Grant Opportunities
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In an effort to better inform faculty and staff about grant opportunities, this report will be updated monthly providing a high-level glimpse at funding possibilities for which projects could be developed that are consistent with BCTC's strategic plan and annual priorities.

Federal Grants

Title: Education Innovation and Research (EIR)
Sponsor: Department of Education
Due Date: February 13, 2017 (notice of intent to apply – optional, but encouraged); April 13, 2017 (full proposals)
Maximum Funding Amount and Duration: Up to $15M over 5 years depending on the program.
Special Notes: Includes a cost share component of 10% of grant funds.
Description: The EIR program seeks to create, develop, implement, replicate, or scale innovations to improve achievement and attainment for high-need students and rigorously evaluate such innovations. This is a new program which builds on the work of the Investing in Innovation (i3) program. These grants are regional/national in scope. In order for our college to be eligible, we must partner with one or more State Educational Agencies (SEAs) or Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) or a consortium of LEAs and SEAs. There are 3 separate programs (Early-Phase, Mid-Phase, Expansion), each with its own application through grants.gov. The link above provides access to application materials for all 3 programs. Regardless of program, all EIR grants must meet the following requirements:

- Must serve high-need students, including:
    - Those living in poverty;
    - Those attending high-minority schools;
    - Those far below grade level;
    - Those that have left school before receiving a regular high school diploma;
    - Those at risk of not graduating with a diploma on time;
    - Those that are homeless or in foster care;
    - Those that have been incarcerated;
    - Those with disabilities; and/or
    - Those who are English learners
- Must serve students who are in grades K-12 at some point during the funding period. Projects that serve postsecondary students must provide services or support during the secondary grades or earlier.
- Must conduct an independent evaluation.
- Must meet cost share requirement.

Title: High School Equivalency Program (HEP)
Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education
Due Date: March 10, 2017
Maximum Funding Amount and Duration: $180K to $475K/year over 5 years.
Description: HEP helps migrant and seasonal farmworkers and members of their immediate family 1) obtain a general education diploma and 2) gain employment or be placed in postsecondary education or training. Priority is given to programs that promote STEM education and engage faith-based and community organizations. Supported services include:

- Recruitment services;
- Instruction designed to help students obtain a GED;
- Supportive services (personal, vocational, and academic counseling; placement services designed to place students in a university, college, or junior college, or in military service or career positions; health services; transportation and childcare);
- Information/assistance in obtaining financial aid;
- Stipends for program participants;
- Housing for those enrolled in residential programs;
- Exposure to cultural events and academic programs; and
- Activities to improve persistence in postsecondary education.

Title: College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)
Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education
Due Date: March 10, 2017
Maximum Funding Amount and Duration: $180K to $425K/year over 5 years.
Description: CAMP helps migrant and seasonal farmworkers and members of their immediate family complete their first year of college. Priority is given to programs that promote STEM education and engage faith-based and community organizations. Supported services include:
- Outreach and recruitment services;
- Supportive/instructional services (personal, academic, career, and economic education or personal finance counseling; tutoring and academic skill building instruction and assistance; assistance with special admissions; health services; transportation and childcare);
- Assistance in obtaining student financial aid, including stipends, scholarships, student travel, work study, books and supplies, tuition and fees, and room and board;
- Housing support;
- Exposure to cultural events and academic programs; and
- Internships.

Title: Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM)
Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Due Date: March 29, 2017
Maximum Funding Amount and Duration: $1 Million over 5 years for the Design and Development Track (BCTC not eligible for Capacity Building Track as we have received a S-STEM grant in the past).
Special Notes: S-STEM disciplines include: Biological Sciences (except medicine and other clinical fields), Physical Sciences (physics, chemistry, astronomy, and materials science), Mathematical Sciences, Computer and Information Sciences, Geosciences, Engineering, and technology areas associated with Biotechnology, Chemical Technology, Engineering Technology, and Information Technology.
Description: The S-STEM program particularly encourages proposals from 2-year institutions and supports:
- Scholarships for academically talented, financially needy, full-time STEM students; and
- The implementation and testing of activities that support recruitment, retention, transfer, student success, academic/career pathways, and graduation in STEM.

Example activities include:
- Recruitment of students to higher education programs and careers in the S-STEM disciplines;
- Curricular activities such as the inclusion of active learning in gateway courses;
- Support and mentoring of students by peers and other professionals;
- Academic support services such as tutoring, study-groups, or supplemental instruction programs;
- Industry experiences, internship opportunities, and research opportunities;

- Community building and support among S-STEM scholars within the institution;
- Participation in local or regional professional, industrial, or scientific meetings and conferences; and
- Career counseling and job placement services for S-STEM scholars.

Title: [Increasing the Participation and Advancement of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Careers (ADVANCE) – Institutional Transformation (IT) Track](#)
Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Due Date: April 12, 2017 (preliminary proposals); January 17, 2018 (full proposals)
Maximum Funding Amount and Duration: Up to $3M over 5 years.
Special Notes: The solicitation specifically mentions an interest in supporting community colleges.
Description: The ADVANCE program seeks to (1) develop systemic approaches to increase the representation and advancement of women in academic STEM careers; (2) develop innovative and sustainable ways to promote gender equity that involve both men and women in the STEM academic workforce; and (3) contribute to the research knowledge base on gender equity and the intersection of gender and other identities in STEM academic careers.
- The **Institutional Transformation (IT)** track supports the development of innovative strategies to produce comprehensive organizational change within a single academic institution across all STEM disciplines. All STEM faculty types should be included in the project. Projects are expected to contribute to new research on gender equity in STEM academics.

Title: [Challenge America](#)
Sponsor: National Endowment for the Arts
Due Date: April 13, 2017
Maximum Funding Amount and Duration: $10,000 over 2 years.
Special Notes: This grant requires a 1:1 match. If interested in pursuing this grant, please carefully review the unallowable costs (there are many).
Description: The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Challenge America program supports projects which extend the arts to underserved populations with limited access to the arts due to geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Projects must involve professionally trained, experienced artists and arts professionals. Grants are only available for guest artists, cultural tourism, and public art.

Non-Federal Grants

Title: [Education, Social Service, Health Care, Civic and Cultural, and Environmental Grants](#)
Sponsor: Dr. Scholl Foundation
Due Date: March 1, 2017 (Applications may be submitted any time between October 1 and March 1)
Maximum Funding Amount and Duration: $25K over one year.
Special Notes: Grant awards range between $5K and $25K.
Description: The foundation considers applications for grants in the following areas: Education, Social Service, Health Care, Civic and Cultural, and Environmental. However, other worthwhile projects may be considered. The categories above are broad to give flexibility in providing grants. Examples of grants awarded for education in the past include: education programs to fight poverty, scholarship programs, early childhood education and care programs, and equipment for an environmental sciences program. The foundation does not consider the following for funding:
- Organizations that do not have a valid IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter
- Political organizations, political action committees, or individual campaigns whose primary purpose is to influence legislation
- Foundations that are themselves grantmaking bodies

- Grants for loans, operating deficit reductions, the liquidation of a debt or general support
- Grants to individuals
- Grants are rarely made to endowments or capital campaigns
- Event sponsorships including the purchase of tables, tickets or advertisements
- More than one request from the same organization in the same year

If you have questions or would like more information about a grant opportunity, contact Alan Lawson at 859-246-6626 or alan.lawson@kctcs.edu.