

# Northern New Mexico STEAM Framework Grant Opportunity FAQs

## LANL Foundation Grantmaking Philosophy

Invest in individual, organizational, and institutional capacity to facilitate collective learning and changemaking in the ecosystem of education across Northern New Mexico and the state of New Mexico.

## How can an organization access the grant application?

To access the application, visit <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=lanlfdn> and either create a new account or sign in using the organization's existing account. Organizations that submitted a final report or have a final report due for the 2023 Education Enrichment grant already have a profile in the system. If account status is unclear, please contact [grants@lanlfoundation.org](mailto:grants@lanlfoundation.org) for assistance.

## What does “STEAM” mean in the context of this grant?

As part of the Northern New Mexico (NNM) STEAM Coalition, grant recipients will contribute to defining a shared regional understanding of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics).

Projects or educators whose work supports learning in any of these disciplines are encouraged to apply. If there is uncertainty about whether a proposed project aligns with these focus areas, please contact [grants@lanlfoundation.org](mailto:grants@lanlfoundation.org) for guidance.

## Can an organization participate in the NNM STEAM Coalition if its application is not selected or it chooses not to apply?

Yes. Participation in the NNM STEAM Coalition is open to all, regardless of grant award status. [Click here](#) for more information about upcoming coalition events and activities.

## When should the proposed work take place to be eligible for funding?

Proposed activities must occur between **June 2025 and June 2026**.

Exceptions may apply—for example, if an organization is hosting an event in July 2026 but completes planning and purchases in May or June 2026, the work may still be eligible.

## What can the grant funds be used for?

Funds may support both **direct and indirect program expenses**, including but not limited to:

- **Direct support:** Staff salaries, event supplies, contracts, and professional development.
- **Indirect support:** Travel expenses, food, or related logistical costs for events.

## Can an organization submit more than one Letter of Interest (LOI)?

Yes, multiple LOIs may be submitted. However, **only one LOI per organization will be funded**.

## Can organizations with a fiscal sponsor apply?

Yes. Organizations with a fiscal sponsor are eligible to apply.

The LOI form includes a section to identify fiscal sponsorship relationships. If selected for funding, an authorized representative from the fiscal sponsor organization must review and agree to the grant agreement.

## Will there be another stage after submitting an LOI?

While additional information may be requested following review of the LOI, a full application will **not** be required.

## Is my organization eligible for this funding opportunity?

Eligibility is based on several key factors:

- The organization must serve PreK–12 educators or students in one or more of the following counties: **Los Alamos, Mora, Sandoval, Santa Fe, San Miguel, Rio Arriba, and Taos**.

- Schools, school districts, and programs based in one of the **18 pueblos, tribes, or sovereign nations** served by LANL Foundation are eligible.
- Organizations located outside of this geographic area may also be eligible if they can demonstrate, with clear evidence, that their work directly benefits students or educators within the eligible counties or nations.

**Ineligible applicants include:**

- For-profit organizations
- Religious entities
- Individuals not affiliated with an IRS-registered organization
- Organizations that do not serve LANL Foundation's geographic area of impact

**Additional considerations:**

- Does the organization have the capacity to engage in NNM STEAM Network meetings?
- Can the proposed project take place within the grant period?

**How can an organization ask questions about this opportunity?**

- Email [grants@lanlfoundation.org](mailto:grants@lanlfoundation.org) for help navigating the grant system
- Call **(586) 201-6612** for technical support
- Email [kersti@lanlfoundation.org](mailto:kersti@lanlfoundation.org) with questions about eligibility or the proposal itself

**What supporting materials or attachments are required with the application?**

- A **letter of support** from school or tribal leadership may be required
- Letters from collaborators or community partners are not mandatory but are strongly encouraged
- A separate budget table is **not required**

## What are the funding details for this grant?

- o **Who:** Educators, non-profits, schools, school districts, and tribes/nations/pueblos are eligible for this opportunity.
- o **What:** NNM STEAM Framework Grant opportunity, supporting STEAM learning opportunities for students and educators in both in-school and out-of-school settings during summer 2025 and the 2025–2026 academic year.
- o **When:** Application window: April 30 – May 30, 2025 with award notifications going out by June 30, 2025. The funding term will be one year from June 2025 (grantees must use all funds within one year of receiving the award).
- o **Where:** All eligible applicants must be serving educators and/or students in Los Alamos, Mora, Sandoval, Santa Fe, San Miguel, Rio Arriba, and Taos. In addition, schools and school districts are eligible for this award as well as any program based in one of the 18 pueblos, tribes, sovereign nations served by LANL Foundation.
- o **Why:** These grants are aimed to align with and support the STEAM Coalitions goals, which are:
  - o Ensure all students in Northern NM have access to inquiry-based STEAM learning in school every day.
  - o Increase access to high-quality out-of-school STEAM programming.
  - o Expand opportunities for students to explore STEAM career pathways.

## How long with the LOI review process take?

- A 2 - 3 week review and discussion period will take place after the LOI submission deadline has passed. Funding decisions will be made and shared with applicants by the last week of June.

## Who is an “authorized signatory” at my organization?

- An authorized signatory will be a person authorized to receive and delegate funds at your organization. This may be a Governor, Superintendent, CEO, CFO, President, Principal, etc.. If you are applying through a large institution such as a public university, you may need to contact the Office of Sponsored Projects or a department Chair to verify who can accept awards at your institution.