



## FY 2021 OJJDP Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative Grantee Profile

# Sea Research Foundation, Inc.

### Program Overview and Background

The overall goal of STEM Mentoring is to positively impact the social development and academic achievement of youth ages 6-10. STEM Mentoring consists of fun, hands-on activities, group projects, and multimedia connections that engage mentors and mentees in a variety of STEM topics, with a particular focus on conservation.



### Program Services


Through weekly group mentoring sessions and additional STEM enrichment activities, youth are exposed to inspiring scientists, engineers, and conservationists, who represent a variety of careers and education pathways. By providing consistent, high-quality, STEM-focused mentoring experiences, STEM Mentoring encourages a reduction in high-risk behaviors, improvement of academic success indicators, and an overall increase in knowledge of and interest in STEM topics and careers for participating youth.

### Target Population

STEM Mentoring targets at-risk youth ages 6-10, who a) live in communities with risk factors such as high rates of poverty, unemployment, violent crime, and/or drug addiction; b) attend schools that have a high percentage of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals and high rates of absenteeism; c) are American Indian or Alaska Native; d) have one or more parents in the military; and/or e) live in rural communities.

### Additional Resources

- Sea Research Foundation, Inc., d/b/a Mystic Aquarium Website: [www.mysticaquarium.org](http://www.mysticaquarium.org)

 **Headquarters:**  
Mystic, CT

 **Founded:** 1973

 **Number of Youth Served:**  
1,152

**Grant:** JJ FY21 Mentoring: Multi State

**Award Number:**  
15PJDP-21-GG-03589

**Award Amount:** \$2,500,000

**Program Mentoring Model:**  
group, peer

### For more information on our OJJDP grant:

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