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Kansas Volunteer Commission Seeking Applications for STEM Mentoring

Funds will strengthen the capacity of mentoring organizations to increase the number of mentors serving Kansas youth in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

TOPEKA, KS – The Kansas Volunteer Commission (KVC) is pleased to announce up to \$100,000 in funding to increase the number of STEM mentors serving Kansas youth.

According to the US Department of Commerce, STEM jobs in the United States, over the last ten years, have grown at three times the pace of non-STEM jobs. Yet, it is estimated that by 2018 there will be 1.2 million US job openings in STEM fields, with a significant shortage of qualified applicants to fill them. Investing in STEM-related mentoring in Kansas will help to spark interest in STEM careers and prepare Kansas youth for a successful career path in math and sciences. The KVC understands that mentoring is a powerful way to transform a student's vision of themselves. The Kansas STEM Mentoring Initiative will foster a consistent approach to STEM education and allow for organic development of STEM programs matching local strengths, challenges and resources.

WHO MAY APPLY: The following entities are eligible to apply: public or private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and other community organizations; institutions of higher education; government entities within states or territories (e.g., cities, counties); labor organizations; partnerships and consortia; and Indian Tribes. Organizations who are working to promote and support a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education initiative at the K-12 levels are eligible for consideration. Projects must take place in the state of Kansas.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

- October 23, 2015—Notice of Intent to Apply Due
- November 10, 2015—Applications Due by 5:00 PM
- December 11, 2015—Official Notification of Awards

More information about this funding opportunity is available at www.kanserve.org.

The mission of the Kansas Volunteer Commission (KVC) is to empower all Kansans to meet community needs through service. The Kansas STEM Mentoring Grant Initiative is part of the Volunteer Generation Fund (VGF), a grant awarded to the KVC from the Corporation for National and Community Service. This is the sixth year that Kansas has been awarded the VGF grant. In the first five years of the VGF initiative, the KVC awarded nearly \$650,000 to volunteer-connectors, community organizations and mentoring programs. This funding served as a vital investment in developing and strengthening the volunteer infrastructure of the state. For more information on the Volunteer Generation Fund, Kansas Mentors, Kansas AmeriCorps or other KVC programs, please visit www.kanserve.org.