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El Camino College Grant Funding Reaches \$11.7 Million in 2011

This past fall, El Camino College received approximately \$8.6 million in new grant funding to help students reach their academic goals. The recent funds are part of an overall \$11.7 million in grants received by El Camino College in 2011.

"This grant funding enables El Camino College to provide additional academic opportunities and support services to students," said El Camino College President Thomas M. Fallo. "At a time when budget cuts are increasing, this funding will provide the ability to help students become successful and competitive."

This past fall, new grants to El Camino College include:

National Science Foundation (NSF) Achievement Scholarships in Engineering, Mathematics and Science: \$598,550 over five years

This federal grant will provide 122 scholarships to academically talented, low-income students pursuing degrees in STEM disciplines. Qualified students will be eligible to receive scholarships for two years of academic study at ECC and a scholarship upon transferring to a four-year university.

Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement Program (MESA) - Fund for Student Success: \$50,500 for one year

MESA Community College Program (MCCP), part of the MESA Undergraduate Program, provides support to community college students who are majoring in math or science. Assistance is offered in academics and in transferring to four-year institutions.

State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) Grant Pilot Program: Center for International Trade Development (CITD): \$106,896 for one year

The goal of the California STEP project is to deliver export promotion activities, targeting 700 California small and medium size companies with a projected outcome of \$25 million in new exports. ECC's funding is part of a California Community Colleges grant of \$2.54 million from the U.S. Small Business Administration that will be used to increase California's small business export market share and create more jobs in the year ahead.

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The Responsive Training Fund program enables colleges to provide short-term, intensive training for incumbent workers in identified Strategic Priority Areas as well as other local impact sectors. The El Camino College CITD has partnered with the Los Angeles Customs Broker and Freight Forwarders Association (LACBFFA) to support our existing International Trade Compliance Institute, an extensive training program on international trade regulations.

Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM): \$869,627 in year one, \$4.34 million over five years

Funding from this grant will provide support to Hispanic and low-income students transferring in STEM fields. Goals include increasing the number of STEM degrees awarded and increasing the number of students who transfer in STEM majors to four-year colleges and universities. Plans also include centralizing, expanding and strengthening academic and student support services for STEM students.

Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Science, Technology, Engineering and Math STEM, partnership with Mount St. Mary's College: \$251,800 in year one; \$1.35 million over five years

This federal grant, secured in partnership with Mount St. Mary's College, is designed to enhance curricula and support for Hispanic, female and low-income students in the STEM disciplines. The grant also will provide tutoring programs and summer workshops to support and retain first- and second-year students in STEM areas. ECC's funding is part of a grant of \$6 million awarded to Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles.

California IT & Advanced Manufacturing Career Pathways Project, H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants: \$2 million over four years

This project will offer certification and/or industry credentials in information technology (IT) and advanced manufacturing to up-skill and advance incumbent workers climbing a successful career pathway. The project will also help to re-employ displaced workers by providing skills to demonstrate proficiency in rapidly changing, globally competitive technology fields. Through this program, employers will get the skilled workers they need, and students will be equipped with the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to succeed in new and emerging occupations in high-growth industries. ECC's funding is part of a grant of \$5M awarded to the California Manufacturers and Technology Association (CMTA).

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