



## NGCP Webinar Chat Transcript

### **Unlock Funding for Girls' STEM Programs: AI Tools to Transform Your Grant Finding and Proposal Writing Webinar**

Tracy's Iphone: Tracy Yassini, EmpowHer Institute Los Angeles!

Jessica Sawko, Children Now: Jessica Sawko, Sacramento, CA

Amanda Sullivan: Amanda Sullivan, from NGCP, tuning in from snowy Maryland!

EmmaBarker: Emma Barker, Bay Area Discovery Museum in Sausalito

Kristin Bass: Kristin Bass, Rockman et al Cooperative, here in Berkeley CA

Rebecca Singer: Rebecca Singer, Full STEAM Forward, New York NY

Jessica Short, Dayton Regional STEM Center: Jessica Short, Dayton OH, DO  
STEM Ecosystem

Rita Miller: Rita Miller STARBASE Pensacola

kbennett: Kirby Bennett, Twin Cities PBS, St. Paul, MN

Jenny Trunfio: Jenny Trunfio - Delaware 4-H

Linda Rowland: Linda Rowland, West Chatham ES

Pamela Mallett-Jones: Hello from Pam Mallett-Jones. I am the Coordinator of the  
STEM Mentoring program sponsored by the Stockton branch of AAUW.

Maria Webster: Maria Webster from Science is Elementary. My org is based in  
California, but I'm in Austin, Texas.

Laura Szabados (she/her), Bay Area Discovery Museum: Laura Szabados, Bay Area  
Discovery Museum, Sausalito, CA

Socorro Sperati - ILLUMINDS: Socorro Sperati - ILLUMINDS STEM Education  
Los Angeles, CA

Alison Allen: Alison Allen, Rockman et al Cooperative, Cincinnati, OH

Debra Sabo: Debra Sabo AAUW Tech Trek CA. American Association of University  
Women. Auburn CA

Shane Woods (she/her), Girlstart: Shane Woods, Girlstart (HQ in Tx; Also serving Ca and Ma)

Pooneh Sabouri: Hi, Pooneh Sabouri, from STEP UP program working at FIU in Miami. Florida

Veronica Garcia-Luis: Hello All! Veronica Garcia-Luis, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Exploratorium (SF, CA)

Maggie Ewan - NGCP (she/her): cagirlsstemcollaborative@gmail.com

Brenda Britsch: Hi everyone - Brenda Britsch with NGCP, joining from Portland, OR. Thank you to the CA Girls STEM Collaborative for hosting this!

Joanna Klein: Joanna Klein, University of St. Thomas in ICE OUT! MN

Katrina Struloeff: Grant sourcing

Lisa Rapaszky: finding funders who match our mission

Caroline - Jackson District: Caroline Hurteau, INNOVATE Albion. My AI wish is that I could find highly qualified opportunities on a regular basis with plenty of time to apply

Tracy Yassini, EmpowHer: Prospect research for sure

Taru Malhotra (she/her): Reacted to "finding funders who ..." with 👍

Veronica Garcia-Luis: Help clean up data sets accurately

Megan : Megan Walker, Asheville Museum of Science

Linda Rowland: Sources

Rita Miller: a list of partners in STEM

EmmaBarker: prospect research, including IDing key contacts

KPederson: Hi everyone! It's Kristin Pederson and Katie Hessen from Twin Cities PBS in Saint Paul. Agreeing with Joanna's comment!

Megan : How can AI help us as a small organization

Joanna Klein: Reacted to "Hi everyone! It's Kr..." with ❤️

Essenam from Self-eSTEM: Just summarize all my work - websites visited - things downloaded - generally everything I did on my laptop during the day and give me a summary

Jessica Sawko, Children Now: Adapting proposals for one funder based on a proposal for another funder that modifies it to meet the funder criteria, without changing our deliverable so much that we have to do another chunk of work.

Cindy Dabbs Phillips: Cindy Phillips Arkansas 4-H Tech Changemakers Team and STEM

Taru Malhotra (she/her): Hi everyone, Taru Malhotra Pal.STEM4girls.

Veronica Garcia-Luis: Will this webinar recording be shared with us?

Veronica Garcia-Luis: Reacted to "Will this webinar re..." with 👍

Courtenay Carr Heuer Clackamas: If you would like to sign up to get California Girls STEM Collaborative resources you can scroll to the bottom to the sign up form:  
<https://ngcproject.org/about/collaboratives/california-girls-stem-collaborative>

Maggie Ewan - NGCP (she/her): Introduction to Generative AI | Google  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2fqAlmoPo>

Jessica Sawko, Children Now: I love that - I've never heard that phrase - before there was doom scrolling there was hope searching. That really speaks to me as someone who was around when the internet became a part of every day work!

Brenda Britsch: Reacted to "I love that - I've n..." with ❤️

Amanda Sullivan: Reacted to "I love that - I've n..." with ❤️

Lisa Regalla: Reacted to "I love that - I've n..." with ❤️

Maggie Ewan - NGCP (she/her): Federal, state, and private foundation grants available in [year] for a nonprofit that provides [mission] to [people] in [service area].

Maggie Ewan - NGCP (she/her): I work with a nonprofit that provides [mission] to [people] in [service area]. Please provide a list of current or upcoming grant opportunities in [year] that align with this mission and geographic focus. Include federal, state, and private foundations where possible. Only include opportunities that match this type of organization. For each opportunity, include the grant funder name, description, eligibility, scope, deadline, and website links if available.

Joe Witte: Thanks for putting this together. Nice demo.

Maggie Ewan - NGCP (she/her): Tools for Smarter Prospecting

Perplexity <<https://www.perplexity.ai/>>

is an AI-powered conversational search engine that provides real-time, accurate answers with citations

Instrumentl <<https://www.instrumentl.com/>>

helps users identify relevant funders, track and manage funding opportunities, and stay on top of deadlines.

CharityGPT <<https://www.charitygpt.io/>>

is a specialized tool for donor management, personalized communication, and administrative efficiency. It assists in drafting fundraising content, analyzing data, and automating supporter engagement

DonorSearch <<https://www.donorsearch.net/>>

is a leading AI-driven prospect research and wealth screening tool for nonprofits, helping identify high-capacity donors through data analytics

ChatGPT <<https://chatgpt.com/>>

is a conversational generative AI chatbot developed by OpenAI that uses large language models to generate human-like text, code, and images

I welcome memes (2):            Only chatGPT they've been useful in polishing sentences

Tracy Yassini, EmpowHer:    Claude.ai is fantastic

Evena Shu:    Gemini

Maggie Ewan - NGCP (she/her):    Claude also has a nonprofit rate now

Laura O'Malley:            Have used Chat GOT to tighten up my verbage.

Maria Webster:            I also have been using Claude to assist with grantwriting.

Frances McIntire-Freeman:    Chat is what I have used

Maggie Ewan - NGCP (she/her):    I am going to paste a Grant Solicitation. Please act as a senior grant consultant and provide:

A 3-sentence summary of the program.

The maximum grant amount and the deadline.

A list of all required attachments.

Any eligibility restrictions (e.g., geographic or organizational type)."

Maria Webster:            Replying to "I am going to paste ..."

Thank you for pasting in the texts from the presentation. It's really helping my note-taking!

Maggie Ewan - NGCP (she/her): Reacted to "Thank you for pastin..." with ❤️

Clea Matson: Reacted to "Thank you for pastin..." with ❤️

Rebecca Singer Full STEAM Forward: Reacted to "Thank you for pastin..." with ❤️

Frances McIntire-Freeman: Wow, this great

Tracy Yassini, EmpowHer: Always ask "is this factual?"

Pooneh Sabouri: Sadly I have an overlapping meeting, and have to jump out. Thank for recording the webinar, this is an invaluable resource.

Lisa Regalla: Are certain AI tools better than others for some of these purposes (e.g. Mock reviewer)?

Kristin Bass: Reacted to "Always ask "is this ..." with 👍

Kristin Bass: Replying to "Always ask "is this ..."

Yes! And confirm that any scientific papers you may want to cite are real. Hallucinated references would be a huge red flag in a proposal.

Tracy Yassini, EmpowHer: ChatGPT is much better with tables/budgets, Claude.ai learns your voice and doesn't have typical AI patterns.

Debra Sabo: if funding by an organization has done only a handful of grants, is AI less valuable?

Maria Webster: I find that AI does not count characters correctly.

Lisa Rapaszky: Reacted to "I find that AI does ..." with 👍

Rebecca Singer Full STEAM Forward: Replying to "I find that AI does ..."

I have that issue as well! Don't understand why

Maria Webster: Replying to "I find that AI does ..."

It can still be helpful to reduce wording, but you have to verify. It can help to remind it to count punctuation and spaces.

Anita Lyndaker-Studer:        Replying to "I find that AI does ..."

With the word count, I have to specifically say less than certain # of characters... for some reason likes that language better

Frances McIntire-Freeman:    When I have experienced more than I need word or character count and it would change for me

Rebecca Singer Full STEAM Forward:        Reacted to "With the word count,..." with 👍

Joanna Klein: Are you seeing any funders prohibiting use of AI - journals do...

Tracy Yassini, EmpowHer:    I've seen explicit instructions to not use it recently

Maria Webster:        Reacted to "With the word count,..." with 👍

Frances McIntire-Freeman:    I have seen a small few who have asked to be transparent about using it to make sure it is use only as a tool for corrections

Joanna Klein: Reacted to "I have seen a small ..." with 👍

Rebecca Singer Full STEAM Forward:        Do you have any thoughts on the importance of adding citations to proposal? If we write "Studies have shown..." do we have to cite the study? Asking because, with strict character counts, citations can take up valuable space.

Joanna Klein: Reacted to "I've seen explicit i..." with 👍

Kristen Dean: I usually keep a list of citations in case the funder asks for my sources, unless explicitly requested in the application instructions.

Veronica Garcia-Luis: Reacted to "I usually keep a list..." with ❤️

Maria Webster:        Replying to "Do you have any thou..."

We use bit.ly links rather than academic citations.

Lisa Rapaszky:        Reacted to "I usually keep a list..." with 👍

Kristin Bass:    Reacted to "I usually keep a list..." with 👍

Rebecca Singer Full STEAM Forward:        Reacted to "We use bit.ly links ..." with 👍

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Joe Witte: This is SO helpful

Maggie Ewan - NGCP (she/her): <https://help.openai.com/en/articles/9358033-key-guidelines-for-writing-instructions-for-custom-gpts>

Pamela Mallett-Jones: This presentation should be 3 separate sessions with maybe time between to practice those skills. I am a neophyte and finding this overwhelming.

Anita Lyndaker-Studer: how does using ChatGPT online compare with using it in a software program like Microsoft?

I welcome memes (2): Reacted to "Thank you for pastin..." with ❤️

I welcome memes (2): Replying to "I am going to paste ..."

Thank you so much!!!! It's been very helpful.

Debra Sabo: Will you send us the link to the Zoom recording? To our email?

Courtenay Carr Heuer Clackamas: Yes

Maggie Ewan - NGCP (she/her): Yes, we will send the recording, slides, and resources out early next week.

Taru Malhotra (she/her) PhD (Pal.STEM4girls): Reacted to "Yes, we will send th..." with 👍

Maggie Ewan - NGCP (she/her): Building GPTs the right way - 20 custom instructions included

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ah-BO5A8On8>

"Best way to get my custom GPT to follow my writing style":

[https://www.reddit.com/r/ChatGPTPro/comments/1fs8z86/best\\_way\\_to\\_get\\_chatgt\\_to\\_follow\\_my\\_writing\\_style/](https://www.reddit.com/r/ChatGPTPro/comments/1fs8z86/best_way_to_get_chatgt_to_follow_my_writing_style/)

5 prompt frameworks:

<https://www.thepromptwarrior.com/p/5-prompt-frameworks-level-prompts>

Dale McCreedy,TNGC: Cassie - so appreciate this and your presentation was so clear! Thanks to California Girls Collaborative for sharing!

Courtenay Carr Heuer Clackamas: Reacted to "Cassie - so apprecia..." with ❤️

Brenda Britsch: Reacted to "Cassie - so apprecia..." with ❤️

Debra Sabo: Thank you. Very helpful.

Taru Malhotra (she/her) PhD (Pal.STEM4girls): Reacted to "Cassie - so apprecia..." with ❤️

Frances McIntire-Freeman: Thank you Cassie!! So much love!!

Rita Miller: Cassie, a wonderful presentation! So glad to get it recorded 😊 Thank you

Tracy Yassini, EmpowHer: So valuable!!! Thank you!

Linda Rowland: Thank you, this was very helpful.

Taru Malhotra (she/her) PhD (Pal.STEM4girls): Thanks so much,

Katrina Struloeff: Thank you for all the info.

While it was fast it helps get out feet wet

Kaye Crawford: Awesome. Thank you for presenting!

Kristen Dean: Thank you!

Amanda Sullivan: This was a great presentation! I learned so much from you!

Bob Craig, PhD: Thank you so very much!

Kim Wright: Thank You for of the information shared

Rebecca Singer Full STEAM Forward: I have used the projects section of ChatGPT to write grants. If I now create my own GPT can I ask it to use our past interactions as part of its knowledge

Joanna Klein: Thanks!

Cindy Dabbs Phillips: Thank You, this will be so helpful!

Brenda Britsch: Thank you Cassie! This was very helpful.

Laura O'Malley: Amazing help! So excited to create my own GPT advisor.

Joe Witte: THANK YOU SO MUCH, LOOKING FORWARD TO THE RECORDING TO GO STEP BY STEP

Veronica Garcia-Luis: Wonderful overview and how to's Cassie 🥰

Cassie Byrd: Reacted to "Wonderful overview a..." with ❤️

Dale McCreedy, TNGC: Reacted to "THANK YOU SO MUCH, L..." with 👍

Laura O'Malley: How do we access the recording of this webinar to listen to it again?

Lisa Regalla: I need to run but thank you so much for this helpful information!

Maggie Ewan - NGCP (she/her): It will be emailed to you and we'll post to [ngcproject.org](https://ngcproject.org) too.

Cassie Byrd: Thanks everyone, for joining! Happy Prospecting!

Amy Kamarainen Mayne Island Conservancy: You might have mentioned--Do the data in the custom GPT still feed into the general training of Chat GPT?

Kelly Hirsch: Thank you so much for a very informative presentation

Lisa Rapaszky: Can the custom GPT be created in the free version?

Jessica Sawko, Children Now: That was my question

kbennett: How does ChatGPT compare with Microsoft Copilot?

Amy Kamarainen Mayne Island Conservancy: Reacted to "How does ChatGPT com..." with 👍

Rebecca Singer Full STEAM Forward: Thank you so much Cassie. Very helpful!!

Anita Lyndaker-Studer: Thanks so much for everything, very helpful!

Courtenay Carr Heuer: Thank you all for joining us today!

Courtenay Carr Heuer: Look out for future webinars through our California Girls STEM Collaborative Newsletter.

Lisa Rapaszky: What product is this?

Courtenay Carr Heuer: You can sign up to receive here:  
<https://ngcproject.org/about/collaboratives/california-girls-stem-collaborative>

Amy Kamarainen Mayne Island Conservancy: Can you show how you trace where the data it provides has come from?

Laura O'Malley: How to view this again?

Maria Webster: Thank you all of this information!

Maggie Ewan - NGCP (she/her): Replying to "How to view this aga..."

Hi Laura, we'll email it and it will be on [ngcproject.org](https://ngcproject.org) (early next week)

Laura O'Malley: Thank you so much!

Frances McIntire-Freeman: By Courtney and Cassie!!

Essenam from Self-eSTEM: Thank you