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. 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 team? It would be easy for us to say “Whatever it takes” (which is true: we’ll help in any way we 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 us 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 and staff. 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!

Greg Rogers, Grant Development Coordinator ....... x 6248  
Monica Castañeda-Kessel, HCDC Grant Writer ....... x 6258  
Magan Ruffing, Grant Accountant .......................... x 6216  
Donanna McKinstry, Office Specialist ....................... x 6244
Hats Off.....
to this Month’s Money Magicians!...

Congrats to **David Yopp** from the Math Department for his efforts in landing a **Math-Science Partnership** grant from the Idaho Department of Education. David’s project involves working with middle-school teachers in the Mini-Cassia area to improve their teaching skill in the areas of math content and pedagogy. The amount of his award is still in negotiations, but looks to end up over $475,000 over three years. You rock, Dave!!!

A tip of the hat also goes out to **Todd Bronson** and **Rosa Davila** from the Physical Sciences Department for the great work they did in securing a grant from the Pittcon Foundation. Todd and Rosa will use their funding (generously matched dollar-for-dollar by Executive VP **Claudeen Buettner** for a total of $18,000) to purchase an Infrared Spectrometer for use in Chemistry classes. Don’t know what this gizmo does, but I know a good grant writing effort when I see one! Well done, Todd and Rosa!

Congratulations to **Sylvia Jensen** and **Jim Tarter**. They received $10,000 to provide funding support for the Qwest Kids in Health Career Science Camp in order to sponsor at-risk, disadvantaged Latino children in grades 6-8 who live in Minidoka and Cassia Counties. CSI and Qwest will collaboratively create the opportunity for 76 children to participate in a week long Science Camp that will expose them to careers in health science, physics, chemistry, astronomy, geology, and biology using exciting hands-on science experiences to plant the seeds of possibility. Sylvia and Jim--thank you for your vision and support!

Congratulations **Tonya Bowcut** and **Jim Palmer**! They have received $11,850 to purchase additional dental stations for the Dental Assisting Lab. They have been very successful partnering with local dentists and hygienists to provide sealants and cleanings for disadvantaged children in the Magic Valley. Thank you for your commitment to Quality, Service, and Community!

Congratulations to **John Hughes** and **Physical Education Faculty and Staff**! They have received $7,650 to purchase TrIFIT 700 to assist community members develop a weight loss management program and strategically develop health and fitness assessment portfolios to create customized exercise and nutrition programs. What a great team effort!

Congratulations to **John Hughes, Alice Anderson, Jennifer Patterson, Tiffany Eden and Evin Fox**! They have received $7,485 toward the purchase of equipment to assist youth community members ages 3-5 and their families develop strategies and opportunities to expand their developmental physical fitness opportunities. Good health habits start early!
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. **Scholarships for Teachers**- from the Horace Mann Educators Corporation. This program is offering $30,000 in scholarships for public and private school educators to take college courses. One recipient will receive $5000 in scholarship funds over four years and 15 other recipients will receive $1000 each in scholarship funds over two years.

2. **Learning in the Arts**- from the National Endowment for the Arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engagement of students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art.

3. **Service Learning**- offered by the National Learn and Serve Agency, this grant seeks to develop service-learning opportunities for youth-serving community organizations (like CSI). Funds may be used to develop curriculum and support training and technical assistance activities.

4. **Leland D. Beckman Foundation**- an Idaho foundation serving southern and eastern Idaho, the Beckman Foundation welcomes projects that serve the arts and education. As they only fund non-profit organizations all project applications must run through the CSI Foundation.

5. **Good Works Institute**- another Idaho-based foundation from Sun Valley. Their areas of interest include the arts, education and health care.

For more information on these and other grants, feel free to call me at ext. 6248.

**Good Luck and Good Hunting!**

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**Grants recently submitted and awaiting approval include:**

- Nursing Workforce Diversity - $943,000
- Scholarships for Disadvantaged RN’s - $100,000
- Community College Initiative $1,300,086
GREG, THE GRANT GUY SEZ

...box? What box? Being one of those folks who truly believe that anything is possible, I want to encourage you to also think outside the “box” when considering projects for grant applications. Funders love new and innovative programs that try new things or use old program elements in new ways. I’ve been following several discussions amongst funding agencies at the national level, and this “let’s try something new” philosophy seems to be the buzzword of the day. Just because it hasn’t been tried before, don’t think that funders won’t give it a go. So put on your thinking caps and your rose-colored shades and try something new. I’d be glad to work with you to make your educational pipe-dreams come true. Thanks!  

Greg at ext 6248

MAGAN’S 2 CENTS...

Welcome to Spring...can you believe how fast this year is passing by? Overall, our grants are looking well. If any of you have specific concerns, please give me a call so that we can talk about them.

As a reminder, any of you that are considering a grant funding possibility or are in the process of applying for grant funds, you will need to let me know before you apply. The Business Office needs to be involved in this process. Any grant budget needs to be approved by the Business Office before submission. We still seem to be having some instances where the Business Office isn’t notified until after funds have been awarded. The grant writing process should always involve Greg Rogers and myself, so that we can develop the budget, match, and other fiscal requirements, together, as a team.

Those of you who have submitted grants for next fiscal year and have been awarded... CONGRATULATIONS!!! I look forward to working with you. Please contact me so that we can ensure we have everything in place to get you off to a successful fiscal start. One important item to note, if you have salaries that are split between CSI and your awarded grant, these employees will be REQUIRED to submit time and effort sheets. For example, if in your grant proposal you state that Jane Doe faculty member is going to spend 10% of their time on the grant project and that CSI will pay the remaining 90% of their salary, this faculty member will be required to keep monthly time and effort sheets. Please contact me if you have any questions about this process, I have the forms and will be happy to help.

Thanks again for all you do and please keep the grants a comin’ our way!!!  

Magan at ext 6216

MONICA’S MAGIC...

The Health Care Development Council has been focused on the Community College Initiative Funding request for $1.3 million. It was submitted a few weeks ago, but the final legislation has not passed. CSI is requesting significant funding to expand and enhance the Outreach Centers to improve access for new students. In addition, CSI, as a RAED grant recipient, has been working with the state EMS department to disseminate Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). The CSI Safety Committee recommended and requested 4 for the CSI campus: Fine Arts Building, Recreation Center, Herrett Center, and Security vehicle. Thank you to the Safety Committee for knowing what the needs of the campus are and the action needed to take care of them.

Monica Castañeda-Kessel at ext 6258

Fiscal Tip: Did you know that Accounts Payable cuts checks every Friday? In order for a bill to be paid on Friday, all requests must be turned in by Wednesday at noon with the appropriate signatures, documentation, and proper account codes.

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