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Grant Opportunities

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Comprehensive Program (U.S. Department of Education)
The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Comprehensive Program provides grants to support innovative reform projects that promise to be models for the solution of problems in postsecondary education.

According to last year’s guidelines, the following characteristics make the Comprehensive Program unique among federal programs:

- It is inclusive—all nonprofit institutions offering postsecondary education are eligible. Grants may be in support of any academic discipline, program or student support service.

- It is action-oriented—the program supports a wide range of practical reform initiatives and assists grantees in assessing results and disseminating what is learned.

- It encourages bold thinking and innovative projects—the program’s resources are devoted to new ideas and practices and to the dissemination of proven ideas to others.

Awards are made in a number of areas including postsecondary education access, retention and completion; disseminating reforms; student preparation for college; improvement of campus environments; cost-effectiveness; curricula reform; and faculty development.

FIPSE grants are intended to provide the seed capital for experiments in educational reform, and the knowledge gained through those experiments should be intended to benefit postsecondary students throughout the country.

Applications for FY 2002 will be available on December 14, 2001.

DEADLINE for preliminary applications (mandatory): February 11, 2002
DEADLINE for final applications: May 6, 2002.
U.S. Department of Education Issues Annual Grants Forecast

On October 24, the U.S. Department of Education issued its forecast of funding opportunities for fiscal year 2002. This document lists virtually all programs and competitions under which the Department has invited or expects to invite applications for new awards for FY 2002. It also provides actual or estimated deadline dates for the transmittal of applications under these programs. The lists are in the form of charts -- organized according to the Department's principal program offices -- and include programs and competitions they have previously announced, as well as those they plan to announce at a later date. You can find the funding forecast on the web at:

http://www.ed.gov/offices/OCFO/grants/forecast.html

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:

Jeanne Edwards-Area Resources for Community and Human Services, $36,600. A grant for core-competency and advanced/specialized professional development in childcare.

Michael Holmes-Area Resources for Community and Human Services, $31,652.50. A grant to provide training workshops for the CDA (Child Development Associate) Credential Institute.

Rosemary Woolley with Bernice Garner, Patricia Hoffman, and Earline Powell-U.S. Department of Education, $384,792 ($96,198 per year for four years). A district-wide Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) grant to expand and enhance childcare services for students at the childcare centers on the three campuses. The project includes the hiring of a social worker and subsidized child care services for low-income students.

Stephanie Tolson-American Library Association (with support from the National Endowment for the Arts, Wallace-Reader’s Digest Fund, and John S. and James L Knight Foundation) $2,120. A “LIVE! @ your library” grant to support the Martin Luther King Day celebration sponsored by the library at the Florissant Valley campus. The program, to be held on January 13, 2002, will feature performer Awele Makeba.