

Grant Title: INFORMAL SCIENCE EDUCATION

Funding Opportunity Number: 09-553. CFDA Number(s): 47.076.

Agency/Department: National Science Foundation, Directorate for Education & Human Resources, Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings.

Area of Research: Develop and implement informal learning experiences designed to increase interest, engagement, and understanding of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Release and Expiration: Release Date: April 23, 2009.

Application Deadline: November 19, 2009; November 18, 2010. Preliminary Proposal Due Date(s) (required): June 25, 2009, June 24, 2010.

Amount: Expected Number of Awards: 40. Approximately 6 Research of up to \$1.5 million, 6 Pathways of up to \$250,000, 20 Full-Scale Development in the \$1 million to \$3 million dollar range, 3 Broad Implementation in the \$1 million to \$3 million dollar range, and 5 Communicating Research to Public Audiences awards of up to \$150,000.

Length of Support: Research: Project: One to five years. Pathways: Project: Up to two years. Full-Scale Development: One to five years. Broad Implementation: One to five years. Communicating Research to Public Audiences: Up to two years.

Eligible Applicants: None specified.

Summary: The ISE program invests in projects that promote lifelong learning of STEM in a wide variety of informal settings. Funding is provided for projects that advance understanding of informal STEM learning, that develop and implement innovative strategies and resources for informal STEM education, and that build the national professional capacity for research, development, and practice in the field. There are five categories of ISE program grants: Research; Pathways; Full-Scale Development; Broad Implementation; and Communicating Research to Public Audiences.

Detail Information: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09553/nsf09553.htm?govDel=USNSF_25