Message from the Vice President of Institutional Planning and Development

There are two “story lines” in this issue of the Grants Gazette: mini grants and other funding opportunities. Mini grants are funded through the CSI Foundation. They are available to faculty and intended to be student focused and targeted on extraordinary projects. Great projects awarded last fall are noted below. The effect of the award for one of the projects last year, the equestrian program, is described on the next page. Typically, there are two award rounds each school year. Please look at the application and criteria at http://www.csi.edu/support/pd/grants/keylinks.htm. Applications for the next awards are due March 14. There are other funding opportunities for your Department. Monica shows a few in this issue to stimulate ideas. You may find other grant opportunities. In every case, we ask you to begin the grant funding process by contacting one of us at the initial stage. We wish you continued good luck with alternative funding searches. Thanks. -Curtis

Hats Off….. to this Month’s Money Magicians!…

CSI Foundation Mini Grant Awards
This fall over $8,000 was awarded to mini-grant applicants. Each of the projects was fully funded and will meet a variety of needs. Applications for the spring round of mini grants are due March 14, 2007.

Julie Heithecker—iMac laptop with hardware devices to provide students with an opportunity to access information and instruction from both on and off campus locations.

Gabe Kleinkopf—Software and equipment for students with disabilities to increase use and awareness of assistive technology.

Brett Reid—Digital cameras for crime scene photography.

Amy Doetsch—Reagents and related equipment to be used with an externally funded microscope to increase biology student’s understanding and appreciation of cellular structure and function.

Shelley Brulotte—assistance with promotion and facilities for a series of community enrichment presentations by nationally recognized photographer/artist, Al Weber.

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CSI FOUNDATION MINI GRANT SUCCESS STORY!

The College of Southern Idaho Foundation Mini Grant awarded to the CSI Equestrian Team last fall enabled the team to purchase 8 Troxel riding helmets and 3 sets of competition jumps. These purchases have had a tremendous positive impact on our team:

The team has had 0 safety incidents this year after instituting a policy that all riders must wear a safety helmet when mounted. Providing a helmet to team members who do not own a helmet and may not have the funding to purchase one, enables us to protect our most valuable asset – the student!

The purchase of 3 complete competition jumps enables the team to adequately prepare its students to jump safely in competition. The CSIET 2006-2007 English Team is currently sitting in 2nd place for the region, and one of our team members is the regional high point rider in the Open Equitation and Open Equitation over Fences classes.

The competition jumps also allowed the CSIET to increase its fundraising ability by enabling them to host an English Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Competition this year. Because English competitions have a larger number of classes and more riders participating, the team was able to generate $1250.00 of profit to help offset the team expenses.

The CSIET is very appreciative of the CSI Foundation mini grant. It has enabled the Equestrian Team to reach many of its goals for the 2006-2007 school year and will help pave the way for future success stories!

Thanks to Julia Rietdorf for submitting this article about the impact of the CSI Foundation’s mini grant award on the CSI Equestrian Team.

The Planning & Development Office would like to work with you to get vignettes of how grant funding changed your students’ lives for the better and to help you publish them in the Grants Gazette. If you have any stories that you would like to share about current grants, please e-mail them to Donanna at dmckinstry@csi.edu.

We must become the change we want to see in the world.
Mohandas Gandhi
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. Public Art & Cultural Facilities
   
   www.arts.idaho.gov  The Idaho Commission on the Arts is offering grants for public art and cultural facilities. Eligible activities include feasibility studies, renovation, or construction of performance, exhibition, or artist spaces, capital purchases for those facilities, and for public art projects. Qualified organizations may apply for up to $10,000. Examples of eligible Public Art and Cultural Facilities projects include; purchase of equipment such as sound, projection and lighting systems; public art projects such as sculptures, murals, or integrated artistic components of outdoor seating, sidewalks, fences, or other civic infrastructure; building and construction plans or blueprints; renovation or construction of arts spaces including alterations needed to comply with regulations concerning access for persons with disabilities.

2. Arts Projects
   
   www.arts.idaho.gov  The Idaho Commission on the Arts is offering grants for arts projects. Applicants may request up to $7,500. Examples of project requests include; a season of performing arts events; a folk life festival or other community arts event or celebration; demonstrations or lectures in the visual, performing, or traditional arts.

3. Music Programs
   
   www.bmifoundation.org  The purpose of the BMI Foundation’s grants program is to support and promote the creation, performance and study of music. There is an emphasis on classical, jazz, and the musical theatre genres and on contemporary American music in general. Applicants may request either general operating support or support for special projects. In general, the Foundation supports organizations with budgets under $1,500,000. Grants range from $500 to $5,000.

4. Technology
   
   www.nsf.gov  The National Science Foundation has released the dates for preliminary applications and full proposals for the Advanced Technological Education (ATE) Center. The average award is $1.2 million. There is an emphasis on the development of institutional capacity to build a pipeline of workers. This will focus on promoting teaching, training, building institutional capacity and learning and broaden the participation of underrepresented groups. CSI will pursue this in the area of Manufacturing.

Grants recently submitted and awaiting approval include:

- National Science Foundation—Youth Based IT Project Preliminary Application—$899,987
- USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant—Welding Program—$19,600
- Scholarships for Disadvantaged RNs—$100,000
- Mammograms for Minority and Disadvantaged Women—$350,000
Monica’s Magic…

The fall has been an amazing time for the Health Care Development Council. The implementation of the Power of Rural Partnerships grant has been a tremendous success. United States Department of Labor is considering CSI as a national model for the Community Based Projects. The HSHS faculty has been tremendously supportive by developing 10 on-line courses for LPN and RN classes and have been active in piloting them. In other news, Governor Otter recommended the CSI HSHS and Biology Building in his inaugural speech, and it will go before JFAC a la the Permanent Building Fund February 9, 2007. So cross your fingers. President Beck made his presentation to JFAC for CSI’s regular funding January 24th.

Thank you for all that you do and for the creative energy that makes CSI a great place to work!

Monica Castañeda-Kessel at ext 6258

FYI: The application process has been closed for the position of HCDC grant writer. This is an important position to the College and St Luke’s MVRMC.

Magan’s 2 Cents…

Well, the fiscal year is half gone already…. whew!!! Please check your December reports to ensure your grant budgets are at least 50% spent. Your equipment budgets should be nearing zero, as it can take several months to get some items in hand. We don’t want to get in a bind as the year comes to a close with ordered equipment not arriving before June 30th or having to send money back.

Also, just to let you know, I will be on maternity leave the last half of April through mid-July. So, if you have concerns or budget adjustments that need to made we need to start meeting now to discuss them rather than our usual May or June. Tina Standlee will be available to help with normal journal entry adjustments and general reporting questions, however, we need to have major issues worked out before April 1st.

I would like to thank Dr. Buettner for inviting me to Instructional Council to share our fiscal grant management process with many of you. I hope this information was helpful. I am excited that we are growing in the world of external funding and hope your experience is a positive one. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Magan at ext 6216

Fiscal Tip:

Fiscal Tip: Did you know that our Business Office Policies & Procedures are now available on-line at the CSI home page under Faculty and Staff/Business Office Policies?

Grant Resource

U.S. Department of Education provides a publication called “Education Department General Administrative Regulations” (EDGAR) It can be downloaded at http://www.ed.gov/policy/fund/reg/edgarReg/edgar.html

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