Focus on Funding is a newsletter published by the St. Louis Community College Office of Institutional Development. It features external funding opportunities available from federal, state, local and private funding sources, as well as other news. For more information about the Office of Institutional Development and services provided by staff, please contact Castella Henderson, Director, at 314/539-5354.

Grant Opportunities

Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants (U.S. Department of Education)
The U.S. Department of Education’s Teacher Quality Enhancement grants fund partnership projects aiming to improve the quality of new teachers through partnerships among teacher preparation institutions and high need school districts. Projects must demonstrate genuine collaboration between institutions; strengthen the role of K-12 educators; increase the intensity and quality of clinical experiences for prospective teachers; and serve as catalysts to generate significant and sustainable improvements in teacher preparation across the nation.
Eligible partnerships will include, at a minimum: one institution of higher education with a teacher preparation program; one school of arts and sciences; and one high-need local education agency. Community colleges are eligible partner institutions.
Over four million dollars is available for four awards, each ranging from $750,000 to $1.2 million.

DEADLINES: June 2, 2003 for mandatory preliminary proposals; August 8, 2003 for full proposals.

Course, Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement (National Science Foundation)
The Course, Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement (CCLI) program seeks to improve the quality of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education for all students in two- and four-year colleges and universities. Guidelines have recently been issued for two of the program’s tracks:

1. Educational Materials Development (CCLI-EMD) Projects are expected to produce innovative materials that incorporate effective educational practices to improve student learning in STEM disciplines. Textbooks, software, or laboratory materials developed are expected to be disseminated nationally for adoption and adaptation.
2. National Dissemination (CCLI-ND) Projects are expected to provide faculty with professional development opportunities to enable them to introduce new content into undergraduate courses and laboratories, and to explore effective education practices to improve the effectiveness of their teaching. Projects should be designed to offer activities on a national scale.

(Guidelines for a third track—Adaptation and Implementation—will likely be released in November or December.)
DEADLINE: JUNE 18, 2002
Lumina Foundation for Education

The Lumina Foundation for Education is a private, charitable foundation dedicated to expanding access to higher education nationwide. Grants for research, innovative programs and projects, and disseminate information, are aimed at encouraging more Americans to attain an education beyond high school.

Lumina Foundation for Education has three theme areas:

- Addressing the issue of financial access to postsecondary education.
- Supporting efforts that help postsecondary students identify appropriate options and remain in school to attain their educational objectives.
- Understanding and addressing the challenges faced by nontraditional students, including adult students, first-generation college goers and underserved groups of students.

Specifically, the Lumina Foundation funds programs that present innovative and practical approaches to overcoming challenges to access and attainment. Lumina Foundation has no deadlines. Initial approach is in the form of a letter of inquiry. Full proposals are submitted upon invitation.

Lumina Foundation commissions and sponsors research on educational access and improvement. To share the results of this research with the higher education community, policy-makers and the public, the Foundation has several avenues of communication including a newsletter, research reports, books and other publications. More information can be found on their website at: http://www.luminafoundation.org

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:

Jane Boyle, St. Louis Regional Empowerment Zone, $750,000 A grant to fund job training services at the Metropolitan Education and Training Center in Wellston.

Jeanne Edwards, United Way of Greater St. Louis, $5,000. A grant to St. Louis Community College to offer Early Care and Education Field-Based courses to students who are currently participating in the OPEN Initiatives WIN program.

Randy Malta, SMARTer Kids Foundation, $17,460. A grant to the Media Services Department on the Forest Park campus to participate in the NEC Visual Presentation Products Grant Program. Funds will be used towards the purchase of three NED video/data projectors for classroom instruction.

Jerry Reese, UAW/GM Human Services Resource Center, $23,998. A contract with St. Louis Community College to deliver instruction and supervise the educational activities of the United Auto Workers/General Motors Skill Center.

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