

## **“Space For All” – Community Funding Scheme**

### **Announcement of Opportunity**

**Closing Date: 5pm, 9 February 2018**

### **Introduction**

The UK Space Agency is making up to £40K available under its “Space for All” community funding scheme. This is a competitive process which offers small grants up to a maximum of £10,000 for each award. The scheme is run to support the education and outreach aims and objectives of the UK Space Agency education programme, as set out in its Education and Skills Strategy. This in turn supports the aims of the UK Space Agency by encouraging the use of space as an inspiring context for teaching and learning, by addressing the skills needs of the space sector and by raising awareness of the UK’s space programme and STEM subjects in general.

### **What projects are suitable?**

Projects may be targeted at specific audiences and may include delivery of:

- curriculum enrichment activities
- projects to promote careers in the space sector
- pilot projects to demonstrate plans for larger scale projects in these areas

Successful projects must:

- be based in the UK
- support the education aims of the UK Space Agency
- have support of their sponsoring organisation or work in partnership with an organisation that can receive the funds
- nominate a referee who can support their application
- include a comprehensive evaluation strategy
- start no earlier than 1 April 2018 and extend no more than two financial years (must be completed by 29 February 2020)

## Details of the Grant

- Grants **may** cover all types of expenses, including:
  - contributions to salaries
  - costs of materials
  - travel and subsistence
- Grants **may not** cover:
  - fees for people already in paid employment where the proposed work could be reasonably undertaken as part of their normal duties
  - unclear costings and those which do not appear to be based on valid estimates
  - expensive items (e.g. equipment or buildings) unless they are **intrinsic** to the success of the project
  - projects that would go ahead even without UK Space Agency funds
- Grants awarded will be subject to standard BEIS grant terms and conditions
- Grants cannot be paid in advance of costs incurred

## Judging criteria

Proposals will be judged by a panel led by the UK Space Agency and supported by educators and representatives of the UK space community. The judging criteria will include:

- impact of the project
- size of the audience that will be reached
- validity of the evaluation strategy that will be used
- ability to explain the relevance of space to UK citizens or use space to deliver education aims or increase interest in STEM subjects in the UK
- value for money

## How to apply

Complete the **application form** and send to the UK Space Agency **by the closing date (see above)**.

Anyone can apply for an award, but you must be linked to with an organisation which will take financial responsibility for an award.

You may include up to two additional sides of A4 with your application form in support of your application e.g. text, diagrams or photographs.

If your project is a spin-off or extension of a previous project, you may also include an additional four sides of A4 for evaluation reports, publicity materials and/or resources produced previously.

**Any other material submitted will not be provided to the judging panel.**

Submitting your application:

Please complete and submit the application form and your full proposal to Cheryl Hawkins either by email ([Cheryl.hawkins@ukspaceagency.bis.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Cheryl.hawkins@ukspaceagency.bis.gsi.gov.uk)) or by post to:

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