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2022-2023

Robotics Grant Customer Service Support Session

Division of Curriculum, Instructional Improvement and Professional Learning

April 21, 2022

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- Identify the purpose of the Robotics Grant Program (RGP)
- Outline the baseline expectations for the RGP
- Review important dates associated with the RGP
- Explain the GIG and Application forms
- Address questions from attendees

Robotics Grant Program: Goal



To increase the number of robotics programs in the state and to support existing robotic programs.

This funding opportunity is open to Maryland Public Schools and Nonprofit entities partnering with a public school to support robotics programming, or a nonprofit entity supporting an existing or developing robotics program where the majority (51% or more) of members are public school students.

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- There is \$350,000 in funding available.
- Estimated number of grants for 2022-2023 is 30-35. The number of grant awards will be based on the number of submissions and the availability of funds. MSDE may consider geographic distribution when making awards.
- Grant awards range between \$5,000 to \$20,000

Acceptable Use of Funds



Note to Non-profit Organizations: Approved program expenses will be reimbursed upon submission and approval of an invoice with supporting documentation (i.e., receipts, purchase orders, etc.). Please ensure that funding is available within your organization to cover any initial expenses. Funds may be used to:

- Purchase high-level technology and equipment that support robotics programs. All equipment and programs requiring LEA Internet must follow the LEA User Policies.
- Purchase materials and supplies to support robotics programs, including virtual robotics platforms and/or applications.
- Provide faculty stipends or fees for participation in robotics events (as needed, based on LEA policy).
- Support transportation and hotel costs for students and advisors participating in robotics competitions.
- Support registration or membership fees for students enrolled in robotics related competitions and organizations (including in-person or virtual competitions).

Unacceptable Use of Funds



Funds may not be used for:

- Construction of temporary or permanent structures,
- Membership to non-robotics organizations,
- Food or meals,
- Equipment for administrative purposes,
- Renting or maintaining building space,
- Costs of finger printing for LEA educators,
- Supplementing salaries and/or stipends during the regular workday, and
- Supplanting or supplementing an employee's existing salary if job duties and/or role are related to the robotics team/club (i.e., Coordinator, Program Director).

Submission Proposals for funding must include:

- A completed application with all required components and attachments.
- The Robotics Grant Application is a fillable Microsoft Word document that may be downloaded from the MSDE Grants Office page.
- Applications must be submitted in pdf format by email to the program contact at bruce.lesh@maryland.gov.
- An electronic proposal digitally signed by an Official (Superintendent of Schools, Non-profit agency head, or designee) is due by 5:00 p.m. on May 27, 2022.

Attachments

- Letters of Commitment from School(s) and/or Non-profit(s)
- Résumés of Key Personnel – Include a one-page résumé for each person playing a key role.
- MSDE Recipient Assurances page
- LEA documentation or URL to policies related to on-line safety and privacy
- DRAFT MSDE Itemized Budget Form (C-1-25)--No signatures required until proposal is approved by MSDE.

Timeline of Events

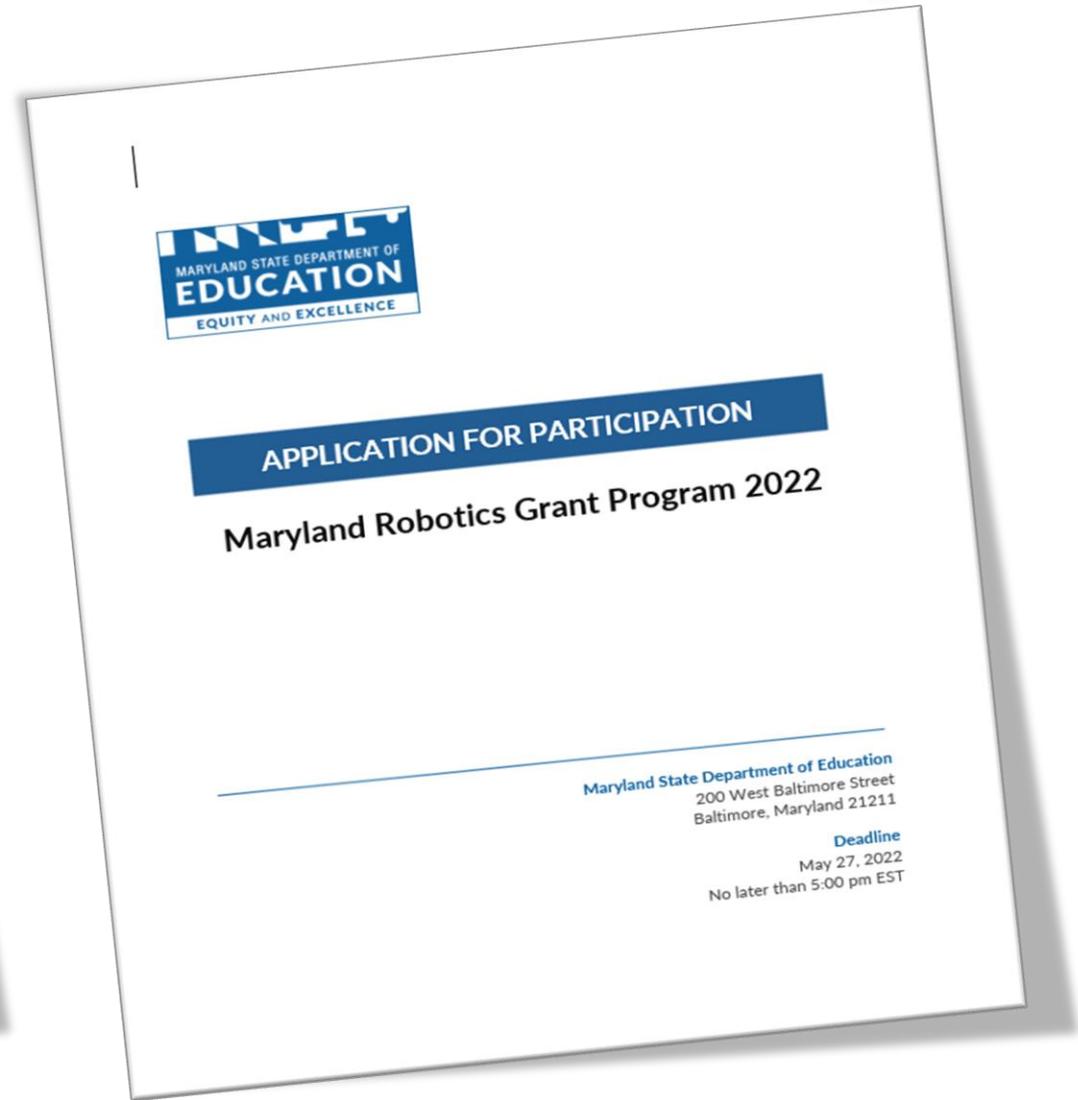
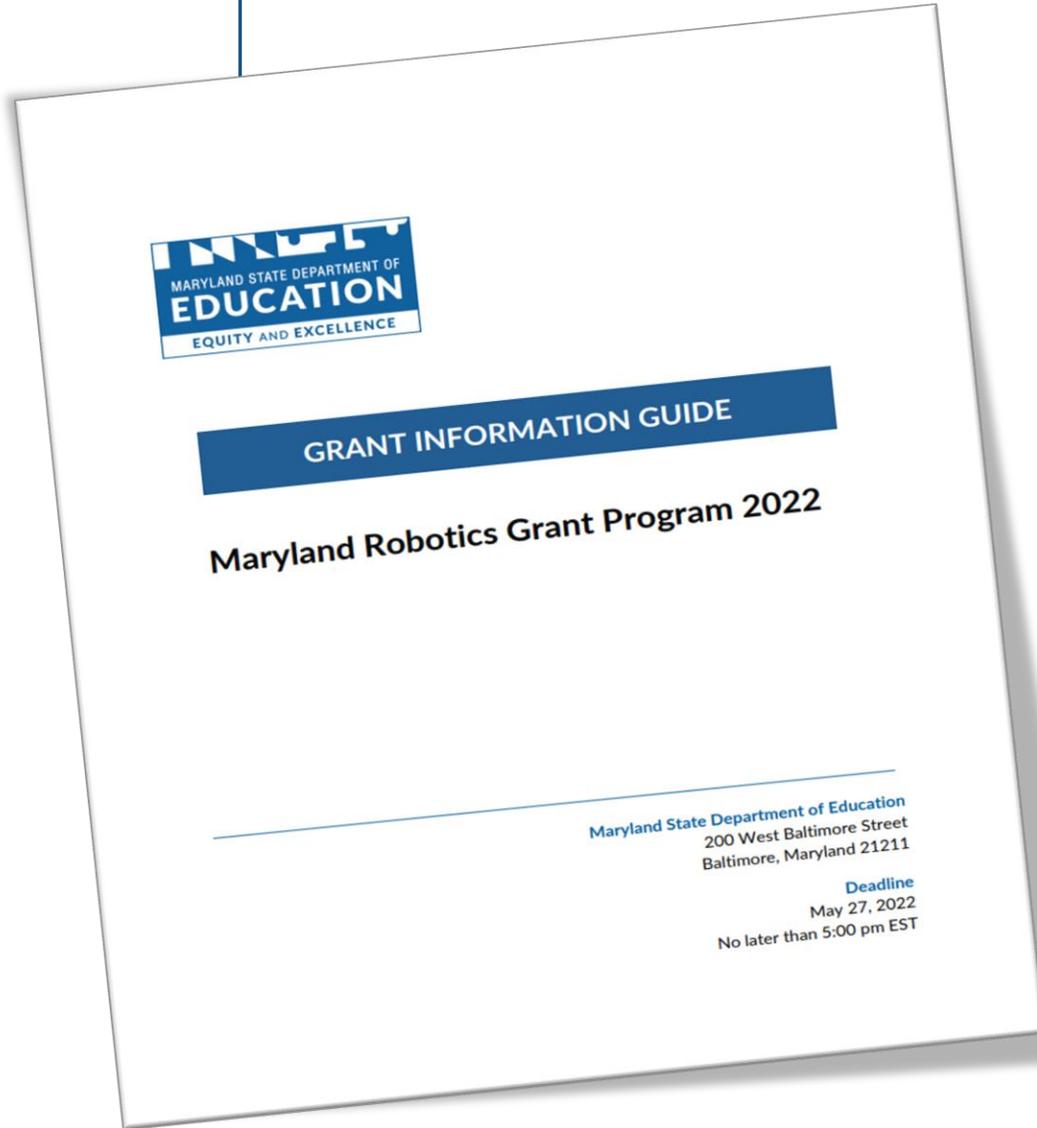


Grant Timeline

This funding opportunity, including all attachments and updates, are found on the MSDE website.

Date	Program Milestone
April 15, 2022	MSDE disseminates the grant information and opens the application submission window
April 21 and 28, 2022	The MSDE will hold an information session from 10-11am to answer questions and provide customer service and support
May 27, 2022	The grant application period closes – Applications and all attachments are due to MSDE
June 24, 2022	MSDE completes application review and notifies awardees
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	Grant Period
Sept. 30, 2023	Final Evaluation and Report (Narrative and Fiscal)

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Questions?



Follow up questions



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