best Buy

- Ford

- Honda

- Lowes

- Lockheed Martin

- Motorola

- Siemens

- Toshiba

Community Organizations

- **School District Foundations**
- **Local Library**
- **Parent Teacher Organizations**
- **Local Service Organizations**
 - Rotary Club
 - Kiwanis International



Alternative Sources

- DonorsChoose.org



- GoFundMe



- AdoptAClassroom.org



- Contact a PCS Edventures STEMbassador



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<https://stem.idaho.gov/>



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Idaho STEM Action Center

Kaitlin Maguire, PhD



1. Federal, state, county, city
2. Foundation Directory - foundationcenter.org
3. Online Databases
 - a. Philanthropy News Digest - philanthropynewsdigest.org
 - b. Grant Station - grantstation.com
 - c. Fundsnet - fundsnet.com
 - d. Idaho STEM AC Resources Portal - resources.stem.idaho.gov
4. Professional Groups
5. Corporations/Businesses
6. Community Groups



Begin with:

- How you got started
- Your purpose
- Your goals/ask

Continue with:

- How long you have been around
- How you've grown
- Unique aspect of your agency

Researching Funders:

1. Identify prospective funding.
2. Research the funding.
3. Approach the funders.

Seeking Funding:

1. Understand the requirements and expectations.
2. Talk with others who have been funded.
3. What do they fund or not fund?



FREE MONEY!

Does not exist in the world of grants.
These are grants, not gifts.

Funding should be viewed as

business transactions,
built on relationships.

Don't Forget Policy!

STEM funding follows Career Needs / Industry

- Computer Science - Office of Innovation & Improvement
- Green Strides -

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/green-strides/stem.html>

- Build the relationship & share with the world!

Questions?



PCS STEAM PROGRAM SPECIALISTS



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WESTERN TERRITORY



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EASTERN TERRITORY



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