Welcome to the latest in a series of periodic publications from the Office of Grants Development. The goal of this publication is to provide basic information to faculty and staff about the grants process at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) and to disseminate samples of the types of grant funding that are available. Future topics include the status of various pieces of legislation involving grants for community colleges and various grants applied for and received at NOVA. If you have any suggestions about topics to include or would like answers to specific questions, please contact Deborah Rosen, the director of grants and special projects, at drosen@nvcc.edu or at 703-323-3440 or Robert Henderson, college grants writer at rhenderson@nvcc.edu at 703-323-3493.

The Office of Grants Development has had an extremely busy month of April. Ms. Deborah Rosen, director of grants and special projects, and Mr. Rob Henderson, college grants writer, have assisted faculty and staff in writing and submitting proposals, preparing reports, working with funding agencies, and carrying out numerous, exciting projects in many different fields. Here are a few examples of the fruits of our labor.

Dr. Laura Franklin Improves Instruction in Less-Commonly Taught Languages

Dr. Laura Franklin (AL) has received word that her Startalk grant has been funded for the third year at an even higher level ($65,500). Dr. Franklin’s program, entitled, Powering Up Your Chinese and Arabic Language Courses with Technology, provides hands-on professional development in curriculum and instructional technology for language educators in Chinese and Arabic. Participants will attend full-day sessions in a hands-on format facilitated by technology and content experts in the target languages. Congratulations, Laura.

In addition, Dr. Franklin worked hard with Ms. Rosen to submit a proposal to the U.S. Department of Education’s Instructional Research and Studies Program. The proposal, entitled “To Strengthen Global Education,” seeks funds over three years to increase the number of classroom-ready, peer-reviewed learning materials in World Languages, World History, and International Business collections of MERLOT. MERLOT serves the world as the premiere learning object repository.

MEC Submits Final Proposal to Northern VA Health Foundation

The Northern Virginia Health Foundation responded positively to a letter of intent submitted by the MEC. Mr. Andy Cornell, Dr. Howard Kelley, Dr. Mary Pryor, and Ms. Gail Jackson were instrumental in developing a proposal which requested funds to assist the College in supporting some of the costs of the dental clinics that provide dental hygiene and restorative care to low-income, uninsured residents of Northern Virginia communities. The funds will provide hygiene, restorative

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and educational dental services to 100 patients.

Dr. Abe Eftekhari Receives Funding from U.S. Department of Energy

Northern Virginia Community College received $95,150 for an Alternative Energy project: Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Programs. The funds will cover some of the following activities: the development of training curricula for individuals entering alternative energy fields; the development of industry-led certification processes; lists of recommended training aids and equipment to support the curricula; guidelines and strategies for identifying and engaging industry representatives in the program design and delivery process; development of suggested materials and guidelines for marketing the training programs and recruiting participants; and development of web-based training and certification curricula. Dr. Abe Eftekhari (AN) will manage this grant.

VCCS Professional Development and Mini-Conference Grant Proposals from NOVA Increase for the April 15, 2009 Round

The Office of Grants Development worked closely with ten Professional Development and one Mini-Conference Grant applicants for the Fall cycle of VCCS grants. These opportunities for faculty (adjunct and full time) to carve out reassigned time or travel opportunities to advance themselves professionally are provided by the VCCS. See this website for more details: http://www.vccs.edu/FacultyStaff/ProfessionalDevelopment/Grants/ProfessionalDevelopmentGrants/tabid/375/Default.aspx

NOVA’s record in the last year has improved dramatically. Join us in wishing bon chance to:

- Afshaneh Chamlou, Alexandria
- Julie Allen, Annandale
- Nicole Foreman, Annandale
- Rima Gulshan, Annandale
- Lucinda Miller, Annandale
- Carol Sinwell, Annandale
- Karen Walters, Annandale
- Michelle Woodford, Annandale
- Dana Roggenbaum, Loudoun
- Charles Errico, Woodbridge
- Elizabeth De Angelo, MEC

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Rob Henderson and Debbie Rosen, working with partners from the Governors Career and Technical Academy in Arlington, submitted a preliminary proposal for funding from the National Science Foundation to support the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics career and technical education efforts underway for students dual enrolled at NOVA. The preliminary proposal, if accepted, would receive the benefit of technical assistance and advice from NSF experts as it was put into final shape for submission for the October round of funding consideration under the Advanced Technical Education program.

End of the Year for Grants

It is imperative that any outstanding invoices or purchases be lodged with the purchasing office and with our budget office to ensure that expenditures required before the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 2009) can be processed properly. As Hillary Clinton reminded us, it takes a Village. Well, in grants management it also takes people from the grant project itself to purchasing, to budgeting, to the controller’s office to ensure that clear records are kept and that accurate accounts are made of the work that has taken place under your grant.

As the fiscal year winds down, a number of deadlines associated with grants management are coming up for those projects ending June 30. The first is the purchasing countdown, which on May 8 will pass below the $5,000 barrier. See the March 17, 2009 Memo from Ed Mellon, Purchasing Director, for the deadlines and the Goods/Services levels. “Please contact the Purchasing Office at x23083 with any questions.”