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STEM Flights Awarded NASA Community Anchor Grant to Expand Aerospace and Aviation Outreach

STEM Flights is proud to announce that it has been selected as a recipient of a NASA Community Anchor grant through the TEAM II program. This award reflects NASA's confidence in the STEM Flights mission and its proven ability to inspire students through aviation based STEM education. With NASA's investment, STEM Flights will expand its focus in Virginia while further strengthening its national impact.

Through this partnership, STEM Flights will connect more than 900 students with authentic NASA aeronautics content, career exploration, and ongoing aerospace and aviation resources. Middle and high school students will benefit from aeronautics content and hands-on flight experiences, combined with digital curriculum, educator lesson plans, and opportunities to explore future pathways in aerospace engineering, flight training, and emerging technologies.

"This grant empowers us to amplify our mission," said Carley Walker, Director of Development at STEM Flights. "NASA's support confirms the value of our model and strengthens our ability to inspire students across the country with aviation based STEM engagement."

STEM Flights will work closely with schools, educators, and community organizations to deliver NASA aligned learning experiences, recruit and train mentors, and build connections that inspire the next generation of aerospace leaders. The program is designed to serve as a model that continues to scale nationally, ensuring long term sustainability and broader reach.

NASA's selection of STEM Flights as a Community Anchor demonstrates belief in the organization's unique model of combining flight experiences with curriculum and mentoring. As part of this designation, STEM Flights will join NASA's informal education cohort and benefit from its professional development, resources, and national visibility.

About STEM Flights

STEM Flights is a national nonprofit that uses aviation to inspire and prepare students for careers in STEM, aerospace, and defense. Through volunteer Pilot Mentors, scalable curriculum, and community partnerships, STEM Flights engages thousands of students each year with accessible, hands-on aviation learning.

About NASA TEAM II Community Anchor Program

The NASA TEAM II Community Anchor Awards fund local institutions to serve as sustainable STEM engagement hubs. These grants support the deployment of NASA mission related STEM experiences in communities, enhancing the capacity of recipients to connect learners to NASA content and inspire interest in exploration, science, and technology.