

## Tell Us What You'd Like To See!

We're revamping the El Camino College Quarterly Grants Newsletter in an effort to keep you up to date on funding opportunities, recent grant awards and other resource development news. Tell us what you'd like to see by e-mailing Kristi Adams at: [kadams@elcamino.edu](mailto:kadams@elcamino.edu)

### KNOW YOUR STAFF

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## Exploring 2012 grant opportunities

There are currently several open opportunities (requests for proposals) to apply for grants to state and federal departments, as well as private agencies, with El Camino College as the eligible applicant. If you see an opportunity you would like to apply for but the deadline seems too soon, keep the grant in mind for next year as many of these programs will be announced annually. Below are just a few highlights of available funding:

### U.S. Department of Education

#### Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program

The purpose of the Field Initiated (FI) Projects program is to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities. **Award Ceiling:** \$200,000 **Due Date:** 3/5/2012

[Link to complete Request for Proposal: Click Here](#)

### U.S. Department of Labor

#### Workforce Innovation Fund Grants

These funds support innovative approaches to the design and delivery of employment and training services that generate long-term improvements in the performance of the public workforce system, both in terms of outcomes for job seeker and employer customers and cost-effectiveness. **Due Date:** 3/22/2012. [Link to complete Request for Proposal: Click Here](#)

#### Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grants Program

Community colleges and other eligible institutions of higher education may request funds to expand and improve their ability to deliver education and career training programs that can be completed in two years or less, are suited for workers who are eligible for training under the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers program, and prepare program participants for employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations. **Due Date:** April 2012

[Read more about this opportunity and other funding availability under the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration by clicking Here.](#)



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## Visit Our Website

Explore the El Camino College Website for current information on grant procedures, links to funded project pages, proposal writing tips and more:

[www.elcamino.edu/administration/grants](http://www.elcamino.edu/administration/grants)

In order to best serve the campus community we adhere to a pre-proposal process for faculty and staff interested in grant funding. Detailed information about the process is also located on our Website.

## 2012 Opportunities Continued

### National Science Foundation

#### Transforming Undergraduate Education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (TUES); Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement (CCLI)

The TUES program supports efforts that bring advances in STEM disciplinary knowledge into the undergraduate experience. It also supports the creation and adaptation of learning materials and teaching strategies, encouraging projects that develop faculty expertise, promote widespread implementation of educational innovations, and prepare future K-12 teachers.

**Due Date:** Varies

**Link to complete Request for Proposal:** [Click Here](#)

#### Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program

The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program seeks to encourage talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics majors and professionals to become K-12 mathematics and science teachers. The Noyce Scholarship Track provides funds to institutions of higher education to support scholarships, stipends, and academic programs for undergraduate STEM majors and post-baccalaureate students holding STEM degrees who earn a teaching credential and commit to teaching in high-need K-12 school districts.

**Award Ceiling:** \$3.25 million

**Due Date:** 3/26/12

**Link to complete Request for Proposal:** [Click Here](#)

#### NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM)

Institutions of higher education may apply for funds to support scholarships for academically talented students demonstrating financial need, enabling them to enter the STEM workforce or STEM graduate school following completion of an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate-level degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics disciplines.

**Award Ceiling:** \$600,000

**Due Date:** 8/14/12

**Link to complete Request for Proposal:** [Click Here](#)



### National Endowment for the Arts

#### Art Works

Art Works encourages and supports the following four outcomes: the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence; public engagement with diverse and excellent art; lifelong learning in the arts, and livability, the strengthening of communities through the arts. You will be asked to select the outcome that is most relevant to your project, and you also will be able to select a secondary outcome. While not required, applicants are encouraged to consider partnerships among organizations, both in and outside of the arts, as appropriate to their project.

**Due Date:** 3/8/12

**Link to Announcement:** [Click Here](#)

### Ashoka Changemakers (Private Foundation)

#### Activating Empathy: Transforming Schools to Teach What Matters

Activating Empathy: Transforming Schools to Teach What Matters is a global competition seeking solutions that help young people learn and practice empathy in schools so they are equipped to succeed in a rapidly changing world. Enter your solution, or nominate an individual, organization, or partnership with a solution!

**Due Date:** 3/30/12

**Link to Online Application:** [Click Here](#)

### The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company (Corporation)

#### GRO1000 Grassroots Grants

ScottsMiracle-Gro is providing GRO1000 Grassroots Grants to help foster community spirit and public service. Grassroots Grants of up to \$1,500 are awarded to local communities to help bring edible gardens, flower gardens and public green spaces to even more neighborhoods in the United States.

**Award Ceiling:** \$1,500

**Due Date:** 2/24/12

**Link to Online Application:** [Click Here](#)



## Grants We've Recently Received



- El Camino College was recently awarded a five-year Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) Grant to support Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). The project brings together three divisions on camps: Natural Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, and Industry and Technology to strengthen STEM programs for students. The college was also awarded as a sub recipient for the same STEM program with a project led by Mount Saint Mary's College.
- The ECC Center for International Trade (CITD) joined a grant partnership for focused export promotion activities under the State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) Pilot Initiative. The California STEP project combines a network of state, federal, private and non-profit trade promotion organizations in California to facilitate export promotion activities, serving targeted industries, to drive exports for small businesses.
- The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration funded a California IT & Advanced Manufacturing Career Pathways Project to the California Manufacturers Technology Association (CMTA). El Camino College is a partner with CMTA and will implement an H-1B Technical Skills Training project. These grants are funded through fees paid by employers to bring foreign workers into the United States under the H-1B program. The grants are intended to raise the technical skill levels of American workers and, over time, help businesses reduce their need to use the H-1B program.

### For a bit of levity: "You know you're a grant writer if..."

- The word, "NO" is not in your vocabulary.
- You cry if your mail server goes down.
- All of your favorite websites end in .gov or .edu.
- Deadlines to you are like the finish line to a marathon runner.
- People don't understand you because you speak in acronyms.
- An award letter to you is like an Oscar to an actor.
- You do your best work at 4 a.m. when you haven't slept for 24 hours.
- You have a personal relationship with the night crew at the post office.
- Your Internet provider's help desk people know the sound of your voice.
- You have a love/hate relationship with online/electronic submission systems.
- You have a very understanding mate -- or you are single. Or divorced.
- You plan your vacations around proposal deadlines.
- You put off surgery until after a deadline -- then take your laptop to the hospital with you.
- You wonder how anyone ever wrote anything with a typewriter.



## GRANT TIP Searching for Funding

Do you have an idea for a project? Would you like to supplement your outstanding program with additional funding? It's always worth conducting a funding search to see what's out there. We're here to provide assistance during this process and have access to online tools that compile useful information about funders. Simply fill out the Grant Funding Search Request form and return it to Kristi Adams by email

at: [kadams@elcamino.edu](mailto:kadams@elcamino.edu)

[Download the form by visiting our Website](#)

## PROJECT DIRECTORS Round Up!

Ever wished you could share ideas, project resources or management tips with other grant project directors at El Camino? Are you up to date on auditor requirements for documenting your project? Do you need guidance on how to prepare your interim, annual or final report? We're inviting Project Directors and project staff to participate in a Round Up Meeting in April 2012. Please contact us with your tips and ideas today!

