



## 2017 Reach Initiative

### Growing Capacity: Systemic Incorporation of STEM & Environmental Education through Sailing Request for Proposals – Reach Centers

#### Purpose

Reach Centers in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions will actively engage with their regional Center of Excellence and surrounding Reach Programs expanding the Reach National Network through focused regional growth. Together we are working to actively “normalize” STEM education including environmental literacy and responsibility utilizing our vast network of potential highly skilled workers and ocean stewards. This area of need was identified through the Reach mentoring sessions and educator surveys. Support from 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Racing and US Sailing donors has made these grants possible.

#### Criteria for Applicants

- Currently implementing at least 3-5 Reach modules or more to 30+ youth annually for at least one year.
- Utilize US Sailing Association Level 1 or Basic Keelboat certified instructors for all on-water activities
- Must be a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization
- Agree to secure a 100% match grant match (\$5,000) and show proof of funds by the end of the grant. (new individual donations, sponsorship, or grants are applicable)
- US Sailing Accredited Community Sailing Centers and those previously recognized as “Reach Centers” in good standing will receive priority.
- Target Areas: Northeast & Mid-Atlantic

#### Timeline

- Proposal Deadline: April 21st, 2017
- Selection Notification: April 28th, 2017
- Funding Awarded: May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

#### Award/Grant

(8) Reach Centers: (4) Northeast & (4) Mid-Atlantic – \$5,000 (Apply Here)

#### Grant Activities

Reach “Centers” will engage in the following activities, increasing the quality of STEM and environmental programming in their own organizations as well as provide resources for initial programs. Each organization will remain a US Sailing recognized Reach “Center” as long as they are meeting the Reach “Center” criteria.

1. Mentoring: 2-3 representatives from your organization **must** travel to, attend, and participate in two mentoring sessions hosted by the Reach Regional Center of Excellence.
  - a. Mentoring Session #1: Northeast: Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Mid-Atlantic: Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 8:30 am - 4:30pm
  - b. Mentoring Session #2: September (TBD)
2. Assessment:
  - a. STEM PQA – Participate in a funded one hour quality assessment observations with a ½ hour debrief. Organizational data will contribute to overall Reach Initiative data. (\$1,000 value)
  - b. Student Pre/Post – Select a group of 18-30 students participating in 3-5 Reach Modules that will complete pre and posttests. Administer pre/post and mail to US Sailing with a report sheet.
3. Professional Learning: New Reach instructors or volunteers will attend a Reach Educator Course
4. Reach Resources: Share a Reach resource that other sailing centers implementing Reach can use as a resource. Examples: Instructor Cards, Reach Program Budget, Reach Pathway for students, or Sustainability Plan. Format: (1 page pdf, doc, including your logo)
5. Event: Host or participate in a STEM based event that incorporates a portion of the Reach curriculum.
6. Mentor: Meet with key leadership from a sailing program near you and discuss how they can implement Reach.
7. Marketing: Submit 3-5 photos of Reach in action at your Center. Additional photos welcome but not required.



**Reporting**

Submission of a one page final report is due by Friday, October 13th, 2017.

**Application Process**

Please submit the attached application and a copy of your W-9 by email to Jessica [Servis@ussailing.org](mailto:Servis@ussailing.org) or [Reach@ussailing.org](mailto:Reach@ussailing.org)

**Organizational Information**

Name of organization (as stated on IRS 501(c)(3) letter):

Name of organization (if different from above):

IRS Tax ID Number:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Mailing Address (if different):

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Website:

Mission:

**Contact Information**

Contact name:

Title:

Email address:

Phone Number:

**Please briefly answer the following:**

1. Approximately how many students will participate in 3-5 Reach modules at your organization this year?
2. Briefly describe your Reach programming history and number of youth impacted:
3. List and briefly describe your youth and community partnerships in relation to Reach:

**Budget for use of \$5,000 that pertains to this grant:**

Description	Amount
Reach Educator Courses	
Student Scholarships	
Event	
Travel	
Other:	
Total	\$5,000.00

**List the name(s) and member number(s) of US Sailing Small Boat Level 1 and/or Basic Keelboat and Reach Educator Course certified Instructors used in your program for on-the-water activities:**

Name	US Sailing Certification & #

**Please include the following:**

1. Digital copy of organizational logo in .jpg or .gif format.
2. Copy of your Organization's IRS Form W-9

