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

Project Reach (American Association of Community Colleges)

The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) has announced a national grant competition for Project Reach: Service Inclusion for Community College Students. Eight community colleges will be selected to create model programs that (1) provide service learning opportunities for community college students with disabilities to enhance employment skills, increase career options, and improve their sense of self-efficacy; (2) offer training in service learning and disability support services to faculty, staff, and administrators and integrate service learning in various disciplines with a focus on including student service learners with disabilities; and (3) participate in a national disability support services survey with dissemination through conferences, and publications. This effort is made possible with the support of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), whose mission is “to provide opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to engage in service that addresses our nation's educational, public safety, environmental and other human needs.” Applicants must be member institutions.

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

Meramec: 1st Wednesday
October 5, 2:30 – 4:00
BA 123J

Forest Park: 2nd Thursday
October 13, 2:30 – 4:00
Executive Dean’s Conference Room
F-234

Florissant Valley: 4th Tuesday (this month only because of staff development day)
October 25, 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.
Faculty and Staff Kudos
The following SLCC projects have been funded recently. Project directors, sources, grant amounts, and descriptions for just a few of the recent awards include:

**Marsha Bonds, Area Resource for Community and Human Services (ARCHS), $86,900.** A grant to the North County CARES Initiative, based on the Florissant Valley campus, to support the development of healthy children, families and communities in North and South St. Louis County.

**Jane Boyle, St. Louis County Department of Human Services, $95,000.** A grant to provide employment-related workshops at the North Oaks, Deer Creek, South County and Florissant Career Center locations and the St. Louis County Library locations.

**Paul Roberts and Janie Bedwell, Missouri Department of Conservation, $10,000.** A grant to assist with tree pruning on the Meramec campus.

**Kathleen Swyers, Association of American Colleges and Universities, $1,500.** A minigrant for planning and developing HIV education initiatives on the Forest Park campus.

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL!