

# CSI Grants Gazette

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On behalf of the Office of Planning and Development, thank you for reading the CSI Grants Gazette! We hope you will find the information contained inside useful in pursuing grant funding. As most of you know, grant funding is of increasing importance due to fiscal constraints at both the state and federal levels. We here in the Office of Planning and Development are pleased to help you in any way we can.

So what are some of those ways? What are some of the services you can expect from your Grant Development Coordinator? It would be easy for me to say "Whatever it takes" (which is true: I'll help in any way I can!), but that's a little vague. Here are some of the specific kinds of things we can assist you with:

- **Funding research**-there are a multitude of resources (both hard copy and electronic) available to seek funding sources for grant applications. I'd be happy to sit down with you and review some possible funding avenues we might pursue. Of course, ya gotta come in and see me first!
- **Proposal development**-one of the greatest challenges educators face today is time management. Faculty are very busy, and the idea of having to fit in grant writing time is daunting to say the least. As your Grant Development Coordinator, it is my responsibility to take the lead in writing, reviewing, editing and submitting grant proposals. I'll make the process as easy for faculty as possible, and who knows? You just might enjoy it!
- **Grant management expertise**-getting a grant is only half the battle. Managing external funding can be tricky. Get the latest grant management information to keep your program on-track and running smoothly.
- **Budgetary issues**-not sure what matching is? Unsure of how much indirect to charge in your budget? Let us help you unravel all of the strings that come with external funding!

These are but a few of the ways we can be of service to faculty. As we are part of planning and development, we can assist in program development and implementation as well as grant-related activities. Contact any of the following folks for more information. Thanks again for your time, and we look forward to seeing you soon!



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*Hats Off.....  
to this Month's Money Magicians!...*



...Todd Schwarz, Department Chair-Professional Information Technology Education—working with the Building Contractors Association of Wood River, the Magic Valley Builder's Association and the Blaine County School District, Todd crafted a Residential Construction program for southeastern Idaho. His group was awarded \$304,000 over three years by the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration. Well done, Todd!



...Claudeen Buettner, Dean-Health Sciences and Human Services—in conjunction with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and North West Bec Corp., Claudeen has created a program to assist Licensed Practical Nurses in upgrading their skills to the Registered Nurse level. As Nursing is a High Growth Business as defined by Idaho Works!, they awarded Claudeen \$50,000 for the next year to implement her program. Way to go, Claudeen!!



*What's YOUR Great Idea?  
Grab a Grant and Make Some Magic TODAY!*



# Current Grant Opportunities

Here are a few of the many grant competitions currently underway. For more information on these and other grants, contact the Planning and Development Office. Thanks!

1. Advanced Technology in Education (ATE) -offered by the National Science Foundation, ATE focuses on the education of technicians for the high-technology fields that drive our nation's economy. Funding approximations are \$600,000 over 2-3 years. For more information, click [www.nsf.gov/pubs/2005/nsf05530](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2005/nsf05530), or [www.nsf.gov](http://www.nsf.gov) and type in "ATE" in the search section. Preliminary proposals are due April 26, 2005.
2. Demonstration Projects: Quality Education for Disability Students -a program of the U.S. Department of Education, this program seeks innovative demonstration projects. For further information, go to [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov) and click "Grants and Contracts".
3. Faculty Humanities Workshops -funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, this grant supports local and regional professional development programs. NEH welcomes proposals that explore significant events and themes in U.S. history and advance knowledge of the democratic principles that guide our country. Proposal deadline is April 7, 2005; projects would begin in Oct. of 2005. Additional information can be found at [www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines).
4. Gilman Study Abroad Scholarship -the goal of the grant is to diversify the kinds of students who go overseas, and where they go. This is a great opportunity for a local student who may not otherwise study abroad, as it is specifically targeted to students with financial need, who come from diverse backgrounds, and in under-represented fields of study. Deadline is April 4, 2005. For more information click [www.iie.org/gilman](http://www.iie.org/gilman).

*Good Luck and Good Hunting!*

## *MAGAN'S 2 CENTS.....*

**Hats off to Greg Rogers and the Office of Planning & Development for putting this newsletter together.** What a great resource for all of us in the grant world and for all of us NOT in the grant world to access and enjoy. **Thank you Greg!**

I suppose it is a perfect time for introductions. For those of you who don't know me.....my name is Magan Ruffing. I am the Grant Accountant in the Business Office. I can be found in the Taylor Building in office 132. For those of you who do know me, please don't cringe when thinking about those dreadful time and effort sheets or mind numbing budget and monthly expenditure figures. Associate me with.....**WOW**....she is the one who can help me with all the number crunching and fiscal reporting requirements that grants so typically require. She is the one who can help make my life easier ...well at least when it comes to grants. She is the one who is only a phone call or an email away to answer any questions I may have about fiscal process. She is the one who can make all my fiscal grant dreams come true!!!! Okay.....so maybe I am getting a little carried away....but please know that I truly am here to help you in anyway that I can.

As our fiscal year-end is approaching, I would like to remind our current grant managers & grant teams to be reviewing their overall budgets and watching individual line-item budgets. Typically, if appropriate, this is a time of year when we consider submitting budget revisions to move funds around. This will help to avoid last minute budget revisions which tend to make us all cranky. If you have any questions, need print-outs, or need a second set of eyes to look over your budget, please give me a call. I would be happy to help.

I look forward to working with all of you.

## *GREG THE GRANT GUY SE3.....*

Like Magan, I would like to introduce myself, particularly as I am new to CSI. My name is Greg Rogers, and I am your new Grant Development Coordinator. Also like Magan, I'm here to help in any way I can in developing your grant. Some of the things I can help you with are listed on the front page of this newsletter. There are other ways I can help, even if it's just listening to your idea.

In the coming weeks and months, I'll be meeting with academic departments individually to talk about grant priorities and processes. My goal is two-fold: to let folks know about the grant opportunities currently available, and get a sense of where departments want to go with grant funding. If we can get on the same page, good things will happen, and grants will be a joy, not a burden. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. Thanks!

## *MONICA'S MAGIC.....*

Hello Everyone! My name is Monica Castañeda-Kessel. I am the grant writer for the Health Care Development Council which is an innovative partnership between CSI and MVRMC. The Council is comprised of three members each from CSI and MVMRC. As the HCDC Grant Writer, I pursue funding directly related to the improvement of health care education and access for both institutions. CSI and MVRMC are very lucky to have the caliber of faculty and staff that we have. We are proven collaborators in innovation. During the last year, HCDC has successfully acquired funding for ambulatory electronic medical record, nursing coaching modules, scholarships for disadvantaged students, and funding for the 1st annual Hispanic Health Fair. Please feel free to call me any time at extension 6258, if you have questions.

*Fiscal Tip: Did you know that you can have your monthly trial balance and detail reports emailed to you at any time upon request from Tina Standlee?*



**We create educational possibilities for the CSI community and build public partnerships through innovative planning, fundraising, and grant development.**