



2017 Reach Initiative
Growing Capacity: Systemic Incorporation of STEM & Environmental Education through Sailing
Request for Proposals - Reach Center of Excellence

Criteria for Applicants

- Currently implementing at least 5-7 Reach modules or more to 100+ youth annually for at least one year.
- Located in a major US city
- 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 50% grant match (\$10,000) 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 current Reach Centers of Excellence will receive priority.
- The organization must be committed to sharing best practices in STEM, sailing, and environmental education through US Sailing's Reach Initiative with surrounding programs.

Timeline – All grants will be awarded through rolling acceptance.

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

Award/Grant

(2) Centers of Excellence

Grant Activities

The "Reach Center of Excellence" will engage in the following activities, increasing the quality of STEM and environmental programming in their own organizations as well as providing resources for initial programs.

1. Mentoring: The Center of Excellence will host two mentoring sessions with support from partners such as local universities and afterschool program alliances focusing on best teaching practices and quality assessment. Executive Directors, Program Directors, and Education Directors from "Reach Centers" and select new surrounding programs will be invited to attend. Resources and "how-to" guides based on the professional learning will be submitted to be posted on the Reach website for all programs to use.
 - a. Mentoring Session #1: Northeast (Providence, RI): Friday, May 12th, 2017 8:30 -4:30
Mid-Atlantic (Baltimore, MD): Friday, May 5th 2017 8:30-4:30pm
 - 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 5-7 Reach Modules that will complete pre and post tests. Administer pre/post and mail to US Sailing with a report sheet.
3. Professional Development: New Reach instructors or volunteers will attend a Reach Educator Course
4. Reach Resources:
 - a. 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. Format: (1 page pdf, doc, including your logo)
 - b. Create and share your sustainability plan for your organization or events.
5. Event: Host or participate in a STEM based event that incorporates a portion of the Reach curriculum.
6. Mentor: Host 2 mentoring sessions where key leadership from a sailing program near you can learn best practices in STEM, sailing, and environmental education.
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 complete the attached application, include a W-9 and email to JessicaServis@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 5-7 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 \$20,000 that pertains to this grant:

Description	Amount
Reach Educator Courses	
Student Scholarships	
Events	
Travel to Mentoring Sessions	
Other:	
Total	\$20,000.00

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