



2019 STEM GRANTS



SOCALGAS STEM GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR LAX COASTAL SCHOOLS

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 AT 5 P.M.

EMAIL TO: info@laxcoastedfoundation.com. NO EXCEPTIONS.

DESCRIPTION: The Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas®) would like to provide support for STEM programs and projects at local schools in the communities of Westchester, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, Del Rey and Marina del Rey. Funds are available for the 2019-2020 school year, with the goal to distribute grants towards the beginning of the school year. Grants are intended to support all forms of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) initiatives, especially those that focus on energy and/or sustainability education. Grants will be awarded that are in support of specific activities, projects and programs for the school year, including but not limited to: new or ongoing curriculum, supplies, materials, competitions and materials for competitions. Applications must be typed and include the application form and the items listed under “Grant Description” (see next page).

ELIGIBILITY: All (public, private, charter or parochial) K-12 schools are eligible to apply if they are located within the LAX Coastal Education Foundation’s footprint. Applications may be submitted by administrators, individual teachers, parent representatives and collaborative teams. Collaboration amongst teachers is strongly encouraged and should have the awareness of the school’s administration. Only one grant application per school will be accepted. Schools must be agreeable to participate in public relations photographs, news releases and social media exposure that may be published in print and online, including on SoCalGas’ and the LAX Coastal Education Foundation’s website and collateral/marketing materials.

PROJECT TYPE: Applicants are encouraged to be creative in their proposals, and the projects must directly relate to science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. Grants pertaining to energy and/or sustainability are especially encouraged. No grants for capital or infrastructure improvements will be accepted.

AWARDS: Award amounts are based on need and availability of funds. Submissions will first be reviewed by a committee of the LAX Coastal Education Foundation with the final decisions made by SoCalGas. The committee will review for adequate criteria: quality of grant proposal, need, innovation, largest impact, budget justification, final report and timeline, to insure your proposal is the best it can be so it will be considered for funding. The deadline to submit grant applications is Wednesday, April 10th at 5 p.m. Applications need to be submitted to the LAX Coastal Education Foundation via email at info@laxcoastedfoundation.com. Submissions that include multiple components are eligible, but the budget for each component must be clearly identified, as the whole or part of the project may be awarded funding. Funding cannot be awarded for staff/teacher salaries or stipends. In order to judge the effectiveness of the contribution of the SoCalGas STEM grants, and to hopefully keep the program funded, a final report on the expenditures, project results and impact on the school community **MUST** be submitted by February 20, 2020. In order to be eligible to apply for future SoCalGas grants, final reports must be submitted on time to info@laxcoastedfoundation.com.

PAST AWARDEES: Last year’s grant recipients included: \$7,745 for a robotic’s lab; \$3,229 for an energy exploration kit; \$4,362 for a biomass/biofuel lab kit; \$6,000 for a green energy project; \$4,357 for engineering kits and \$3,750 for a robotic’s competition.

ABOUT SOCALGAS®

SoCalGas is the largest natural gas distribution utility in the United States, providing clean, safe, affordable and reliable natural gas service to 21.7 million customers in Central and Southern California. It invests heavily in its communities, and employs professionals in many disciplines including mechanical, civil and chemical engineering, marketing, and accounting/finance. SoCalGas has served communities in California for 150 years and is committed to being a leader in the region’s clean energy future.



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SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

APPLICANT(S): _____

EMAIL: _____

GRADE(S): _____ CLASSROOM SUBJECT: _____

DOLLAR AMOUNT REQUESTED: _____

TITLE OF GRANT: _____

GOAL OF GRANT: _____

GRANT DESCRIPTION:

Please attach:

1. A background of your school and demographics.
2. A description of the proposed program/project, its relevance to STEM and all necessary equipment/supplies.
3. Budget justifications.
4. Description of estimated impact to your school and/or benefits to the community that may result from support of the proposed grant.
5. Description of recognition that SoCalGas will receive as a result of this grant.
6. Any other additional relevant information.
7. A W9 from the school/PTO group who the grant will be awarded to.

For more information, please contact the LAX Coastal Education Foundation at info@laxcoastedfoundation.com.

All applications are due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10th (NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED) to the LAX Coastal Education Foundation via email at info@laxcoastedfoundation.com. Grants are anticipated to be announced in May 2019 and distributed by September 2019.

ABOUT LAX COASTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Our mission is to support and enhance the highest quality educational environment for students, educators, and parents in the LAX Coastal Area.

Our goal is to support and promote local schools through community outreach, partnerships, recognition and information dissemination. Through the leadership efforts of the foundation in fundraising, promoting our schools and creating strategic partnerships with educators, families, local government and the business community, we are working to strengthen all our local—public, charter, private, and Parochial--schools. The LAX Coastal Education Foundation was established as the Westchester/Playa Education Foundation in 2004, before a relaunch in 2017 to reflect an updated mission to support all local schools in our coverage area.