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

Grant Opportunities

Grants for Teaching and Learning Resources and Curriculum Development (National Endowment for the Humanities)

Grants for Teaching and Learning Resources and Curriculum Development support projects that improve specific areas of humanities education and serve as national models of excellence. Projects must draw upon scholarship in the humanities and use scholars and teachers as advisers. NEH is especially interested in projects that offer solutions to problems frequently encountered by teachers.

Projects may:

- help schools, colleges, and universities develop (or revise) and implement significant humanities programs, curricula, courses, and materials for teaching and learning; or
- develop materials and tools for classrooms that enhance the acquisition of advanced knowledge and understanding of the humanities, especially materials that apply to digital technologies.

Support is available for two types of projects: curriculum development and materials development. Since they have different goals and products, applicants should choose carefully the type of grant most appropriate for their proposed project.

- **Curriculum development projects** typically bring together faculty within an institution or from cooperating schools, colleges, and universities to prepare, implement, and evaluate new or revised curricula that can serve as models for humanities teachers nationwide. These projects often involve collaboration among schools and institutions of higher education or organizations such as libraries or museums and regional and national consortia.

- **Materials development projects** involve groups of teachers and scholars working collaboratively to create resources, such as sourcebooks, document collections, or teaching guides on specific humanities topics and texts. The development of the materials should have a significant impact on humanities instruction nationwide. Such materials may use print or electronic formats, but the preparation of traditional textbooks is ineligible for funding.

Projects must produce specific teaching and learning resources and include plans for maintaining or expanding the results of the grant after the funding ends.

As part of a project, applicants may design,
Faculty and Staff Kudos
Many exciting SLCC grant projects have been funded during the summer of 2005! Project directors, sources, grant amounts, and descriptions for just a few of the recent awards include:

Jeanne Edwards, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, $50,000. A grant to enhance the quality of childcare offered in the St. Louis Community College service area by supplying programs and services to individuals who provide care for young children.

David Hanlon, Missouri Arts Council, $1,115 and Regional Arts Commission, $2,000. Two grants to support the exhibit “Manhattan and Ground Zero: Photographs by Joel Meyerowitz” at the Meramec campus Art Gallery.

Michael Holmes, Washington University/National Science Foundation, $107,170. A grant for the Forest Park campus to participate in the St. Louis Center for Inquiry in Science Teaching and Learning, a program designed to prepare students from underrepresented populations for teaching science.

Lori Thompson, Missouri Botanical Garden’s Earthways Center/St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management, A districtwide grant for consulting services to develop recycling education programs and implement collection improvements.

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produce, and test interactive educational software and other electronic technologies.

Projects involving digital materials must run on multiple platforms and must include provisions for long-term access and maintenance.

DEADLINE: October 14, 2005 (for projects that begin in April 2006).

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

The Office of Institutional Development will hold our monthly CAMPUS OFFICE HOURS in September as follows:

Meramec: 1st Wednesday
September 7, 2:30 – 4:00
BA 123J

Forest Park: 2nd Thursday
September 8, 2:30 – 4:00
Executive Dean’s Conference Room F-234

Florissant Valley: 3rd Tuesday
September 20, 2:30 – 4:00
Training Center Room 109

If you have questions about funding opportunities or the grants process, please stop by! Office hours are time set aside for informal discussion with staff members from our office. We look forward to meeting new faculty and staff as well as seeing old friends.