Welcome to the latest in a series of periodic publications from the Office of Grants Development. The goal of this newsletter is to provide information to faculty and staff about the grants process at the College and to disseminate announcements of grant awards. If you have any suggestions about topics to include or would like answers to specific questions, please contact Deborah Rosen, director of grants and special projects, at drosen@nvcc.edu.

State Department Confirms NOVA’s National Leadership in Student Exchange

The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs awarded increased funding to NOVA that expands the number of students served and support available to a NOVA-led consortium of colleges. Not only is the number of students increasing, in this season of the Fiscal Sequester, but the number of colleges participating in the Consortium is also expanding. Houston Community College and the College of DuPage in Illinois will each welcome their first cohort of students. Dr. Paul McVeigh and Dr. Syedur Rahman have provided the leadership for this program that is becoming a national model of international student education and exchange.

NOVA Submits State Department Proposal for Administrator Training with Indonesia

A consortium led by NOVA, which includes the Pennsylvania State University School of Education and the Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD), has proposed an intensive 45-day training program in U.S. community college administration to help bridge the gap between institutional aspiration and the capacity to deliver community economic education in Indonesia. If awarded this grant, NOVA will lead the Community Academy Administrator Program with Indonesia, and will anchor visits to Pennsylvania and Arizona with introductory and concluding sessions to ensure hands-on learning for Indonesian faculty and administrators, many of whom will be visiting the U.S. for the first time. An Executive Dialogue opens in Northern Virginia, and continues through immersion training and individual programs at Penn State, followed by administration and management at MCCCD in Phoenix, Arizona. The request is for $499,795.

NOVA Works with Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) to Serve Veterans

Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) are U.S. Department of Labor, state, and locally-funded entities charged with carrying out the terms of the Workforce Investment Act. In the local region, we are served by two WIBs: the Northern Virginia WIB (the SkillSource Group, Inc.) and the Alexandria/Arlington WIB. Both WIBs have received grants to provide training to veterans through NOVA, and NOVA has received sub-grants to provide that training or to staff positions. The long-term goal of these grants is to provide training in those fields in which veterans can obtain jobs to sustain them in their civilian lives.

Finding Funds for a Sustainable NOVA and Our Community – Dominion Power

The Grants Office has been working with Karen Bushaw-Newton, Assistant Professor of Biology (AN), and Sara Rilveria, Landscape Architect, to submit a request to the Dominion Higher Educa-

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tional Partnership program. Karen and Sara have developed a proposal requesting funds for a “sustainability zone” at NOVA’s Annandale campus that is designed to reduce stormwater flow, while providing hands-on, experiential learning for students. The zone will include rain gardens, a cistern, interpretative signs, and a solar power charging station for personal devices. One objective is to improve the conditions of the Accotink Creek watershed. This project is part of the overall sustainability efforts of NOVA to involve students, faculty, and the community in protecting our environment.

EPA Environmental Education Grant
Keeping with the sustainability theme, NOVA was provided $5,925 through the EPA Environmental Education Sub-Grant Program for NOVA’s first environmental film festival. The grant supports a multi-day series of film screenings, expert panels of stakeholders, and displays that will provide a forum for discussion of environmental issues and practices. Congratulations to Robert Johnson, Sustainability Officer, and Karen Bushaw-Newton, Assistant Professor of Biology (AN), on this grant!

The VCCS Awards Are Now In!
Congratulations to all those who successfully applied for a VCCS professional development grant for the summer semester. Awards were given to the following NOVA faculty and their projects: Jonathan Kolm – “STEAM – Putting the Arts in STEM: An International Collaboration,” Margaret Leary – “NIST NICE Framework Mapping and Performance-Based Assessments,” and Walerian Majewski – “Introducing Post-Modern Physics to Community Colleges of Virginia.” In addition, Shannon Ingram was awarded a VCCS mini-conference grant for “L.E.A.D.S. (Leadership, Education, Advocacy, Development & Service) Leadership Summit.”

And Now for the Spring VCCS Submissions
The warm weather also coincided with another round of VCCS applications. Grants staff worked with Mihaela Chamberlin, Barbara Crain, Nancy Crippen, Dahlia Henry-Tett, Amy Macrina & Bruce Wahl, Walerian Majewski, Lucinda Miller, Kim Taylor-Wilson, and Robert Thornett to submit their grant requests for the fall semester. VCCS will notify applicants by mid-June. Best of luck to each and every one of you! The next deadline for this grant program is October 15. Please contact Deborah Rosen at ext. 23154 if you are interested in applying.

For more information on any of the programs mentioned above please contact Deborah Rosen at drosen@nvcc.edu.