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Nearly \$10 Million in Grants Available to Train Teachers in 'STEM' Subjects

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is accepting applications for the STEM Teacher Recruitment Fund grants until **Friday, June 2, 2023**. The grants are awarded to local organizations and colleges to support programs that recruit, prepare, place and retain educators in schools with teacher shortages in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subject areas.

"We are pleased to continue increasing the number of high-quality STEM teachers in Hoosier classrooms," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "Indiana currently faces an unprecedented demand for talent within STEM fields. It is imperative that we advance student exposure to these high-demand careers and bolster the overall quality of STEM instruction to meet the state's current and future needs. The STEM Teacher Recruitment Grants are a proven tool to do both."

The full grant application and budget worksheet are available on the Commission's website.

To be eligible for the grant, organizations must present programs that result in individuals becoming licensed or trained to teach science, technology, engineering or math in Indiana public K-12 schools. Individuals receiving program support through this grant must seek employment in an eligible Indiana public school.

The STEM Teacher Recruitment grants have supported thousands of new educators in high-demand STEM fields since the Commission began administering the program in 2015. Winning entries will be announced on **June 30, 2023**.

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the <u>21st Century Scholars</u> early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's Reaching Higher in a State of Change strategic plan at <u>www.in.gov/che</u>.