



Informal Science Education Enhancement (iSEE) – \$200,000 ongoing

Funding Levels and Purpose

Current (FY 2020) funding level:

\$5,065,000 ongoing/\$200,000 one-time

Purpose of the Program:

iSEE (includes 10 nonprofit organizations) provides unique science experiences to students and teachers not otherwise available to them

Problems to Address

- Delivers informal science learning to increase student and teacher knowledge of, and appreciation for science
- In FY 2020, \$200,000 one-time was appropriated for iSEE organizations to serve additional students
- Ongoing funding ensures iSEE continues to serve growing demand from students and teachers

Projected Outcomes and Results

This request:

- Ensures learning experiences will not cost schools or teachers
- Continues improvement in the depth, breadth and quality of iSEE programming

Impact if not Funded

- Outreach efforts, especially to rural school districts, could be curtailed
- Innovation and professional development will be vulnerable

Can the funding be scaled?

Funding can be scaled down, but lower funding levels reduce the number of no cost learning experiences available to K-12 schools and teachers.