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/About/Institutional_Development/Index.html

Grant Opportunities

Two from National Endowment for the Humanities

Teaching Development Fellowships
Teaching Development Fellowships (TDF) support college and university teachers pursuing research aimed specifically at improving their undergraduate teaching. The program has three broad goals: 1) to improve the quality of humanities education in the United States; 2) to strengthen the link between research and teaching in the humanities; and 3) to foster excellence in undergraduate instruction.

The research undertaken as a part of the project may involve engaging with fundamental texts or sources, exploring related subjects or academic disciplines, or cultivating neglected areas of learning. **The project must be directed primarily towards course improvement, not scholarly publication.**

Projects must improve an existing undergraduate course that has been taught in at least THREE different terms and will continue to be taught by the applicant. Proposals for new courses or for mere course preparation will NOT be considered. Research in any area of the humanities is welcome. The maximum stipend is $21,000 for a five-month award period.

**Deadline: October 1, 2009**

Summer Stipends
Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to scholars and general audiences in the humanities. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly tools. Summer Stipends support full-time work on a humanities project for a period of two months. Summer Stipends support projects at any stage of development. Summer Stipends are awarded to individual scholars. Stipends in the amount of $6,000 for two consecutive months of full-time research and writing will be awarded.

**Deadline: October 1, 2009**

For more information on any of the opportunities listed, please call the Office of Institutional Development at 539-5354
Default Prevention Grant Program (Missouri Department of Higher Education)

The Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE) established the Default Prevention Grant program in 2001 with the goal of keeping student loan delinquency and default rates as low as possible in the state of Missouri. Over the years, MDHE has awarded more than $4.2 million to 32 Missouri postsecondary institutions with this grant program. Since the inception of this program, Missouri schools have seen their cohort default rates decline from an average of more than 13% to about 5%.

The MDHE anticipates opening a grant competition later this fall to all Missouri institutions not currently participating. The grant program offers each institution up to $25,000 a year to for implementing and sustaining debt management programs, financial literacy workshops and default prevention. The funding period for the upcoming competition will be the calendar year 2010 (January –December).

More details will be available when the MDHE is certain that federal funding has been allocated to support the program during 2010 and beyond.

In addition to the grant program, MDHE offers customized, in-depth default prevention training for Missouri institutions.

Estimated Deadline: Fall 2009

For more information, please contact the STLCC Office of Institutional Development at 314-539-5354.

Faculty and Staff Kudos

SLCC receives external funding for a variety of projects and programs. A sampling of project directors, sources, grant amounts, and descriptions for recent awards follows:

Lesley Abram, St. Louis County Division of Workforce Development, $324,220.
A contract to provide employment services for dislocated workers in St. Louis County with National Emergency Grant funding.

Donna Dare, Missouri P-20 Council, $20,000.
A grant for St. Louis Community College to facilitate the establishment of a regional P-20 council to service the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

Christy Jaeger/Heather Ellison, American Association of Community Colleges, $10,000.
A grant to expand STLCC’s involvement in the Plus 50 Initiative as a Learning Partner for Metropolitan Community College. The Plus 50 Initiative provides targeted educational enrichment, workforce training and service opportunities for students over age 50.

Mary Krogmeier, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, $9,500.
A grant to purchase and install rubber mats or "pour in place" rubber material made from recycled tires on the playground of the Child Development and Laboratory Center at the Florissant Valley campus.

Jim Monahan, Community College Summit Initiative and Community College Initiative for Egypt Expansion, $40,016.
A grant to extend the stay of four international students at the Forest Park campus through the fall semester 2009.

Congratulations!
Five Easy Steps to Getting a Grant
St. Louis Community College  Office of Institutional Development

The Office of Institutional Development (OID) works with faculty and staff members
districtwide who want to pursue funding for specific projects that align with and advance
the College mission. To get started on the path to funding, follow the steps below:

**STEP ONE:** GET THE GREEN LIGHT FROM YOUR BOSS. Discuss your project idea with your supervisor.

**STEP TWO:** PRESENT YOUR IDEA TO THE OID. Contact Castella Henderson, OID Director, by phone or email (see information below). Castella will discuss your project with you.

**STEP THREE:** IDENTIFY A FUNDING SOURCE. You may have a source in mind. If not, the OID may be able to help by conducting a funding search.

**STEP FOUR:** PUT YOUR IDEAS ON PAPER. Develop a proposal (your project plan and justification) and budget according to the funding agency guidelines. Depending on your needs, OID staff can assist with planning, budget development, writing, and editing. Then we wait for a response from the funding agency.

**STEP FIVE:** IF THE NEWS IS GOOD, your project begins after you meet with Castella to review your responsibilities as a grant project director (there’s a manual to help).

GRANTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Funded projects initiated by your colleagues have, for example, resulted in service-learning programs, professional development for faculty and staff, training for preschool teachers, purchase of instructional equipment and software, curriculum development, campus recycling and beautification, art exhibits, all kinds of student support services, and many other worthwhile pursuits over the years.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact Castella Henderson, Director of Institutional Development at 314/539-5354, or chenderson@stlcc.edu.