FOCUS ON FUNDING

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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 of Institutional Development at 314/539-5354.

Grant Opportunities

CSEMS: Computer Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Scholarships (National Science Foundation)

This program supports scholarships for academically talented, financially needy students, enabling them to enter the high technology workforce following completion of an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate level degree in computer science, computer technology, engineering, engineering technology, or mathematics. Academic institutions apply for awards to support scholarship activities, and are responsible for selecting scholarship recipients, reporting demographic information about student scholars, and managing the CSEMS project at the institution. Awards normally do not exceed $100,000 per year for up to four years.

DEADLINE: February 5, 2003

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Comprehensive Program (U.S. Department of Education)

The FIPSE Comprehensive program provides grants to support innovative reform projects of national significance that promise to be models for the solution of problems in postsecondary education. Pending budget appropriations, the program expects to award approximately $8 million for 50 to 53 new projects.


2002 Summer Seminars and Institutes for College and University Teachers (National Endowment for the Humanities)

Each year NEH offers teachers opportunities to study humanities topics in a variety of Summer Seminars and Institutes. All teachers selected to participate in a seminar or institute will receive a stipend of $2,800—$3,700 (depending on the length of the seminar or institute) to cover the costs of travel, books and other expenses. Applications are made to selection committees for each institute or seminar. Selection committees are
directed to give first consideration to applicants who have not participated in an NEH-supported program in the last three years.

**Deadline:** March 1, 2003

For detailed application information and descriptions of the seminars and institutes offered in 2003, call the SLCC Office of Development 539-5354.

### Humanities Focus Grants (National Endowment for the Humanities)

This program provides grants to improve formal humanities education in the United States from kindergarten through college and university. The program supports projects that promise national significance by virtue of their content, approach and reach. Projects may:

- enable school teachers and college and university faculty to engage in collaborative study of important texts in the humanities and to explore how these may be taught effectively
- help schools, colleges, and universities develop, revise, and try out significant humanities programs, curricula, courses, and materials
- develop and apply technologies to provide excellent humanities teaching
- foster sustained study of second languages and their cultural contexts
- encourage the wide dissemination of educational programs and materials
- make the humanities integral to the education of future teachers at all levels
- address other educational issues of national importance to the humanities

Humanities Focus grants are typically one year in duration and enable educators to work together to consider significant humanities topics or to map institutional directions for teaching the humanities.

Grants typically range from $10,000 to $25,000. A minimum cost-sharing of 15% of total project costs is expected.

**Deadline:** April 15, 2003

For more information about grant opportunities please contact the SLCC Office of Institutional Development: 539-5354

### 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 County Department of Human Services, $35,000. A contract with St. Louis Community College for the Rapid Response Program with provides local level rapid response employment services to laid off workers.

- **Jeanne Edwards**, Central Missouri State University/Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, $7,300. A grant for the Florissant Valley campus to participate in an Early Childhood Technical Assistance Program. Technical Assistance will be provided to schools with early childhood education programs.
Michael Holmes and Jim Monahan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, $50,000. A grant to St. Louis Community College to continue the St. Louis Brownfields Worker Training program to implement a certified training program in Hazardous Materials Handling, Ecosystem Restoration, and Lead Paint and Asbestos Remediation.

Karen Reece, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, $80,000. A grant to St. Louis Community College to provide career assessment services to participants in the Temporary Assistance to Need Families (TANF) program at the Metropolitan Education and Training (MET) Center.

Congratulations!