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# CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER RECEIVES \$75,000 FROM BAYER FUND DONATION TO HELP LOW-INCOME SCHOOLS ACCESS FREE STEM PROGRAMMING FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

**PITTSBURGH, Dec. 14, 2022** – <u>Carnegie Science Center</u> announced today it received a grant for \$75,000 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 2022–2023 school year. The STEM education 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," said Jason Brown, Henry Buhl, Jr., Director of Carnegie Science Center. "With this grant from the Bayer Fund, we can help schools overcome these barriers, advance equity of access to STEM, and improve our region's STEM ecosystem."

"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 like Carnegie Science Center's STEM education initiatives, which have been critical in inspiring future generations for careers in the high-demand STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) field."

In 2021, Bayer Fund awarded more than \$13.1 million to over 3,400 charitable and nonprofit organizations to help address essential needs in Food and Nutrition, STEM Education and Health & Wellness. Over the last five years, nonprofit organizations across the U.S. have received more than \$75 million.

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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 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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# **About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh**

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