FOCUS ON FUNDING

News and Notes from the SLCC Office of Institutional Development
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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.

Grant Opportunities

“By the People” Community College Grants
(MacNeil/Lehrer Productions)

MacNeil Lehrer Productions is sponsoring a grant competition that provides an opportunity for community colleges to engage the public in informed dialogue about America’s role in the world. By the People’s goal is to create a wide range of opportunities for citizens to debate and discuss the necessary trade-offs and compromises involved in making foreign policy decisions. In order to attract new voices to this dynamic public conversation, BTP attempts to frame foreign policy issues in terms of the values and priorities that speak to American’s foremost concerns.

By the People invites community colleges to submit proposals detailing plans for campus activities to take place in the fall of 2004. Activities must be completed by December 31, 2004. BTP will provide grants of up to $2,500 each to conduct local dialogues and events related to the theme of America’s role in the world. BTP seeks to encourage creativity and innovation in the local events, which are required to promote dialogue and include a diversity of opinions. Examples of eligible activities include discussion forums, workshops, teach-ins and panel discussions. Proposals should include:

- Specific goals and strategies that connect foreign policy issues to local concerns
- An evaluation component
- A plane that engages a diverse range of people and perspectives
- A cost effective budget
- Online or web-based components.

DEADLINE: July 16, 2004 (Grant recipients to be announced July 30, 2004)

For more information, contact the SLCC Office of Institutional Development at 539-5354.

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:

Michael Holmes/Jim Monahan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, $125,000. A two-year grant to the Harrison Education Center of the Forest Park campus to participate in the Brownfields Job Training Program.

Chaya Gopalan, Human Anatomy and Physiology Society, $1,500. A grant to to facilitate the understanding and exploration of neuroanatomical and physiological relationships for students in the biology research lab at the Florissant Valley campus.

Congratulations!
What is the Office of Institutional Development at St. Louis Community College?

For those faculty and staff who are new to St. Louis Community College, and may not be familiar with the Office of Institutional Development, we offer the following information about our office’s role and responsibilities.

The Office of Institutional Development (OID)—located on the 6th floor of the Cosand Center—provides districtwide leadership and support to faculty and staff in acquiring funding outside of the primary sources (tuition, state appropriations, and local property taxes). External funding allows the College to advance its mission and better serve our students and the community. Our goals are to:

- Develop and implement a comprehensive institutional development agenda consistent with the mission-driven goals of the College
- Acquire external funds to meet the strategic planning goals of the College
- Provide leadership and coordination in developing external resources through proposal development
- Identify appropriate and relevant funding opportunities, and match these opportunities with unmet institutional needs

Specifically, the OID provides the following types of services districtwide:

- Identify relevant funding sources at the federal, state and local level to support the strategic planning directions and goals of the College, and publicize these sources to the College community
- Plan/develop/coordinate proposals to funding agencies
- Establish, coordinate, and monitor restricted College scholarship/loan funds, and publicize scholarship/loan funds to the College community
- Coordinate cash and non-cash donations to the college that require operational monitoring
- Conduct budget negotiations with funding agencies, and review all contracts and agreements with funding agencies
- Provide assistance to College faculty or staff who serve as project directors of externally funded projects
- Monitor restricted grants/contracts/agreements awarded to the College to ensure regulatory compliance

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you’d like more information about the opportunities listed in this publication, please contact the Office of Institutional Development, located on the 6th floor of the Cosand Center:

539-5354

For more grant opportunities and related information, check our website

http://www.stlcc.edu/odweb/