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 our staff, please contact Castella Henderson, Director, at 314/539-5354, or visit the OID web page at: http://www.stlcc.edu/odweb/.

Grant Opportunities

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Comprehensive Program (U.S. Department of Education)

The Comprehensive program is a discretionary grant award program of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE). The program supports innovative reform projects that hold promise as models for the resolution of important issues and problems in postsecondary education. Grants made under this program are expected to contribute new information in educational practice that can be shared with others. According to the FIPSE web page, guidelines for an upcoming competition will be published in mid-May, with the deadline for submission of a single full proposal at the end of June. No information is available yet on the number or size of grants to be funded in the upcoming cycle.

Estimated Deadline: June 28, 2006

For more information, contact the SLCC Office of Institutional Development (OID): 539-5354

Carnegie-Whitney Awards (American Library Association)

The Carnegie-Whitney Awards have been established to provide grants for the preparation and publication of popular or scholarly reading lists, indexes and other guides to library resources that will be useful to users of all types of libraries.

The grants may be used for print and electronic projects of varying lengths. Grants are awarded to individuals, official units of the American Library Association (including committees), and other groups affiliated with the American Library Association.

Funded projects have ranged from popular, general-reader proposals such as “ReadMore,” a reading list for Missouri’s state-wide reading program, to more specialized, scholarly proposals such as “Librarianship and Information Science in the Islamic World, 1966–1999: An Annotated Bibliography.”

Grants of up to $5,000 are awarded annually; the number and amount of grants vary.

Deadline: November 5, 2006

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Faculty and Staff Kudos

SLCC receives external funding for a variety of projects and programs. Project directors, sources, grant amounts, and descriptions for some of the recent awards are as follows:

Steve Long, Missouri Department of Transportation, $200,000. A grant to continue support of the Construction Prep Center which provides pre-apprenticeship construction training services to participants at the MET Center.

Jaime Torres, International Consortium for Education and Economic Development, $4,000. A grant to fund a visit by SLCC International Education staff to begin exploring a collaboration with two Mexican colleges: Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara-Universidad en la Comunidad and Universidad Tecnologia de Leon.

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Ameren Community Development Corporation Grants for Missouri

In 2003, AmerenUE, in partnership with the State of Missouri and the Missouri Public Service Commission, announced the creation of the Ameren Community Development Corporation (AmerenCDC), a unique, not-for-profit, public-private partnership dedicated to addressing critical economic development initiatives across AmerenUE’s 20,000 square mile electric service area in Missouri. The AmerenCDC is the result of the joint Electric Rate Settlement of 2002 between AmerenUE and the Missouri Public Service Commission. To date, the AmerenCDC has distributed $5.4 million in grants to economic development projects that promote job creation and economic growth in the State of Missouri.

The Ameren Community Development Corporation has formally announced two economic development grant cycles for 2006. Successful applicants must demonstrate how AmerenCDC funding will assist the direct creation and/or retention of employment and employment opportunities by the named entity in the application. Past grants have ranged from $35,000 to $250,000, and have included projects such as the St. Louis Regional Automotive Partnership, the expansion of Biomedical Research Facilities at St. Louis University, and the St. Louis Black Leadership Roundtable’s Center for the Acceleration of African American Business.

Deadlines: May 1, 2006 and October 2, 2006.

For more information on funding opportunities listed, call the Office of Institutional Development at 539-5354.