Federal/State Grant Planning Committee Feb. 11, 2021 Meeting Summary

Purpose of Task Force:

To identify and develop potential federal/state grant projects including key components so that KVCC is better prepared to submit federal, state, and local grant proposals in the future; to be more intentional about preparing for and ultimately applying for federal, state and local grants.

Members in Attendance: Rachel Bair, LaJoyce Brooks, Craig Jbara, Kathy Johnson, Tracy Labadie, Kate Miller, Dan Mondoux, Janet Nykaza, Dan Mondoux

Other Information: Nate Nielson has left KVCC. Nate's replacement will join this committee in the future.

Review of recent grant proposal:

KVCC will apply to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for up to a \$40,000 grant for Riperian Management Plan for Portage Creek at Bronson Healthy Living Campus. Rachel Bair is the project director. If successful the grant will fund the hiring of a subject matter expert to develop a management plan for Portage/Axtell Creek shorelines and wetland planting. The accompanying educational materials would be used in KVCC program and community courses.

Perkins biannual Needs Assessment as a source for programs to target for grants

The College is now required to complete a Perkins comprehensive needs assessment every two years. The next assessment is due in Dec. 2021. The assessment provides a systematic way for the College to identify needs and gaps in occupational programs (funded by Perkins). Occupational programs are those that federal and state grants most often seek to fund.

The group agreed that studying/assisting with the upcoming 2021 Perkins needs assessment would be a good way to identify opportunities the college should pursue for grants.

Dan Mondoux and Tracey Labadie reviewed the data requirements from the 2019 Perkins needs assessment completed by the College, keeping in mind what can be improved for the upcoming 2021 assessment:

- The College should pursue contracting with an outside vendor (Burning Glass or EMSI) to secure real time labor market data. This information is needed for the upcoming 2021 assessment, and also would benefit Corp. Training/ The Groves and other grant efforts
- The group agreed that the College could improve the employer feedback area of the assessment by expanding survey outreach to Industry Advisory group meetings, and also reaching out to business groups that meet at the Groves. Tracey Labadie will prepare survey questions.
- The group will continue to discuss the Perkins needs assessment at the next meeting

Assignments for Next Meeting/Future Meetings:

The March meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be April 8, 2021.

We will continue to discuss/investigate/follow-up on the 2021 Perkins comprehensive needs assessment

Everyone will offer the internal roadblocks they see for grants, and the partnerships and linkages that need to be established for grant success.

Everyone will provide a list of what they would like in a common Grants shared area

Request from Nov. meeting - Craig Jbara asked that everyone come prepared to identify one area they think the College should focus on for federal/state grants.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be April 8, 2021 (via Zoom)

Post Meeting E-Mail – Shared Area – From Kate Miller

I am showing you all should have full editing access to the shared document for Economic Resources for Grant Consideration. The URL is: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HinfSfn9yHUCC0Z2alB9RJ-vWajXVg6f/view?usp=sharing