Focus on Funding is a newsletter published by the St. Louis Community College Office of Institutional Development (OID). It features external funding opportunities available from federal, state, local and private funding sources, as well as other news. For more information about the OID and services provided by staff, please contact Castella Henderson, Director, at 314/539-5354, or visit the OID web page at: http://www.stlcc.edu/odweb/.

Grant Opportunities

Informal Science Education (National Science Foundation)

The Informal Science Education (ISE) program seeks to support activities at the frontiers of informal science learning that will advance the state-of-the-art by furthering a cycle of advancing knowledge and improving practice.

ISE supports projects that directly target public audiences for self-directed STEM learning, such as permanent and traveling exhibitions; films; television and radio series; Web-based projects; citizen science programs; and youth and community programs. In addition, ISE supports projects that target professionals to further knowledge and the implementation of practice, such as through research studies, conferences, formation of networks, and professional development.

ISE strongly encourages proposals that demonstrate the following characteristics:

- **Strategic Impact.** By identifying and influencing a leverage point for advancing the field in a meaningful way, a project can extend its impact beyond the lifetime of the grant or the project deliverables.
- **Collaboration.** Organizations should seek to extend project impacts through leveraging the respective competencies of partners having complementary resources and expertise.
- **Innovation.** ISE seeks to fund projects at the frontiers of informal science education that will advance the field.

**Deadlines:** Mandatory Preliminary Proposals - March 18, 2005; Full Proposals - June 13, 2005

Please Note: Submission of proposals for planning grants and conference/workshop grants may be done at any time.

Summer Schools in the Arts (National Endowment for the Arts)

The National Endowment for the Arts’ Summer Schools in the Arts grant program supports rigorous, challenging summer arts education programs that enable children and youth to acquire knowledge and skills in the arts as well as gain lifelong interests in the arts and culture. A summer school in the arts is one that:

- Provides summer instruction in one or more arts disciplines.
- Serves children and youth generally between the ages of 5 and 18. As part of this program, grantees will be required to participate in an evaluation and assessment training workshop.
- Offers a comprehensive curriculum where participants actively create and/or perform as

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Faculty and Staff Kudos

A number of faculty and staff members have been awarded grants and contracts over the past few months. Project Directors, sources, grant amounts, and descriptions for recent awards include:

**Con Christeson, Missouri Campus Compact, $3,500.** A grant for a service learning project to connect St. Louis Community College students with residents of a transitional housing project.

**Donna Halsband, Missouri Campus Compact, $5,000.** A districtwide grant to implement the Civic Engagement Planning group, in which faculty at the three campuses are mentored in service-learning and civic engagement best practices.

**Cecelia Luecking, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, $20,000.** A grant to expand and enhance early childhood education services at the Florissant Valley Child Development Laboratory Center.

**Earline Powell, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, $20,000.** A grant to expand and enhance early childhood education services at the Meramec Child Care Center.

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as well as respond to the arts.

- Culminates in public performances, exhibitions, or other demonstrations of the participants’ achievements in the arts.
- Measures the extent to which students gain knowledge and skills according to national, state, or local arts education standards through pre- and post-assessment tests.
- Offers instruction to the same group of students over a minimum of 90 contact hours.
- May provide free or subsidized tuition for students of limited financial resources.

Awards will range from $15,000 to $35,000. Public institutions of higher education are eligible to apply. Organizations are limited to one Statement of Interest and, if invited, one application.

**Deadlines:** Mandatory Statement of Interest is due May 23, 2005. It is anticipated that no more than 100 organizations will be invited to submit formal applications. Formal application is due September 12, 2005.

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