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CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER RECEIVES \$50,000 GRANT FROM BAYER FUND
DONATION TO HELP LOW-INCOME SCHOOLS ACCESS FREE STEM PROGRAMMING FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

PITTSBURGH, July 1, 2021 — Carnegie Science Center announced today that it received a \$50,000 grant from Bayer Fund to provide free STEM outreach programs, virtual field trips, and in-depth teaching training to thousands of students and teachers in low-income school districts in western Pennsylvania during the 2021–2022 school year. The program is titled “Exploration Bundles.”

“As our region’s hub for K–12 science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education, we know that many school districts face a myriad of barriers to accessing our programming, including difficulty scheduling, transportation costs, and limited teacher capacity,” Senior Director of STEM Education Nikole Sheaffer said. “With this grant from Bayer Fund, we will be able to help schools overcome these barriers, advance equity of access to STEM, and improve our region’s STEM ecosystem.”

With an expected reach of 8,900 K–12 students and 180 teachers, the grant-funded Exploration Bundles are designed to meet the diverse needs of low-income schools through both virtual and in-person programming delivered at the schools. The Exploration Bundles include:

- **Science on the Road** in-person or virtual assemblies for grades K–8
- **BNY Mellon Mobile Fab Lab** in-person or virtual maker workshops for grades 6–12
- **Exhibit Explorations** virtual field trip experiences for grades 3–12
- **Teaching Excellence Academy’s** “STEM Up Your Classroom” workshops for teachers and administrators

“Throughout the years, the grants given through Bayer Fund have helped strengthen our communities across the United States,” said Al Mitchell, President of Bayer Fund. “We’re proud to be able to provide support to develop programs that help combat challenges such as food insecurity, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education and support services to patients and families managing an illness or disease.”

In 2020, Bayer Fund awarded more than \$17 million to more than 3,400 charitable and nonprofit organizations to help address essential needs in food and nutrition, STEM education and community development. Over the last five years, nonprofit organizations across the U.S. have received more than \$80 million.

To learn more about Carnegie Science Center, visit <https://carnegiesciencecenter.org/>.

To learn more about Bayer Fund, visit <https://www.fund.bayer.us>.

About Carnegie Science Center

Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center's goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

Established in 1895 by Andrew Carnegie, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. In 2016, the museums reached more than 1.4 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

About Bayer Fund

Bayer Fund, a philanthropic arm of Bayer, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where Bayer customers and employees live and work by providing funding for food and nutrition, education and community development projects.

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