Development Report

News & Notes on External Funding Opportunities

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**GRANT REPORT**

**Professional Opportunities for Women in Research and Education (NSF):** *Summary* - The National Science Foundation is inviting applications under its Professional Opportunities for Women in Research and Education (POWRE) Program to support activities that promote the development of scholarly and institutional leaders in research and education. POWRE is a Foundation-wide program designed to increase the prominence of women in science and engineering and to enhance their professional advancement by providing them with funding opportunities that are not ordinarily available through regular research and education grant programs. *Eligibility* - Proposals may be submitted by U.S. academic institutions in support of individual women scientists or engineers. The Principal Investigator of a POWRE proposal must be a woman scientist or engineer who is a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident at the time the proposal is submitted. Except under very unusual circumstances, it is expected that the Principal Investigator will hold a doctorate-level degree in an appropriate field. A woman is encouraged to apply to the POWRE program if she:

- holds a faculty or research-related position at a U.S. degree-granting academic institution and is proposing a POWRE activity to be performed at her home institution and/or at a host institution in the U.S. or abroad (including another college or university, a non-profit institution, an industrial firm, or a scientific or engineering professional organization);
- holds a position at a non-academic U.S. institution (either industrial or non-profit) and is proposing a POWRE activity that will take place at a U.S. academic institution (host institution); or
• does not currently hold an industrial or academic position, and/or has had an interruption in her professional career, and is proposing a POWRE activity that will take place at a U.S. academic institution (host institution).

Availability - Approximately $12 million will be available for approximately 150-175 awards. The total award amount requested is expected to be no more than $75,000. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR THIS PROGRAM IS DECEMBER 9, 1999.

Environmental Education Grants Program (EPA): Summary - The Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Education Grants Program provides financial support for projects which design, demonstrate, or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques, including assessing environmental and ecological conditions or specific environmental issues or problems. Environmental Education increases public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provides the skills to make informed decisions and take responsible actions. It does not advocate a particular viewpoint or course of action. It teaches individuals how to weigh various sides of an issue through critical thinking and it enhances their own problem-solving skills. Environmental Information proposals that simply disseminate "information" will not be funded. These would be projects that provide facts or opinions about environmental issues or problems, but may not enhance critical-thinking, problem solving or decision-making skills. Although information is an essential element of any educational effort, environmental information is not, by itself, environmental education. Eligibility - Any local education agency, state education or environmental agency, college or university, not-for-profit organization as described in section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or noncommercial educational broadcasting entity may submit a proposal. Availability - Grants of $5,000 or less will be awarded through EPA Regional Offices and grants of up to $100,000 will be awarded through the EPA National Office. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR THIS PROGRAM IS NOVEMBER 22, 1999.

FACULTY AND STAFF KUDOS

A number of College faculty and staff members have been awarded grants and contracts during the course of the past few months. The following is a profile of some of the awards that have been received.

• SUSAN McKNIGHT - United States Agency for International Development/Georgetown University. Contract with St. Louis Community College to provide a 24-month program in Clinical Laboratory Technology and U.S. Culture to 18 Central American and Caribbean Students.

• RUSS DIPPOLD and ROLAND GARRISON – National Collegiate Athletic Association. Grant to St. Louis Community College for the Forest Park campus to participate in the National Youth Sports Program. This program provides an opportunity for youth to engage in sports competition and improve their physical fitness.
• **HENRY SHANNON** - *U.S. Department of Education.* Grant to St. Louis Community College for the Forest Park campus to participate in an Upward Bound program. The purpose of the Upward Bound program is to 1) identify qualified youth who are low-income and potential first generation college students and to generate the skills and motivation necessary for success in completing high school and enrolling into postsecondary education; 2) encourage youth in the program to remain and complete the secondary level of education; and 3) encourage youth to enroll in postsecondary institutions and graduate. The Forest Park Upward Bound program is designed to provide direct and effective types of services that will increase the educational skills and thus lead to decreasing the high number of students dropping out of targeted high schools in the north side of St. Louis City and increasing the low number of target high school graduates enrolling in postsecondary programs - especially students from low-income families.

**DEVELOPMENT NOTES**

• St. Louis Community College received $22,153,522 in grants and contracts from federal, state, corporate, local, foundation and other sources in 1998-1999.
• St. Louis Community College received $56,330.56 in cash gifts and donations in 1998-1999.