

Funding Your Robotics Program

You want to add robots to use in your classroom, school, library, or STEM program. You know what you want and are eager to get started. But, how will you find the money to purchase them? Here are some ideas for ways to fund your program.

Funding Tips and Resources

- First, check with your school administration. They may know of funding that is currently available and can direct you to how to access the money.
- Many teachers report that after watching students using Pro-Bot, their school's PTAs will fund the purchase of more. This [Customer Story](#) details how one teacher asked the parent group for 12 Pro-Bots and they gave her funding for 24, plus additional ones in future years!
- Some schools have had success raising funds at school athletic events. [Learn more.](#)
- STEM and Science-Related Grants and Awards may be available to you. Review national offerings, and specific grants available in your state. [Learn more.](#)
- This website lists grant opportunities for funding your school's robotics program. [Learn more.](#)
- Some restaurant chains offer fundraising opportunities for schools. [Learn more.](#)
- Members of the Civil Air Patrol can request a free Bee-Bot/Space Rover STEM kit. It includes a Bee-Bot and a Space Rover. [Membership for educators](#) is a one-time \$35 fee with free renewal. [Learn more about the kit.](#) [How to apply for a STEM kit.](#)
- Businesses in your area may offer grants. Visit their websites to learn what funding might be available.
- Google or ask AI this: What grants for STEM programs are available in [my state]?

Start with one robot as a pilot program. Then, document the learning that is taking place when students use it. How are their curriculum skills developing? How are their problem-solving skills evolving? Keep a journal of what students are doing with the robots to justify adding more to your program. This documentation can be key to gaining funding.