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NJ STEM Pathways Network Awards the 2019 Mini-Grant Recipients

Chatham, NJ– The New Jersey STEM Pathways Network (NJSPN) in partnership with the Research & Development Council of New Jersey, is excited to announce that it has selected its 2019 New Jersey (NJ) STEM Month mini-grant winners.

Judged by how many learners their events would impact, 29 organizations out of 54 applicants were awarded this year. These organizations represent 17 counties all throughout New Jersey. The selected organizations will use their grants to further enhance their NJ STEM Month events in March.

Thanks to the generosity of the Overdeck Family Foundation, 2019 NJ STEM Month mini-grants were available in amounts of up to five-hundred dollars for organizations' event and program enhancements. These enhancements can include hosting costs such as snacks, meals, transportation, materials and more. The mini-grant recipients will be sharing photos of their events on social media using the hashtag #NJSTEMMonth and will have to submit a short blog post about their event onto the NJSPN website.

"We had so many great applicants this year. It's exciting to see all the ways organizations throughout the state are celebrating NJ STEM Month," said Kim Case, Executive Director of the Research & Development Council of New Jersey and Manager of the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network.

NJ STEM Month is a month-long observance highlighting the Garden State's strong presence and accomplishments in STEM. Numerous organizations across the state hold events in celebration of NJ STEM Month to showcase all the achievements that are taking place in the state. Last year, in recognition and celebration of New Jersey's world-class STEM economy, both Governor Phil Murphy, via gubernatorial proclamation, and Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker, via legislative ceremonial resolution, have designated the entire month of March as New Jersey's annual STEM Month.

Other New Jersey STEM Month activities can be found at the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network's website www.njstempathways.org, and by following the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network on Twitter @NJSTEMPathways.

Hosting Organization	Event/Program Name	Event/Pr	Cities	County
Otto Bruyns Public Library of Northfield	Smoke & Mirrors	3/16/19	Northfield	Atlantic
Cliffside Park School No. 3	Cliffside Park School No. 3 NJ Maker's Day	3/22/19	Cliffside Park	Bergen
Delran STEM Ecosystem Alliance	Delran STEM Ecosystem Alliance: STEM Family Engagement Night Series	2/5/19	Delran	Burlington
Haddon Township Branch, Camden County Library System	NJ Makers Day	3/23/19	Voorhees	Camden
Upper Township Public Schools	STEMinar 2019	3/14/19	Woodbine	Cape May
Schools That Can Newark	Build It Better Challenge with STC Newark and West Side High School	3/8/19	Newark	Essex
Greater Newark Conservancy	Leap into Science in the Garden	3/1/19	Newark	Essex
Garden State-Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation	STEM Innovation Challenge 2019	3/1/19	Newark	Essex
National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc. Southern NJ Chapter	Girls Powered By STEM Conference "Preparing Our Girls for a Sound Economic Future"	2/16/19	Wenonah	Gloucester
Cordero PS 37 PTA	May the 4th Be With You	5/3/19	Jersey City	Hudson
NPower	NPower's Leaders in Technology Panel	3/22/19	Jersey City	Hudson
Latinas in STEM	Latinas in STEM 101 Conference Jersey City	3/9/19		Hudson
New Jersey City University	STEM Sat: Expedition for kids	3/9/19	Jersey City	Hudson
Hudson County Community College	Girls in Technology	3/28/19	Jersey City	Hudson
Hunterdon County Library	New Jersey Makers Day 2019	3/23/19	Flemington	Hunterdon
South Plainfield Public Library	South Plainfield Library NJ Makers Day	43547	South Plainfield	Middlesex
Piscataway Public Library	New Jersey Makers Day at Piscataway Public Library - Explore Your Senses	3/23/19	Piscataway	Middlesex
Woodbridge Public Library	Woodbridge Library NJ Makers Day	3/22/19	Woodbridge	Middlesex
Raritan Baykeeper, Inc. dba NY/NJ Baykeeper	NY/NJ Baykeeper Children's Open House	3/15/18	Matawan	Monmouth
Morris County Vo-Tech	Computer Science Day	3/1/19	Denville	Morris
Denville Public Library	Family Maker Night	3/22/19	Denville	Morris
Kinnelon Public Library	STEM Film Fest & Science "Fare"	3/9/19	Kinnelon	Morris
Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey	STEMfestJr.	2/23/19	Riverdale	Morris
George Washington Middle School	Makers Day at the GW Media Center	3/21/19	Wayne	Passaic
Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey	Tinker Maker Coder Spy	3/22/19	North Branch	Somerset
FIRST Tech Challenge New Jersey	FIRST Tech Challenge New Jersey	3/3/19	Byram Township	Sussex
Elizabeth Public Library	NJ Makers Day	3/23/19	Elizabeth	Union
Warren County Library Southwest Branch	NJ Makers Day -- Warren County Library	3/23/19	Philipsburg	Warren

*A public-private strategic alliance, the **New Jersey STEM Pathways Network** was established in 2014 to inform the alignment of STEM resources, support an education-to-workforce STEM pipeline, identify exemplary learning opportunities, and promote STEM career pathways. NJSPN is now managed by the Research & Development Council of New Jersey and funded by the Overdeck Family Foundation. You can learn more about the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network and New Jersey STEM Month by visiting www.njstempathways.org.*

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