

**Recipient**

U.S. Space and Rocket Center

**Project Name**

Outreach to underserved and rural schools to enhance student achievement

**Address**

U.S. Space & Rocket Center  
1 Tranquility Base  
Huntsville, AL 35805

**Amount Requested**

\$400,000

**Project Explanation**

The Space & Rocket Center is building a new facility for new STEM and cyber education classrooms that are sorely needed. This requested will help provide equipment for the new building and directly assist the Center's outreach to underserved and rural schools with the goal of enhancing student achievement in STEM areas of their studies. The funding will specifically support the Center in providing equipment, teacher training, curricula development, computers and books.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because the Space & Rocket Center provides a unique access point for STEM education opportunities for underserved and rural students in North Alabama, the state as a whole, and beyond. Student success beyond technology, but facilitated by the technology is the key function that the Center can provide with this project. It will provide access for students to guest speakers - leaders in the emerging space industry, not limited to commercial space launch activity. Emerging career paths such as engineering, healthcare, technology, and cyber that the Rocket Center offers could be modeled for students in rural and underserved areas.

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**U.S. House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC

May 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the STEM Outreach to Rural and Underserved Areas project at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, located at 1 Tranquility Base, Huntsville, Alabama 35805. The funding would be used for help provide equipment, teacher training, curricula development, computers and books in order to directly assist the Center's outreach to underserved and rural schools with the goal of enhancing student achievement in STEM areas of their studies.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert B. Aderholt".

Robert B. Aderholt  
Member of Congress