FOCUS ON FUNDING

News and Notes from the Office of Development
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Focus on Funding is an update published by the St. Louis Community College Office of Development. It features external funding opportunities available from federal, state, local, and private funding sources, as well as other news.

In this special expanded edition of Focus on Funding, the Office of Development brings you a list of grant opportunities for the fall and winter 2001-2002. For more information about any of the listings, or if you would like to receive the monthly Focus on Funding by e-mail, please contact Lucia Miller, Academic Grant Writer, at 314/539-5328 or lmiller@cbi1.stlcc.cc.mo.us

FALL/WINTER GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Educational Opportunity Centers Program (U.S. Department of Education)

The Educational Opportunity Centers Program provides grants to conduct projects designed to:

1) provide information about financial and academic assistance available for individuals desiring to pursue a program of postsecondary education; and

2) provide assistance to such persons in applying for admission to institutions at which a program of postsecondary education is offered.

Services provided under the program include:

- Academic advice
- Personal counseling
- Career workshops
- Information on postsecondary educational opportunities
- Information on student financial assistance
- Assistance in completing applications for college admissions, testing and financial aid
- Coordination with nearby postsecondary institutions
- Media activities designed to involve and acquaint the community with higher education opportunities
- Tutoring
- Mentoring

Approximately 90 awards will be made ranging from $190,000 to $953,000 per year.

**Talent Search** (U.S. Department of Education)
The Talent Search Program provides grants to enable applicants to conduct projects designed to:
1) identify qualified young people with potential for education at the postsecondary level, and encourage them to complete secondary school and undertake a program of postsecondary education;
2) publicize the availability of student financial assistance to persons who pursue a program of postsecondary education; and
3) encourage persons who have not completed programs of education at the secondary or postsecondary level—but who have the ability to complete such programs—to re-enter such programs.
Approximately 396 grants will be made ranging from $190,000 to $553,000 per year. Technical Assistance workshops for this program will be held at several locations across the nation in August.
**DEADLINE:** October 19, 2001.

**Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program**
(U.S. Department of Education)
This program awards grants to institutions of higher education to assist in planning and carrying out program to strengthen and improve undergraduate instruction in international studies and foreign languages.
The anticipated average grant award is $71,500.
**Deadline:** Projected for fall of 2001 (last year’s deadline was November 3.)

**Fulbright-Hays Training Grants—Faculty Research Abroad** (U.S. Department of Education)
This program provides opportunities for faculty members to conduct research and study abroad in foreign languages and area studies in order to develop research knowledge and capability in the less commonly taught languages.
The anticipated average grant award is $56,121 for institutions; the average fellowship is $49,885.
**Deadline:** Projected for fall of 2001.

**Fulbright-Hays Training Grants—Group Projects Abroad**
(U.S. Department of Education)
This program helps institutions to improve their program in modern foreign languages and area studies. There are group projects in research, training, and curriculum development.
The anticipated average grant award is $80,000.
**Deadline:** Projected for October of 2001. (Last year’s deadline was October 23.)

**International Research and Studies**
(U.S. Department of Education)
A program to provide funds to support research designed to improve and strengthen modern foreign languages, area studies, and international studies throughout the
education structure of the United States. Research activities include surveys, studies, and instructional materials development to improve and strengthen instruction in modern foreign languages, area studies, and other international fields to provide full understanding of the places in which the foreign languages are commonly used.

**Deadline:** Projected for fall of 2001 (last year’s deadline was November 6.)

**Business and International Education Program** (U.S. Department of Education)
This program provides funds to institutions of higher education who enter into an agreement with a trade association or business in order to:
1) improve the academic teaching of the business curriculum and 2) conduct outreach activities that expand the capacity of the business community to engage in international economic activities.

**Deadline:** Projected for fall of 2001. (Last year’s deadline was November 3.)

**Educational Partnership Programs** (U.S. Department of State)
The purpose of this program is to strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation between U.S. and foreign educational institutions on subjects of enduring common interest. The program supports institutional linkages in higher education with every world region except the New Independent States (NIS) of the former Soviet Union. Grants typically range from $100,000 to $150,000 for a three year period.

**Deadline:** January 11, 2002

**NIS Community College Partnerships Program** (U.S. Department of State)
This program funds education partnerships between community colleges in the U.S. and the New Independent States (NIS) with funds from the Freedom Support Act. The maximum award for most grants is $300,000 for a three- year period.

**Deadline:** Projected for early 2002.

**Assessment of Student Achievement in Undergraduate Education** (National Science Foundation)
This program supports the development and dissemination of assessment practices, materials, and measures to guide efforts that improve the effectiveness of academic institutions in promoting student learning in science, mathematics, engineering, and technology.

**Deadline:** November 20, 2001

**Research On Learning and Education (ROLE)** (National Science Foundation)
This program will support research in several areas including research on science, mathematics, engineering and technological (SMET) learning in formal and informal educational settings, and research on SMET learning in complex educational systems.
Deadlines: Preliminary Proposal (required) September 1, 2001 and March 1, 2002; Full Proposal December 1, 2001 and June 1, 2002.

Program for Gender Equity in Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology (National Science Foundation)
This program seeks to broaden the participation of girls and young women in all fields of science, mathematics, engineering and technology (SMET) by supporting research, demonstration and dissemination projects that will lead to change in education policy and practice. The program offers one- to three-year grants.


STATE OF MISSOURI

Eisenhower Professional Development Program (Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education)

Eisenhower grants will fund high-quality, innovative professional development opportunities that are closely aligned with current state and national reform projects in math and science education. Projects should provide an opportunity for K-12 teachers to enhance their knowledge of the subject content as well as to learn new approaches to curriculum, pedagogy and assessment. This can be accomplished through innovative pre-service or in-service training within the teacher education program of a higher education institution.

Projects that contain the following elements are particularly encouraged: 1) Proposals that demonstrate collaborative partnerships between two-year and four-year institutions, where all institutional partners play major roles, and 2) Professional development activities designed to work with school (building) teams or school-district teams of teachers.

An informational meeting on the Eisenhower Professional Development Program will be held September 14, 2001 in Jefferson City.

DEADLINE: November 16, 2001

Local Records Program (Office of the Secretary of State)
The Local Records Grants Program is an effort to improve long-term local public records by funding projects that maximize the safety and accessibility of records while minimizing cost. Projects include microfilming, shelving, and inventories. The program distributes approximately $400,000 each year.

Deadline: Projected for early March 2002. (Last year’s deadline was March 9.)

Missouri Arts Council
The Missouri Arts Council provides financial and technical assistance to Missouri-based organizations to fund arts projects for the people of Missouri through a comprehensive array of granting programs, including:

- Arts Education Program
- Arts Services
- Community Arts Program
- Discipline Program Assistance
- Festivals Program
- Folk Arts Program
- Minority Arts Program
- Mini-Grants Program ($500—$2,000)

**Deadlines:** Vary by program; projected for early 2002, except for mini-grants which are due the first Monday of each month.

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**Faculty and Staff Kudos**

A number of faculty and staff members have been awarded grants and contracts over the last few months. Project directors for recent awards include:

**Michael Twombly**—*St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management*, $21,000. Grant to support the Meramec Waste Recycling and Reduction Project, a comprehensive paper reduction/recycling program to be implemented on the Meramec campus.

**Donna Halsband, Rosemary Woolley, Cindy Shanks Brueggenjohann and Kathy Petroff**—*Missouri Campus Compact, Southwest Missouri State University*, three grants totaling $9,000. Grants to implement a Service-Learning Circle consisting of faculty/staff and service learning coordinators on each of the three campuses.

**Cecelia Luecking**—*Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, School Age Care Grant Program*, $8,171. Grant to the Florissant Valley Child Development Laboratory Center to purchase equipment and supplies to enhance and expand school age child care services.

**Jeanne Edwards**—*Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Improving the Quality of Child Care and Education Program*, $28,950. Grant to help individuals receive training and apply for the Child Development Associate credential.

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