FOCUS ON FUNDING
News and Notes from the SLCC Office of Development
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Focus on Funding is a newsletter published by the St. Louis Community College Office of 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 Development and services provided by staff, please contact Castella Henderson, Director of Development at 314/539-5354.

Grant Opportunities

Community Outreach Partnership Centers (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development)

Community Outreach Partnership Centers (COPC) program provides competitive 2- to 3-year grants of up to $400,000 to institutions of higher education to establish and operate Community Outreach Partnership Centers (COPCs). COPC grants must be used in urban areas. Each COPC grantee addresses at least three of the following issues in the targeted community: local housing, infrastructure, economic development, neighborhood revitalization, health care, crime, or planning. Grantees may contribute to resolving these issues by applying research to urban problems, coordinating outreach efforts with neighborhood groups and residents, acting as a local information exchange, galvanizing support for neighborhood revitalization, developing public service projects and instructional programs, and collaborating with other partnership centers. Examples of activities that successful COPCs have undertaken include:

- Job training and counseling to reduce unemployment.
- Resident-backed strategies to spur economic growth and reduce crime.
- Local initiatives to combat housing discrimination and homelessness.
- Mentoring programs for neighborhood youth.
- Financial and technical assistance for new businesses.

Available Funds: $6.1 million to fund 16 new grants. Matching funds are required.
Deadline: June 20, 2002

Cooperative Grants Program Mini-Grants (NAFSA: Association of International Educators)

NAFSA mini-grants, part of the Cooperative Grants Program (COOP), support creative projects involving post-secondary international and U.S. Study abroad students in U.S.-based campuses and communities. Projects should encourage students to become involved in U.S. culture and society apart from their study/research programs; enhance prior and post-departure experiences for U.S. study abroad students; and stimulate interaction between students, communities, faculty, and universities.

Funds Available: up to $2,000 per grant
**Deadlines:** Quarterly. Next deadline is July 1, 2002.

**For more information** about these or other funding sources, contact Lucia Miller, Academic Grant Writer in the Office of Development at the Cosand Center: 314/539-5328.

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**Focus on Foundations**

**Lumina Foundation for Education**

Lumina Foundation for Education is a private, charitable foundation dedicated to expanding access to higher education nationwide. They award grants for research, innovative programs and projects, and disseminate information, all in an effort to encourage more Americans to attain an education beyond high school.

Lumina Foundation for Education has three theme areas:

- Addressing the issue of **financial access** to postsecondary education.
- Supporting efforts that help postsecondary students identify appropriate options and **remain in school** to attain their educational objectives.
- Understanding and addressing the challenges faced by **nontraditional students**, including adult students, first-generation college goers and under-served groups of students.

Specifically, the Lumina Foundation funds programs that present innovative and practical approaches to overcoming challenges to access and attainment. Lumina Foundation has no deadlines. Initial approach is in the form of a letter of inquiry. Full proposals are submitted upon invitation.

Lumina Foundation commissions and sponsors research on educational access and improvement. To share the results of this research with the higher education community, policy-makers and the public, the Foundation has several avenues of communication including a newsletter, research reports, books and other publications. More information can be found on their website at http://www.luminafoundation.org/.

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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 for recent awards include:

**Jane Boyle**—*St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment*, $1,037,937. A contract with St. Louis Community College for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Programs.

**Jeanne Edwards**—*Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*, $33,108. A grant for the Florissant Valley Campus to participate in the School Age Technical Assistance Coordination Program.

**Chaya Gopalan**—*Human Anatomy and Physiology Society (HAPS)*, $1,418.90. A grant to introduce research techniques to facilitate the understanding and
exploration of neuroanatomical and physiological relationships for students at the Florissant Valley campus.

**Dianne Lee**—*Sun Microsystems, $46,440.* A grant to the Information Systems Department on the Forest Park campus to participate in the Sun Microsystems Equipment Matching grant program.

**Pam MacIntyre**—*Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, $115,660.* A grant to St. Louis Community College to continue and expand an Adult Education and Literacy program for seven school districts.

*Congratulations!*