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

Research Grant (Council of North Central Two-Year Colleges/The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association)

The Council of North Central Two-Year Colleges/The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association offer grant awards of up to $3,000 for research studies that have a regionwide interest and/or impact upon the teaching and learning process. Proposals must demonstrate the regionwide need for Council financial support, outline a plan of action including scope and methodology, as well as including a timeline for research activity.

Deadline: September 1, 2006

Leadership Grants for Higher Education Professionals (The Spelman & Johnson Group)

The Spelman & Johnson Group (SJG) is a higher education leadership recruitment firm. SJG is launching a grant program to support institutions in their ongoing efforts to develop and nurture leaders at all levels. SJG is offering 15 mini-grants to institutions, programs, or departments that support leadership development of professionals within higher education. Defining, identifying, and nurturing leaders are critical priorities of higher education. The ability to attract and retain administrative, executive, and academic talent—from faculty, to administrators, to provosts and presidents, is essential to succession planning and to setting institutional goals for the next decade and beyond.

Grant applications will be considered from any accredited institution of higher education—two-year or four-year. The application submission should clearly outline and include:

- The amount of grant funds requested;
- How the grant will be used;
- How the funds will support the development of leadership skills of the professionals involved;
- The anticipated benefits to the institution.

Grant awards must be used to support professional leadership development for individuals committed to careers within higher education. Grants may be used for seminars, conference attendance, guest speaker fees, research projects, or other related proposals.

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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:

Ashok Agrawal/Lorna Finch, U.S. Department of Labor, $317,440. A congressional earmark grant to provide training for dislocated and incumbent workers in essential foundation skill sets required by modern manufacturing operations.

Jane Boyle, St. Louis County Department of Human Services, $138,637. Additional funding on a contract to provide employment services to dislocated workers from American, Delta, United and U.S. Airways airlines in the St. Louis area.

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Grant awards will range from $500 to $1,500. The maximum amount of any single grant is $1,500. Grantees will be asked to submit a brief report on the outcomes of the leadership development program and to report how the program met the anticipated outcomes for those involved. Information about the successful grantees, their institutions, and the leadership development programs that receive grants will be shared widely.

DEADLINE: August 15, 2006

Paul P. Fidler Research Grant (National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition)

The National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition seeks proposals for the 2006-2007 Paul P. Fidler Research Grant. The grant program is designed to encourage the development and dissemination of knowledge that has potential to improve the experiences of college students in transition. The competition is open to faculty, and staff who plan to conduct research on issues of college student transitions. The award includes a $5,000 cash stipend, travel to two national conferences, and priority consideration for publication. Proposals must:

- Focus on issues related to college student transitions.
- Clearly articulate a strong research design.
- Include research that can be completed and ready for presentation by November 2007.

DEADLINE: June 1, 2006

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