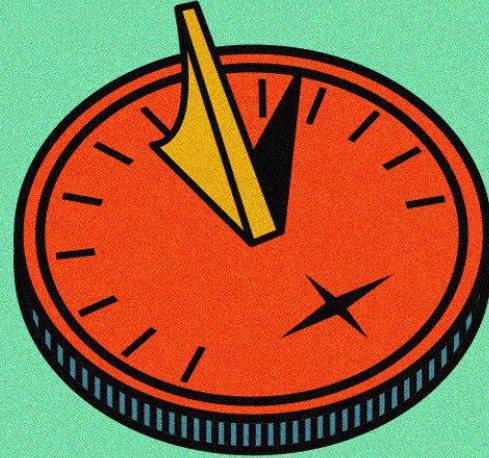


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Funding Your Team



Team Funding Sources

- Supporting Organization
(School, Non-Profit, Community Org, ...)
- Families
- FIRST Grants
- Company Sponsorships
- Matching Donations
- Donation Campaigns
- Fundraiser Events





Funding Your Team



FIRST Grants (<https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/team-grants>)

- FIRST FTC Hardship Grant
- REV
- PTC
- BAE
- Gene Haas
- DoD STEM
- Other employer-specific grants (Boeing, John Deere, etc.)

Program(s)	Grant Name	Team Status	Start Date	End Date	Details...
FIRST Robotics Competition	2025-2026 Dow FRC International Team Grant	Rookie Veteran	09/01/2025	09/30/2025	Details...
FIRST Tech Challenge	2025-2026 FIRST Tech Challenge Hardship Grant	Rookie Veteran	07/30/2025	11/28/2025	Details...
FIRST Robotics Competition FIRST Tech Challenge FIRST LEGO League Challenge FIRST LEGO League Explore	Arconic Foundation 2025-2026 Grant Application	Rookie Veteran	08/11/2025	10/31/2025	Details...
FIRST Robotics Competition	BAE Systems, Inc. FRC Grant FY26	Rookie Veteran	08/13/2025	09/13/2025	Details...
FIRST Tech Challenge FIRST LEGO League Challenge FIRST LEGO League Explore Class Pack	Boeing Team Grants 2025-2026	Rookie Veteran	06/30/2025	10/03/2025	Details...
FIRST Robotics Competition FIRST Tech Challenge FIRST LEGO League Challenge	John Deere 2025-2026 FIRST Team Grant Application	Rookie Veteran	06/27/2025	12/25/2025	Details...





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Fundraisers

- Matching Donations (Corporations)
- Donation Campaigns (GoFundMe)
- Restaurant Nights (Panda Express, Chipotle, Texas Roadhouse, Pizza Hut, Local restaurants, ...)
- Raffles
- Call-a-thons
- Car Washes
- There are many other creative ways to engage your community and raise funds





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Sponsors

- Corporate sponsorships (direct funding)
- In-Kind sponsorships (use of space, food, materials, etc.)
- Promotional consideration (logo on t-shirts, websites, social media, ...)





Outreach



Why Outreach?

- Why is outreach a core part of FIRST?
- Why is outreach a good idea for your team?

Outreach Outcomes

- STEM Awareness
- Recruiting Students
- Recruiting Mentors
- Starting new FIRST Teams (FLL, FTC, FRC)
- Great material for your Engineering Portfolio





Outreach



Outreach Events

Plug in to:

- STEM Events put on by museums like Explora, Schools, Community Organizations
- STEM-related Company Events
- Science Fairs & School Events
- Science Night @ Isotopes
- Summer camps





Outreach



Outreach Activities

- Mentor a new FLL or FTC team
- Start a new FLL or FTC team
- Start a new FRC team
- Volunteer at FIRST Events
- TV appearances
- News coverage





THANK YOU!



If you have questions, please
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