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

Opportunities

Entrepreneurship Awareness and Education Grant (The Coleman Foundation and the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship)

The Coleman Foundation is accepting proposals from any U.S. community, junior, or technical college for participation in the Entrepreneurship Awareness and Education Grant program. Funds may be used to start or significantly expand entrepreneurship education through innovation that focuses on any of the following areas:

- Developing, deepening or expanding entrepreneurship for-credit programs
- Cross-curriculum entrepreneurship education in disciplines such as medicine, law, architecture, engineering, psychology or veterinary science
- Entrepreneurship courses or programs targeting performing arts, non-performing arts or other art-related studies

EAEG defines entrepreneurship as “self-employment through business ownership, which has significant elements of risk, control and reward.” The objective is to facilitate the implementation of cutting edge, forward-thinking entrepreneurship education initiatives by covering direct costs associated with new or significantly expanded programs which may include populations that might otherwise not be exposed to the concept and option of self-employment. Proposals focusing on general business education, free enterprise or economics do not qualify. The Coleman Foundation has allocated $250,000 for 10 grants in the amount of $25,000 for this year’s competition.

Deadline: May 1, 2004

Advancing Community College Careers: Education, Scholarship and Service

A new professional development and mentoring opportunity for community college math faculty has been launched by the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) and the Mathematical Association of America with support from ExxonMobil. Project ACCCESS (Advancing Community College Careers: Education, Scholarship and Service) will support 30 fellowships each year for three years for new or recently hired faculty. The goal is to develop a cadre of faculty who are effective teachers and who engage in a full range of professional activities in the mathematics community. Project ACCCESS events will begin with a pre-AMATYC Conference workshop in November 2004. See www.maa.org/ProjectACCCESS/ for more information. Application materials are available online.

Deadline: July 1, 2004
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:

Ashok Agrawal, Middlesex County College/National Science Foundation, $30,701. A grant to the Florissant Valley campus to participate in the National Engineering Technology Education Clearinghouse (N-ETEC), part of the new Jersey Center for Advanced Technological Education.

Jane Boyle, St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment, $119,787. A contract to provide recruitment, placement and retention services at the Metropolitan Education and Training (MET) Center.

Jeanne Edwards, Central Missouri State University, $5,100. A grant for the Florissant Valley campus to provide technical assistance to schools with early childhood education programs.

Congratulations!

Opportunities
The Horace Mann Scholarship Program for Educators
The Horace Mann Scholarship Program for Educators, a philanthropic program of the Horace Mann Educators Corporation, provides funds to help public and private school teachers continue their education.

The program offers thirty-six scholarships totaling $30,000. Scholarships may be used to cover tuition, fees, and other educational expenses.

Eligibility: an applicant must be an educator employed by a U.S. public or private school district or U.S. public or private college/university and currently enrolled or planning to enter a two- or four-year accredited college or university. The applicant must have a minimum of two years' teaching experience.

Complete program guidelines and an online application form are available at the Horace Mann Web site.

https://www.horacemann.com/edscholarship/

Deadline: May 15, 2004

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