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 (NVCC) 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 NVCC.

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 Sue Gossman, grants writer, at sgossman@nvcc.edu or at 703-323-3154.

WHAT IS THE OFFICE OF GRANTS DEVELOPMENT?

The role of the Office of Grants Development is to facilitate, coordinate, and assist the College to seek and secure external funds from federal, state and local funding sources.

The Office of Grants Development provides support to proposal writers and project directors through various services, including: searching and sharing information on funding sources; interpreting criteria and regulations; consulting and/or editing proposals; reviewing internal operating budgets and analyzing project expenditures; training project managers; and negotiating awards.

The Office of Grants Development maintains copies of all grant award letters as well as current laws, regulations and guidelines for grants, funding source information and a database on grants information entitled “SPIN,” Sponsored Program Information Network.

If you are considering submitting a proposal, the Office of Grants Development is your best resource for assistance in organizing your writing, accessing all potential grant sources, and ensuring that your proposal is in keeping with Northern Virginia Community College policies and the needs of the College. You may also find more information on the grants website at www.nvcc.edu/grants.

INTERNATIONALIZATION FOCUS

Dr. Paul McVeigh, AL, has submitted a proposal to the Internationalization Forum of Chief Academic Officers of the American Council on Education (ACE). McVeigh’s proposal describes a retreat for 35 faculty from across the college and the disciplines with the

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goal of determining a core set of learning outcomes aimed at creating a “globally competent” graduate. This will include examples of lessons and materials that incorporate international content and approaches, and, most important, how the intended knowledge, skills and attitudes can be effectively measured. Participants will also have the responsibility of conveying the results to their campuses and discipline colleagues, prior to a full dissemination.

Dr. Darling Graciela Villena-Mata, WO, has submitted a proposal to the Virginia Community College System to develop a faculty intercultural and international data bank. Faculty could access the data bank for material to internationalize their courses.

Both of these efforts will bring us closer to our goal of submitting a large proposal to one of the federal agencies on behalf of internationalization efforts at the College.

WHAT IS MEANING OF A “LARGE” GRANT AWARD?

Faculty sometimes ask what a “large” grant award means. They may have heard through a colleague that a particular college received a $1,000,000 grant award. The term “large” is obviously relative. What this generally means is that over a multi-year period of time (typically 3-5 years), the total amount of the award was $1,000,000. Thus a $1,000,000 grant award over five years indicates that the annual award was approximately $200,000.

Here are some examples of large grant awards received by Northern Virginia Community College:

- Health Careers Opportunity Program—multiple, multi-year awards; the most recent of which totaled $1,558,918 over five years
- U.S. Department of Labor H-1 B Re-training grant—two year award of $702,000
- Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development—five year award totaling approximately $11,000,000
- U.S. Department of Labor—two year award of $735,000
- U.S. Department of Education, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education—three year award of approximately $185,000
- Sloan Foundation- $300,000 over two years

GRANTS.GOV

Grants.gov is the federal government’s common grants submission portal and is now up and operational. Northern Virginia Community College is part of the system. As a result, it is very important that if you are even considering submitting a grant application to the federal government, you call or e-mail Deborah Rosen at 2-3440 or drosen@nvcc.edu to talk about the grants submission process. All of the same internal approvals are still required in order to submit an application, but the process is different. Grants.gov also enables you to search for federal grants and to receive e-mail notification about pending deadlines.

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