25th Anniversary Grant Program:
MathWorks Visionary Grant Guidelines

Foundation for MetroWest and MathWorks invite you to think big, think bold, and think to the next 25 years of life in our region! In honor of the Foundation for MetroWest’s 25th anniversary, MathWorks is thrilled to help inspire and fund big ideas designed increase interest in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) for youth in MetroWest.

As part of the Foundation’s 25th Anniversary Grant Program, this one-time MathWorks Visionary Grant is aimed at supporting organizations seeking to innovate or increase access to STEM education for underserved youth in the communities served by the Foundation for MetroWest. The program will provide one (1) $25,000, one (1) $10,000, and one (1) $5,000 grant.

We encourage nonprofits in the region to use this opportunity to…

- Turn existing solutions on their head
- Create or energize collaborations
- Seed or boost emerging ideas

Program or project-specific, general operating, and capacity building grants will be considered.

ELIGIBILITY
Proposals must come from designated 501c(3) organizations or MetroWest public schools located in and/or prioritizing the MetroWest region. We will accept proposals from those with an eligible fiscal sponsor. We will not fund:

- City/town agencies
- Private schools
- Organizations who discriminate in the hiring of staff or the provision of services on the basis of race, religion, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, age, national origin, or disability.
- Religious organizations, clubs, fraternal groups, professional organizations, political campaigns, or lobbying groups
- Individuals
- Capital and endowment fund drives
- Fundraising events, such as walks, runs, golf tournaments, and dinners
- Programs not focused on charitable or philanthropic goals, such as professional conferences, recreational club sports teams, etc.

Organizations that have previously applied to or are planning to apply to the Foundation for MetroWest’s competitive grant programs are eligible and encouraged to apply.

Please note that the MathWorks STEM Visionary grant is one of six categories highlighted in the 25th Anniversary Grant Program. If your organization focuses on or provides programming in the categories of Arts & Culture, Environment, Family Support, Food Insecurity, or Youth Development (programs unrelated to STEM only), please see the 25th Anniversary Grant Program guidelines on our website for additional submission options.

Organizations may submit one application to the 25th Anniversary Grant Program, which includes the MathWorks Visionary Grant. Please submit your proposal to the category that you feel is the best fit for your organization or project.
GRANT PROCESS
The 25th Anniversary Grant Program is a video submission process and will operate based on the following timeline:

- January 22 9:00 AM………Video grant submissions open: www.bit.ly/ffmw_foundant
- February 28 5:00 PM………Deadline for video grant submissions
- April 27 9:00 AM………Category finalists announced, MathWorks staff member voting opens
- May 22 5:00 PM………MathWorks staff member voting closes
- June 2 4:00 PM………Grant celebration and award announcements

SELECTION CRITERIA
All submissions will be reviewed by a Steering Committee of MathWorks staff members. The Committee will select three finalists. Then MathWorks staff member voting begins!

MathWorks staff members will be encouraged to view finalist videos and help select the $25,000 winner through a voting process.

The Committee and the MathWorks community look forward to learning more about your:

- Known or proven commitment to STEM within the MetroWest community
- Organizational strengths including financial, leadership, board, and program delivery
- Plans to reduce gaps and inequalities and to lift up those living in our region
- Big and bold ideas, solutions, and collaborations
- Goals as you look towards your next 25 years

Videos that are three minutes or less will be considered for funding. We will not consider any videos that are professionally produced.

HOW TO APPLY
1. Upload your completed video to your preferred video platform (i.e. YouTube, Vimeo, Wistia).
3. Once you are logged in, click on the “Apply” icon on the top of the menu bar.
4. Select “25th Anniversary Grant Program”. You will be asked to complete a brief form about your organization and to submit your video link.

Never made a video before? Don’t fret! Find helpful tips and tricks to create your video on our website.

GRANT AWARD
Grant awards will be determined by MathWorks staff member vote and will be announced at a 25th Anniversary Grant Program Celebration on June 2. Grantees will receive all necessary paperwork by email, following the celebration event.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: February 28 at 5:00pm

We encourage you to email grants@foundationformetrowest.org by January 31 to discuss the eligibility and suitability of your proposal.