

Grants and Resource Development Department Annual Report Fiscal Year 2014

Historical Snapshot of Grant Activity

Mission Statement

The Grants and Resource Development Department furthers the strategic initiatives of GRCC by providing institutional leadership and support for departments and teams engaging in grant development efforts.

Executive Summary

The Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) Grants and Resource Development Department provides leadership, support, coordination and development of all grant activities in association with faculty, staff and students in order to advance the Mission, Vision, and Strategic Ends of the college.

The Grants and Resource Development Department is staffed by Judith Larsen, Director, Lisa Dopke, Associate Director, and Delicia Wilondja, Educational Support Personnel. The department reports to the Provost/ Executive Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs.

This Annual Report reflects the accomplishments of the GRCC Grants Department during FY 2014, which covers the period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

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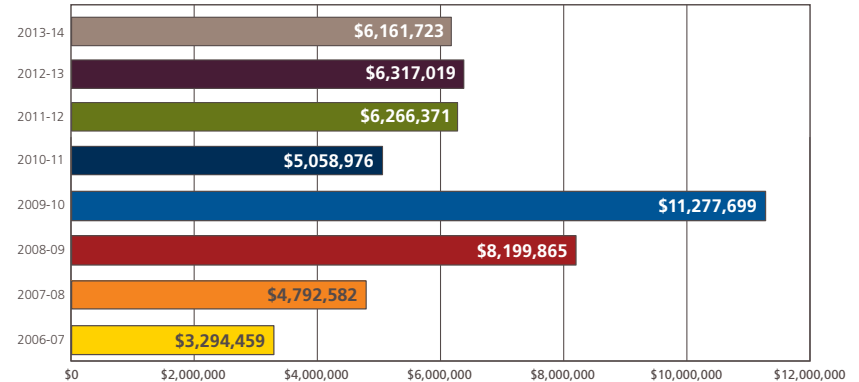
Grant Awards: 2013-2014

In FY 2014, **\$6,161,723** in grant revenues were awarded to GRCC. A breakdown of grants awarded as of 06/30/14 shows support for both new and existing programs:

- \$4,953,290 in grant funding was received for 13 new grants.
- \$1,208,433 was received for the continuation or modification of 6 existing grants.

Total Grant Awards 2006-2014

GRCC has received a total of \$51,368,694 in grant funding over the past eight years from federal, state, and local government entities, as well as from public and private foundations and corporate and professional entities.



Source: Department Manager/IT Works Grant Database for the period of 7/1/2013 thru 6/30/2014.

National Benchmarks

The GRCC Grants Department consistently exceeds national benchmarks.* Since FY 2006, the department has, on average, submitted 21 proposals per year—higher than the national average. The highest number of proposals GRCC submitted was 33 in FY 2010. Likewise, the average amount of competitive grant funds received in a year ranges from \$2 million to \$4.9 million. In comparison, GRCC averages \$6.4 million per year.

Grants Office Benchmarks	National Rates	GRCC Rates
Number of grant proposals written to federal, state, local, non-government or private agencies	Average of 1-9 per year	Average of 21 per year
Amount of funding received each year in competitive grant funds	Majority raised between \$2 million - \$4.9 million	\$6.4 million

Sources: The Clements Group, 2011 National Grants Survey; 2009 American Association of Grant Professionals Survey*

Notable Grant Awards in FY 2014

Arts and Sciences

- The U.S. Department of Education awarded a Child Care Access Means Parents in School grant that will provide \$99,425 each year for four years to support low income and/or Pell-eligible student parents to increase access to affordable child care services and in turn promote persistence and postsecondary completion.
- The W.K. Kellogg Foundation provided \$34,386 to support the GRCC Laboratory Preschool Construction Community Outreach and Planning Project. The project proactively engaged community and education partners in helping to shape the design of a state-of-the-art laboratory preschool facility.

Student Success and Retention

- GRCC received continued grant support from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$387,564 for its TRiO Student Support Services program to provide support services to first generation, low income students.
- The Wege Foundation and the Douglas and Maria DeVos Foundation awarded a combined total of \$50,000 in grant funding to support the GRCC Summer Learning Academy, an 8-week summer program to increase college readiness for rising seniors from Kent County public high schools.
- GRCC was awarded \$120,000 from the Michigan Workforce Development Agency, Office of Adult Education to continue the WIA Core Programs for English as a Second Language and Adult Basic Education at the Wealthy Street Learning Corner and Tassell M-TEC.

Workforce Development

- The Older Learner Center received a \$10,007 grant from the Area Agency on Aging through the Kent County Senior Millage to support health education programming for seniors, and \$38,330 through the Older Americans Act to support the disease prevention and health promotion programs, the grandparent support group, and the caregiver support program.
- The Area Community Services Employment and Training Council provided grant support of \$48,000 for the JET Training Clearinghouse program.

GRCC Foundation

- \$25,000 was awarded to the GRCC Foundation from the Frey Foundation to support the 100th Anniversary Scholarship Fund Gala. The grant will be used to provide scholarships to students.

Student Affairs

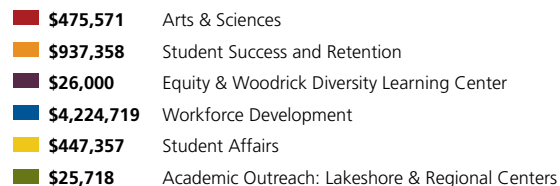
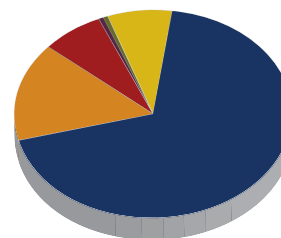
- A continuation grant of \$367,357 was awarded by the U.S. Department of Education to support the TRiO Upward Bound program, which provides fundamental support to first generation and low income high school students to help them succeed in their pre-college performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits.

Academic Outreach: Lakeshore Campus and Regional Centers

- \$25,718 was awarded by the Ottawa County Michigan Works! Agency for the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program.

Grant Awards to College Departments

Grant awards to college departments supported a range of academic and student support programs, as well as local and regional workforce development. Programming was supported in the following college departments: Workforce Development (68.6%), Arts and Sciences (7.7%), Student Success and Retention (15.2%), Student Affairs (7.3%), Academic Outreach: Lakeshore & Regional Centers (.4%), and Equity and Woodrick Diversity Learning Center (.4%).



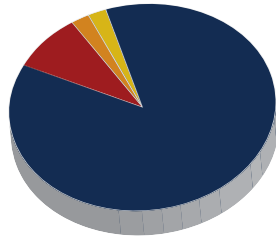
Source: Department Manager/IT Works Grant Database for the period of 7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014.

As a community college, GRCC is uniquely committed to enriching its community through grant-supported academic programming that enhances the quality of life for West Michigan residents. For example, grant awards from the Wege Foundation and the Douglas and Maria DeVos Foundation supported the GRCC Summer Learning Academy, a preparatory program for rising high school seniors as they transition into the rigors of college life.

During FY 2014, GRCC initiated plans to expand its Laboratory Preschool. Grants will play an integral role in supporting these plans, which include the construction of a new facility and expanded programs to support GRCC students and community parents alike. One such program, *Child Care Access Means Parents in School*, was funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education and will support low income and/or Pell-eligible student parents by providing increased access to affordable child care services that in turn promote the parent's persistence and postsecondary completion.

Total Grants Received by Funding Source

Grant funds were allocated from a variety of funding sources: Federal (87%), State (8.8%), County (2%), and Public or Private Foundations (2.2%).



■	\$5,362,522	Federal
■	\$541,760	State
■	\$122,055	County
■	\$135,386	Public/Private Foundation

Source: Department Manager/IT Works Grant Database for the period of 7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014.

Promoting Partnerships

Maintaining strong relationships with the community is an important function of the Grants and Resource Development Department. Increasingly, both public and private grantors are seeking to fund innovative partnerships and collaborative programming in an effort to maximize their return on investment for the community. This, combined with a highly competitive grant seeking climate, make collaboration an important part of the college's overall grant seeking strategy.

Our staff plays a key role in forming and facilitating partnerships with community organizations to support common proposals and to jointly apply for funding. We also serve as a single point of contact for the college, and foster connections with contacts in local, state, and national government agencies and private and public philanthropies to advocate for the success of funding requests.

In FY 2014, significant grant awards supported innovative programming across the college, from early education programming, to student success initiatives, to workforce training programs.

Workforce Development

- The GRCC Workforce Training Department, in partnership with the Michigan Coalition for Advanced Manufacturing (M-CAM) led by Macomb Community College, was awarded \$4,128,382 through the U.S. Department of Labor, Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College Career and Training grant program. This grant supports upgrades to manufacturing programs, equipment purchases to support educating today's workforce about the new role advanced manufacturing plays in West Michigan, and equipment purchases to grow existing GRCC programs during the next four years.

Arts and Sciences

- The GRCC Laboratory Preschool was awarded \$341,760 through the Michigan Department of Education, Great Start School Readiness program for early childhood programs of educational excellence. This program is conducted in partnership with the Kent Intermediate School District and Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Student Success and Retention

- The TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) program, through its partnership with Michigan Technological University, received \$12,500 for its continued participation in the Michigan Tech MICUP/SAMP Transfer Transition Model funded through the Michigan Strategic Fund. The program provides potential SSS transfer students with summer research experiences.

Student Affairs

- GRCC was awarded \$30,000 for participation in the Michigan Department of Education, Statewide Transfer/Articulation Agreement Partnership program. The grant provided funding to establish partnerships to develop agreements that ensure postsecondary credit earned during high school is included in transcripts and is transferable to postsecondary institutions. The program is led by the Kent Intermediate School District.

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Promoting Partnerships

- GRCC was accepted as a partner in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Career Liaison Program wherein each selected community college received \$50,000 for the purpose of hiring a career liaison for growing the enrollment of college-going students interested in careers. This initiative was led by Jackson Community College.

Equity & Woodrick Diversity Learning Center

- The Alpha Beta Omega (ABO) World Leaders Society program, in partnership with the Grand Rapids Urban League, received an award of \$26,000 from the Dyer-Ives Foundation. The program is designed to provide leadership skills to high-risk urban students at GRCC. Services include specialized academic advising, tutoring, peer coaching, and other support to increase success at GRCC and beyond.

Acknowledgment of Grant Team Members

“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.”

—Henry Ford

The success of the GRCC Grants Department over the past several years can certainly be attributed to the joint efforts of those who work with us, either individually or as part of a grant team. The Grants Department would therefore like to acknowledge the faculty and staff members who worked on and/or submitted a grant proposal during FY 2014.



Lorena Aguayo-Marquez

Lily Anderson

Christine Arnold

JaneAnn Benson

Becky Brinks

Erin Busscher

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Mark Champion

Laurie Chesley

Anna Maria Clark

Dan Clark

Patrick Coleman

Rhondo Cooper

John Cowles

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Anne Meilof

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Bruce Morrison

Kathy Mullins

Eric Mullen

Tom Neils

Kathleen Owens

Julie Parks

Jodi Richhart

Raynard Ross

Melanie Schiele-Gady

David Selmon

Tom Smith

Ric Underhile

John VanElst

George Waite

Eric Williams

Internal Grant Awards

In FY 2014, the GRCC Foundation allocated \$60,000 for professional development to support the participation of faculty and staff in a variety of learning opportunities. Professional development grants are administered by the Grants and Resource Development Department through the Instructional Improvement & Professional Development (IIPD) and Support Staff Professional Development (SSPD) programs. Grant recipients and their respective activities are listed below.

Instructional Improvement & Professional Development (IIPD) Grants

The purpose of the IIPD Grant program is to support faculty professional development to ensure continued growth, develop new avenues of instruction and curriculum, and to enhance the professional lives of faculty for increased student learning, achievement and success. During FY 2014, the following IIPD grants were awarded:

School Program/Department	Grantee	Activity	Amount
School of Arts and Sciences			
Language and Thought	Aleta Anderson	American Council of Teachers for Foreign Language Conference	\$901
Visual Arts	Kimberly Overdeest	College Arts Association Annual Conference	\$1,776
Music	Debora DeWitt Stephen Barton	2013 College Music Society National Association	\$3,571
Mathematics	Elizabeth McKinney	Appalachian State University, Kellogg Institute	\$4,377
English	Mursalata Muhammad	Teaching English as a Foreign Language Certification (TEFL) Institute 4-week Certification Program	\$3,700
Biology	Matthew Douglas	Summer travel to follow the patterns of monarch butterfly mating habits	\$4,500
Social Sciences	Keith St. Clair	Traveling seminar of the World Affairs Council to North African coast of Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco	\$4,500
	Yan Bai	2014 American Western Political Science Association	\$1,798
Psychology	Ennis Young	Advanced On Course II workshop on advanced learner-centered education	\$1,775
	Sandra Lancaster	Advanced On Course II workshop on advanced learner-centered education	\$1,775
School of Workforce Development			
Applied Technology (HVAC)	Donald Steeby	HVAC Excellence Educators Conference	\$1,686
Culinary Arts	Angus Campbell	Culinary stage with chefs in the Veneto region of Italy	\$3,598
Instructional Support & Interdisciplinary Studies			
Library and Learning Commons	Lori DeBie	Association of College and Research Libraries Conference	\$2,600

Internal Grant Awards *(continued)*

Support Staff Professional Development (SSPD) Grants

First implemented during the 1998-1999 academic year, the SSPD Grant Program has encouraged support staff to improve their professional skills related to their GRCC assignments. During FY 2014, the following SSPD grants were awarded:

School Program/Department	Grantee	Activity	Amount
Business and Financial Services	Cherry Scaturro	Society of Collegiate Travel and Expense Management Conference	\$1,300
Information Technology	Michael Passer	Alliance Product Advisory Group Summit and the Alliance 2013 Conference	\$2,018
	Nathan Hamilton	Inspire 2014 - ImageNow User Conference	\$1,590
	Susan Hansen	Higher Education User Group (HEUG) Alliance 2014 Conference	\$2,160
	Amanda Chatel	OS X Mavericks Support Essentials v. 10.9 (3-day course)	\$2,500
Student Success and Retention	Tracey Payne	Achieving the Dream 2014 Annual Conference	\$1,175
Workforce Training	Elly Bainbridge	National Council for Marketing & Public Relations Conference	\$1,970
Cashier's Office	Kevin Perrin	Higher Education User Group (HEUG) Alliance 2014 Conference	\$1,700
Enrollment Center	Francisco Ramirez	Inspire 2014 ImageNow User Conference	\$1,150
Student Life	Evan Macklin	Donald Gehring Academy for Student Conduct Administrators (4-day training)	\$1,200
Library and Learning Commons	Marcia Lee	North America Serials Interest Group (NASIG) Annual Conference	\$640
Human Resources	Angie Ramirez	Inspire 2014 ImageNow User Conference	\$1,150

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