

2023 HOST Fall Grant Application

Application for Hands-On Science and Technology (HOST) Grant

The Host program is funded with the generous support of the Vermont Technical Council, the VASE Board of Directors, and generous donors. Since its inception, over \$100,000 in grant funds have been awarded to HOST and SEG (Small Equipment Grant) recipients.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *
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These grants are intended to provide funding to support hands-on cooperative learning, preferably project-based, outside of a traditional school classroom setting. This may include science or technology clubs, teams such as robotic clubs, and individual projects -- all located in VT.

While VASE does not wish to make the application process lengthy or burdensome, more applicants are now competing for available funds. To be successful, please ensure that your proposed project has a strong science and/or engineering foundation. Applicants need to provide enough background, motivation, and potential impact for grant reviewers to carefully evaluate an investment in their program. Notably, applications that describe STEM learning impacts are favored over a simple request for specific equipment.

Grant reviewers are specifically looking for:

1. Activities that are primarily hands-on and offer educational value
2. Funds going directly to support those doing the learning or making (not to classes, workshops, etc.)
3. Activities that support the skills development and/or careers of the participants
4. Projects that enhance collaboration among different organizations and/or age groups
5. A completion date within one year (with a plan to meet that date), yet have a sustainable impact
6. Results that undergo evaluation. Success should be measurable
7. The organization should use the funds wisely and document how the funds are allocated

2. Project Title: *

3. Organization Name: *

4. Primary Contact(s): *

5. Alternate Contact (s) with email

6. Affiliation
(i.e. FIRST, 4H, club, school ...)

7. Street Address: *

8. City or Town (must be based in Vermont): *

9. Zip Code: *

10. Phone: *

11. Contact's Email: *

12. Website (optional):

13. EIN (Employer Identification Number):
Optional, if known-

14. Non-Profit status: *

Check all that apply.

Yes, non-profit

No

Other: _____

15. My organization has applied for a VASE HOST grant in the past *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Don't Know

16. If your organization received past HOST grant, was a final report submitted? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

NARRATIVE

17. Brief Summary of Proposed Project (please limit your response to no more than 5 sentences or 100 words)

18. Funding amount requested: *
(projects can be funded up to \$1,500)

19. Description of and motivation for your program. Please include the following points in 500 words or less: *

- * Describe in sufficient detail the program for which support is requested.
- Brief description of your group- what is its mission, approximate number of participants, age range and demographics of its members.
- Describe specific activities that the grant will support.

Project Budget

20. Project Budget *

- Provide a budget, including proposed equipment or supply purchases, software, tools, travel, or other expenses for which support is requested, along with goals to be achieved through these resources. Describe other potential or confirmed funding sources with projected amounts. (If you would like to send a project budget by email as an attachment, be sure to include your project title, organization and contact name with the attachment to VTSCIENG@gmail.com)

21. Project Evaluation *

• I will submit a brief written final report summarizing project outcomes and future plans. In my report, I will document how funds were used.

Grant recipients may be invited to attend the Spring VASE membership meeting of scientists and engineers to give a presentation on the outcomes of their project. We also request grantee teams to prepare a brief (few minutes) creative YouTube video demonstrating their project and possibly the collaborative team work leading up to its fruition. (Note eligibility for future funding will be influenced by the submission of final reports with expenses, videos, and pictures.)

Check all that apply.

Yes

No

Thank you for applying for a VASE HOST grant. We appreciate your time and wish you success with your project.

22. **Typed Signature of Applicant with applicant's role for the project** *

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