

Rural STEM Program Fund Annual Report



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Introduction

Laws 2017, Chapter 302 (HB 2457) established the Rural STEM Program Fund codified as A.R.S. § 15-249.07. This fund was established for the purposes of supporting science, technology, engineering and math programs in rural schools. The fund may consist of monies appropriated by the legislature and grants, gifts, devises, and donations from any public or private source.

The Arizona Department of Education administers the fund and may use not more than five percent of the monies deposited in the fund in a fiscal year for administrative purposes. The Arizona Department of Education shall establish a process for rural schools to apply for grants from the Rural STEM Program Fund. A rural school applying for a grant shall demonstrate how the rural school plans to use monies from the fund and what the outcomes the rural school plans to achieve with the students. A rural school that receives funding must demonstrate that the school's stem program meets the academic standards for science, technology, engineering and mathematics as adopted by the state board of education.

A.R.S. § 15-249.07 states that on or before November 15 of each year, the Department of Education shall submit a report that contains the following:

- A. Amount of grants made from the Rural STEM Program Fund
- B. Outcomes achieved with students statewide
- C. How program monies were expended

Copies of this report are sent to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor.

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Amount of grants made from the Rural STEM Program Fund

This is the third year of the established program, and to date no monies have been appropriated to the fund and no grants, gifts, devises, or donations from any public or private sources have been received. As a result, grant awards have not yet been made.

Outcomes achieved with students statewide

This is the third year of the established program and the Department will provide outcome information once grants are awarded and participating schools submit related updates.

How program monies were expended

This is the third year of the established program and the Department will provide expenditure information once grants are awarded and participating schools submit related updates.