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. 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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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
Monica Castañeda-Kessel, Jim Palmer, Claudeen Buettner and the folks at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

CSI was one of 70 community colleges awarded funds through the Community-Based Job Training Initiative from the Department of Labor. Seeking to expand nursing programs, Monica, Jim and Claudeen forged some great partnerships with MVRMC, eight K-12 School Districts, the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor and others. This collaboration was recognized for its unique approach and was awarded $1.46 million, with another $643,000 added in leveraged cash from partners. Congratulations to one and all on a job well-done!!!

HCDC - Health Care Development Council
CSI and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center working together to establish a collaborative educational healthcare delivery system.

Other grants recently submitted and awaiting approval include:

- LEP manufacturing training- $516,000
- Elderly fall prevention-$100,000
- ABE-expansion of Job Education Training (JET)- $20,000

What’s YOUR Great Idea?
Get 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. **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Expansion (STEP)**- from the National Science Foundation (NSF), this grant seeks to increase the number of students in these areas at the community college level and moving them to universities for their baccalaureate degree.

2. **Funding for Recreational Improvements**- from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, this grant offers funding to improve recreational facilities both on- and off- campus.

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. **Indoor Air Pollution Prevention**- this program of the Environmental Protection Agency supports demonstration, training, outreach and/or education projects to improve indoor air quality.

5. **Faculty Research Abroad Fellowships**- part of Fulbright-Hayes funding, this grant offers overseas education opportunities for faculty.

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

Good Luck and Good Hunting!
**GREG, THE GRANT GUY SEZ…**

Grant development on community college campuses is a partnership between faculty/staff and the grant development professional. To that end, I have begun attending faculty department meetings in an effort to get a feel for what your needs are. These have been great, and I will continue to meet with you at the department level. But I also want to encourage you to drop in and see me, or give me a call or send an e-mail if you have a grant idea or see a funding opportunity. I’m here to serve you and meet your needs, but if I don’t know what they are, I can’t help. Together, we can make some great things happen here at CSI. Thanks!  

Greg at ext 6248

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**MAGAN’S 2 CENTS…**

Budgets have been entered. Program managers should notice this on your October statements. Please, remember that we have rounded budgets to the nearest $100…so the figures may be a little bit different than your actual grant budget. If you see major discrepancies or have any questions, please give me a call.  

September 30th ended the first quarter of the fiscal year. Please remember to forward copies of any quarterly program reports that you have submitted. Also, just a reminder to check the % remaining on your budgets. Your September statements should read about 75% remaining in most budget categories. If this % is much different than this, we need to talk. For equipment items, we encourage you to spend have this money spent as soon as possible, so your % might be much lower.  

A final reminder to make sure salaries are being charged to the appropriate department. If you have salaries that are split between different funding sources, please double check to ensure they are being charged to the appropriate departments.  

Things are looking great so far. I appreciate all of you and the work you do. I appreciate your questions and your willingness to work through any issues that may arise. Thank you & have a great month!!!!!  

Magan at ext 6216

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**SCORE!** Congratulations Health Sciences and Human Services Team! The Health Care Development Council has been awarded nearly $1.46 million for its **Power of Rural Partnerships–Solutions for Health Occupations Shortages** proposal and leveraged $640,000 in cash match. The total award is $2.1 million over 3 years. This innovative proposal unifies 17 partners working toward developing a pipeline of health occupations professionals, particularly in nursing to alleviate current and projected shortages. In addition, it will integrate advanced technologies into the health occupations programs, improve digital connectivity between CSI and healthcare employers, install 8 clinical labs in K-12 settings throughout south-central Idaho, create a new career fast-track, and provide significant health occupations stipends for dual credit (participating school districts only), LPN to RN, LPNs, Paramedic to RN, etc. Wish us luck on the over $500,000 in awards we are waiting to hear on.  

Thank you for all of you support. If you have any questions, please call  

Monica Castañeda-Kessel at ext 6258

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**FISCAL TIP:** Did you know our 2004/2005 CSI Annual Budget was approximately $64,365,100? The CSI budget is made up of tuition & fees, local taxes, grants, the state appropriation, & financial aid.

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**Reminder -**

Mini Grants are due in the office of Planning and Development on Monday, November 14 by noon. Please submit both a hard copy with the signature of your supervisor and an electronic copy of your application to Donanna at dmckinstr@csi.edu.