STEAM Access Initiative

REMOVING BARRIERS. UNLOCKING POTENTIAL.

CHATHAM-KENT STEAM ACCESS & INNOVATION HUB

A proposed $50,000 community learning project by STEAM Access Initiative

Removing barriers. Unlocking potential. A permanent, affordable space where children can code, build, design, experiment and discover.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Too many families are priced out of high-quality STEAM opportunities. Our goal is to create a welcoming local hub where children can return regularly and build skills in engineering, coding, robotics, AI literacy, creative design and problem-solving.

$50,000
PROPOSED L.E.A.F. INVESTMENT

WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN WHAT ACCESS CAN DO

During four subsidized summer 2026 STEM camp weeks, support helped reduce the family cost from **$199 to $79 per week**. Typical participation of about **25 children per week rose to 75+**, with two weeks exceeding **110 children.**

WHAT THE L.E.A.F. GRANT WOULD BUILD

Robotics & engineering: Reusable kits, build systems and hands-on equipment.
Coding & digital learning: Computers, coding tools and digital learning access.
Makerspace: Tools, storage, workstations and creative prototyping resources.
Permanent learning stations: Less setup and teardown, allowing longer opening hours.
Training & community access: Volunteer/instructor training and expanded programming access.

PROJECT INVESTMENT

Robotics & engineering	**$12,000**
Coding technology	**$10,000**
Makerspace	**$8,000**
Learning space	**$7,000**
Training	**$5,000**
Community access	**$5,000**
Materials	**$3,000**
TOTAL	**$50,000**

IN-KIND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Volunteer board leadership • Curriculum creation & implementation • Program space & setup support • Community outreach & administration • Local sponsorship & fundraising

ACCESS MODEL: $7.99 per session, with confidential assistance to reduce or remove the fee when cost is still a barrier.

EVERY CHILD DESERVES THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN, CREATE AND DISCOVER.

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