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

Environmental Literacy Grants (U.S. Department of Commerce)

The purpose of this program is to increase the environmental literacy of U.S. citizens. Grants will be made to develop new, and revise existing programs to expand the use of Earth System Science in formal K-12 education as well as encourage the creation and enhance use of networks of institutions, agencies and/or organizations to provide common messages about key concepts in this field. Two types of grants will be made: 1) K-12 Formal Education and 2) Free-Choice Learning. Institutions of higher education are eligible to apply for either type of grant.

The K-12 Formal Education grants focus on promoting changes in K-12 education by supporting transformative methods that expand the use of Earth System Science in classrooms on a long-term basis. Suggested projects include:

- Inservice teacher professional development, including the creation of an Earth System Science certification program.
- Development of new, or modification of existing K-12 curricula and related instructional materials.

The Free-Choice Learning grants focus on (Continued on page 2)
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**, *Southeast Missouri State University*, $8,000.
A grant for the continued support of the Industrial Technology 2 + 2 program at the Florissant Valley campus with Southeast Missouri State.

**Eilene Lyons**, *National Science Foundation*, $424,297.
A grant for the St. Louis STEM Scholars (S³) Academy. The S³ Academy will provide scholarships and support services for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) majors at the Florissant Valley campus.

A grant to continue the Hispanic/Latino Service Institutions Partnership to provide higher education leading to associate's and bachelor's degrees for teachers in Head Start and Early Head Start centers that serve Hispanic/Latino children.

**Paul Roberts and Janie Bedwell**, *Missouri Department of Conservation*, $9,950.
A Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) grant for tree pruning, planting and maintenance on the Meramec campus.

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reaching significant segments of the U.S. population though self-directed voluntary learning that takes place outside of schools and the workplace through such venues as museums, the Internet, media and other media. This component aims to create new, or capitalize on existing networks of institutions, agencies and/or organizations to provide common messages about concepts in Earth System Science. Suggested projects include:

- Public literacy campaigns, and
- Kiosks or traveling exhibits

Grants for both types of projects will range from $200,000 to $750,000. A total of six to eleven grants will be awarded nationwide. Applications are especially encouraged from institutions that work with underserved populations. No matching or cost-sharing is required.

**Deadlines:**

*Mandatory preliminary proposals* are due November 29, 2007.

*Final proposals* are due March 31, 2007.

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

No Appointment Necessary!

All SLCC faculty and staff are welcome to drop by to chat about grant opportunities and procedures with staff from the Office of Institutional Development.

2nd Thursday of each month
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Executive Dean’s Conference Room (F-234)

Mark your calendar:
September 14, 2006  February 8, 2007
October 12, 2006  March 8, 2007
November 9, 2006  April 12, 2007
January 11, 2007  May 10, 2007
Office of Institutional Development
Office Hours on the Meramec Campus

No Appointment Necessary!

All SLCC faculty and staff are welcome to drop by to chat about grant opportunities and procedures with staff from the Office of Institutional Development.

1st Wednesday of each month
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
in BA-123J

Mark your calendar:
September 6, 2006  February 7, 2007
October 4, 2006  March 7, 2007
November 1, 2006  April 4, 2007
January 3, 2007  May 2, 2007
Office of Institutional Development
Office Hours on the Florissant Valley Campus

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3rd Tuesday of each month
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Engineering Office Complex E-151F

Mark your calendar:

September 19, 2006         February 20, 2007
October 17, 2006           March 20, 2007
November 21, 2006          April 17, 2007
January 16, 2007           May 15, 2007