

The NASA Explorer Schools (NES) Partnerships for Sustainability

Program supports the formation and operation of partnerships between NASA Explorer Schools and state coalitions comprised of business, education, and public policy leadership. The partnership is responsible for developing and executing an action plan to strengthen and sustain the NES beyond their initial three (3)-year NASA funding.

Plans for sustainability require a commitment to establishing:

- An advisory body specifically dedicated to providing information, assistance and support to the state's NASA Explorer School(s);
- Technical assistance for NASA Explorer Schools personnel;
- A public engagement plan to raise awareness of the NASA Explorer School(s) and the importance of improving STEM education;
- Linkages to existing NASA programs, networks and resources to leverage the NASA Explorer Schools program; and
- Strategies to broaden the impact of proposed activities, leading to state-wide and long-term improvement of STEM education.

Eligible state-based organizations may apply grants of up to \$20,000 to develop partnerships with NASA Explorer Schools, implement plans to strengthen and sustain the NES and work towards the improvement of STEM education throughout the state. One award per state will be made.

NASSMC provides comprehensive, one-on-one technical assistance and support services, practical resources, and access to an exceptional network of partners to applicants and grantees.

To date, NES Partnerships for Sustainability awards have been made in 12 states.

Proposals are solicited annually.

For more information: www.nassmc.org/pfsproject.html