

## Draft Grant Application

**Email \***

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**Name \***

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**Are you applying on behalf of a library, museum or other?**

Library

Museum

Other:

**Your title/role: \***

Branch Supervisor

**Name of Library/Museum where the event will take place: \***

Spring Hill Branch Library

**Street address where the event will take place: \***

9220 SPRING HILL DR

**City \***

SPRING HILL

**State \***

FL

**Zip Code \***

34608

**Please describe your current involvement in citizen science. (Check-all that apply.) \***

☒ I am part of SciStarter's Citizen and Community Science Library Network

☒ I am a SciStarter Ambassador or Champion

☐ I am a NASA Solar System Ambassador

☒ I have hosted citizen science events or programs

☒ I am a citizen scientist

☐ None of the above but I'm eager to get involved!

**Commit to one or more of the following events however only one \$500 stipend will be awarded per applicant/organization: \***

Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 3:30 PM PT / 6:30 PM ET

Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 3:30 PM PT / 6:30 PM ET

☒ Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 11 am-1pm PT/ 2-4pm ET (TWO-HOUR EVENT DURING CITIZEN SCIENCE MONTH; counts towards 2.50 Million Acts of Science for America's 250th Birthday!)

Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 6-8pm PT/ 9-11 pm ET (TWO-HOUR EVENT DURING CITIZEN SCIENCE MONTH; counts towards 2.50 Million Acts of Science for America's 250th Birthday!)

Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 3-5pm PT / 6-8pm (TWO-HOUR EVENT DURING CITIZEN SCIENCE MONTH; counts towards 2.50 Million Acts of Science for America's 250th Birthday!)

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### Grant overview

This program is aimed at teens and older.

**Please describe the audiences your in-person event will reach and how you will promote it. \***

Our in-person event will reach a broad cross-section of our community, with a particular emphasis on teens, adults, educators, and lifelong learners who are curious about space science, technology, and hands-on discovery. As a public library with strong foot traffic and deep community trust, we regularly engage patrons ages 13 and up who participate in STEM programs, book clubs,

environmental initiatives, and local volunteer projects. This event will also attract homeschool families, local science enthusiasts, and residents who may not typically attend science programs but are excited by NASA-branded opportunities and citizen science activities. To ensure strong participation, we will promote the event through multiple channels. These include in-branch signage, flyers, and digital screens; posts on the library's Facebook, Instagram, and website; targeted outreach through our email newsletter; and calendar listings on the library's online events platform. We will also collaborate with local schools, homeschool networks, and community partners to share information directly with potential participants. Additionally, front-line staff will promote the program through daily patron interactions, helping us reach new audiences who may not otherwise seek out STEM programming. Together, these strategies will maximize visibility and help us bring NASA Science LIVE! to an enthusiastic and engaged community.

**You have access to a room with wifi and seating for: \***

1 -10

11-25

26-50

51-75

76-100

More than 100

**What excites you most about this program? \***

What excites me most about this program is the opportunity to connect our community directly with real NASA-supported science in a way that feels accessible, hands-on, and genuinely meaningful. People often think of space science as something distant or out of reach, but citizen science flips that idea on its head — it invites everyday individuals to step into the role of contributor, not just observer. I love that this program empowers participants to collect real data, use authentic research tools, and see how their efforts feed into larger scientific discoveries.