



## Mentoring & Making: The STEM Coalition Challenge

US2020 invites cross-sector coalitions across the country to apply for a set of resources to support the expansion of STEM Mentoring and Making opportunities for students underrepresented in STEM careers. Six to eight coalitions will share a set of resources - including cash grants, full-time project staffing, access to a national community of practice, and more - to accelerate project-based, volunteer-fueled, and tangible STEM learning opportunities for students from kindergarten through college.

Launched at the 2013 White House Science Fair, [US2020](#) is leading a national movement to grow the quality and quantity of STEM mentoring opportunities available to girls, students from low-income families and students of color underrepresented in STEM. In 2014, we invited communities across the country to submit their best ideas for how to work in cross-sector ways to grow local STEM mentoring opportunities. The response to this "City Competition" was overwhelming -- we received applications from 52 communities that together engaged nearly 600 corporations, civic organizations and public entities.

The winners of this competition became the US2020 City Network: a group of city-based coalitions -- comprised of mayor's offices, school districts, corporations, community-based organizations, funders, and more -- that are growing STEM mentoring for underrepresented students. **This year we are inviting proposals for our next challenge: how to grow student access to opportunities at the intersection of STEM Mentoring and Making.**

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# Resources for Winning Teams

The six to eight winners of the STEM Coalition Challenge will receive at least two years of support from US2020, including eligibility for a subgrant of two to three, full-time [AmeriCorps VISTA](#) volunteers to help enact their plans (pending renewal of Citizen School's AmeriCorps grant for the 2018-2019 program year). In addition, winning cities will receive some combination of the following resources to support their plans:

- For three Grand Prize Winners, a \$50,000 cash grant from US2020, in the form of \$25,000 per year for two years (with the expectation that winners will secure a local matching grant)
- Access to a national community of practice focused on STEM Mentoring and Making, including two in-person convenings per year, plus regular virtual opportunities to learn and connect
- National visibility and communications opportunities with US2020 and its partners, such as press releases, social media campaigns, and events such as the annual [STEM Mentoring Awards and Symposium](#)
- Tools and technical assistance to support community-wide evaluation of STEM Mentoring and Making efforts
- Tailored access to US2020's Mentor-Matching Platform
- Regular capacity-building support from US2020 staff and partners

## TIMELINE OF EVENTS

ROUND 1 APPLICATION LIVE	October 10, 2017
ROUND 1 APPLICATIONS DUE	November 17, 2017
FINALISTS NOTIFIED ROUND 2 APPLICATION LIVE	Early December 2017
FINALISTS' IDEAS CAMP	Mid-January 2018
ROUND 2 APPLICATIONS DUE	Early February 2018
WINNERS NOTIFIED	Late February 2018
WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT EVENT	Spring 2018
VISTA SERVICE YEAR BEGINS	Summer 2018

## US2020 CITY NETWORK: Current Members

- Baton Rouge, LA
- Boston, MA
- Dallas, TX
- Indianapolis, IN
- Philadelphia, PA
- Research Triangle Park, NC
- Silicon Valley, CA
- Tulsa, OK
- Ventura County, CA
- Wichita, KS



We look forward to discussing how we can partner on this important work.