

## Funding Overview

zSpace customers have used various funding sources to provide zSpace labs to their students. Below are common funding sources that a district might consider.

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### Federal Department of Education Title I and II

Many districts use Title I funding for zSpace labs to better serve and engage disadvantaged students. Some districts have also used Title II funds as the zSpace labs can be used for teacher preparation and training in STEAM subjects as well as innovative teaching techniques. As of August 1, 2016 all districts will be under NCLB regulations offering additional flexibility, including school wide programs. After school STEM programs also offer good opportunities for funding either under Title I or 21st century learning referred to below.

### Federal Grants

Grants from federal agencies such as the National Science Foundation (NSF) Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) grant, Department of Education (DOE) 21st Century Community Learning and i3 Innovation Fund represent opportunities for districts to apply for funding for zSpace themselves or with the support of zSpace.

### Federal e-rate Universal Service Fund

e-rate BEAR (Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement) rebates are another possible avenue for zSpace funding as the rebates are not limited to infrastructure and can be spent on anything approved by the e-rate coordinator. A district should check with their e-rate coordinator for possible leverage of e-rate rebates.

### Federal Perkins Career and Technical Education Act

Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act funding has been used by many districts to purchase zSpace labs that focus on the academic and technical achievement of CTE students, particularly in Health Careers. The current funding mission mentions specifically simulation of real work environments, which aligns to the zSpace learning lab.

### Local Bonds

zSpace customers have used local bonds to fund zSpace labs, often associated with new construction, innovation, STEM equipment, facility or infrastructure/technology upgrades.

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## Education Foundations

Districts have also had great success with local community/education foundations, as zSpace brings to the district both a local and global differentiator, enabling the district and community to stand out in the use of education technology and innovation. Private foundations with an education emphasis, like the Carnegie foundation, are also potential avenues for zSpace funding.

## Private Corporate Grants

Corporate grants represent another opportunity for schools to get funding for zSpace labs. Schools can apply for grants themselves or with the support of zSpace. Examples of corporate grants include Best Buy, Toyota and Boeing. zSpace can provide a list of candidate grant sources and facilitate the grant submission for the district if needed.

## Corporate Partners

Community corporate partners are often good sources of funding for zSpace projects. Companies find the innovation, represented by a zSpace lab, aligned to their objectives of supporting STEM initiatives and workforce development. Corporations can also provide content to the zSpace lab enabling learning and branding opportunities.

## University Partners

Local University partners can be a source of funding for zSpace projects. Universities find the innovation, represented by a zSpace lab, aligned to their objectives of encouraging STEM learning and career development. Also, Universities can see direct value in student preparation and engagement in higher level learning. Universities can also provide content to the zSpace lab enabling learning and branding opportunities.

## Operating Funds

With the affordability of the zSpace as a Service offering, some schools and districts have found that they can use available operating funds.

## Capital Funds

Capital funds, often allocated to technology, infrastructure or instructional tools, have also been used to purchase zSpace labs.

## Standardized (High Stakes) Testing

zSpace labs can also be used as a testing lab since zSpace provides a high performance Microsoft Windows computing platform in a controlled environment. Therefore funding for testing labs can also be considered for zSpace labs, where they are utilized for testing when needed and as a STEAM lab the remainder of the year.