



September 23, 2021

TO: THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF VALENCIA COLLEGE

FROM: KATHLEEN PLINSKE
President

RE: SUBMISSION OF GRANT PROPOSALS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The President recommends that the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College approve the Submission of Grant Proposals, as presented.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Plinske".

President

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY REPORT
 FOR VALENCIA DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 August 2021



	Grants Submitted 8/01/21 - 8/31/21	Total Submitted this month: \$854,309
Project Name: FL DOS DLIS Florida ARPA: Valencia College Library Support (FY 2022)		
<p>Description: Since March 2020, a college-wide team of Valencia College administrators and librarians continue to collaborate on plans to provide programming, services, and instruction for students and faculty in a ‘new normal’. After more than a year of remote work due to the pandemic, the librarians now understand the infrastructure enhancements needed to support distance learning and the continued operations of the library within a virtual environment. Across the country, academic libraries are encountering a major shift, where one to one interactions are no longer possible or preferred, where providing physical resources creates a barrier to access, and where collaborative study areas designed for close contact now must support social distancing requirements in the same amount of space (Cox, 2020). This proposal requests funding to support important Covid-19 related Valencia College Library infrastructure improvements. With support from the Florida Division of Library and Information Sciences, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, the Valencia College Library will enhance infrastructure to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students, faculty, and staff through purchasing items to minimize contact between individuals, digitize items to support greater access, support online learning, and provide resources to students who rely heavily on electronic devices to access teaching and learning.</p>		
Funding Agency: Department of State Florida , Division of Library and Information Services	Campus/Program: College Wide	Amount Requested: \$444,084
Funding Program: Florida ARPA Act	Accountable Administrator: Wendy Givoglu	Match (Yes/No): No
Funding Category: State	Project Director: Leonard Bass	Date Submitted: 8/5/2021

Project Name: Wells Fargo Foundation Local Community Grants: Horizon Scholars Program Support (FY 2022)


Description: As with prior years, funding will support a variety of activities at all levels of the Horizon Scholars Program. This includes subsistence for events such as student graduation and other student activities. SAT and ACT preparation is included with the goal of increasing standardized test scores. Funding will also provide laptops for those students who are graduating from the program and do not have funds to purchase this critical piece of equipment as they enter college. The Horizon Scholars Program is serving 485 students this year.

Funding Agency: Wells Fargo Foundation	Campus/Program: Valencia Foundation	Amount Requested: \$15,000
Funding Program: Community Grants	Accountable Administrator: Isis Artze Vega	Match (Yes/No): No
Funding Category: Foundation	Project Director: Lindsay Regruit	Date Submitted: 8/24/2021

Project Name: Florida Blue Foundation 2021 Food Security Grant Program (FY2022)

Description: Valencia College's holistic student supports model acknowledges that student learning is impacted when basic needs, such as food, are unmet. This program seeks to expand the current food pantries, located on each of the seven main campuses, into a more comprehensive network of pantries, ensuring that all students have access to food and other basic items. Through the key activities in the grant, the College will intentionally design the food pantry experience to ensure the removal of structural barriers facing historically underserved students by creating equity-minded practices across all campuses. This grant will help us align food pantry services with student needs, educate students about nutrition in order to improve their lives, connect students to wider holistic student supports that are timely and critical, and to ensure food pantry services are personalized, comprehensive, sustainable, integrated and proactive.

Funding Agency: Florida Blue Foundation	Campus/Program: College Wide	Amount Requested: \$395,225
Funding Program: 2021 Food Security Grant Program	Accountable Administrator: Joe Richardson	Match (Yes/No): No
Funding Category: Foundation	Project Director: Joe Sarrubbo	Date Submitted: 8/25/2021

	Grants Awarded 8/01/21 - 8/31/21		Total Awarded this month: \$527,015
Campus/Program	Agency/Opportunity Name	Project	Amount
College Wide	State Farm Corporate Responsibility	State Farm Foundation Community Grants: Internship and Workforce Services Business Competition (FY 2022)	\$ 2,000
West Region	Florida Department of Education OCPS Title II Subaward 2021-2022	FLDOE Subaward OCPS Title II (FY 2022)	\$ 75,015
Valencia Foundation	PepsiCo Foundation Uplift Scholars Program	PepsiCo Foundation Uplift Scholars Program (FY 2022)	\$ 450,000

August 2021 Community College Initiative (CCI) Program

What is CCI?

CCI provides international students with scholarships to spend an academic year at a US community college. The program is funded through the Department of State and targets students from underrepresented and underserved communities. During the academic year, participants earn technical certificates, complete internships, serve as volunteers, and learn about American culture. Participants then return to their countries and implement action plans to serve their local communities. Since 2016, Valencia has hosted nearly 80 CCI participants from 12 different countries.

Countries Represented in 2021:
Bangladesh, Brazil, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, India, Indonesia, and South Africa

Total Students Served in 2021	16
Volunteer Hours Completed	848
Internship Hours Completed	461



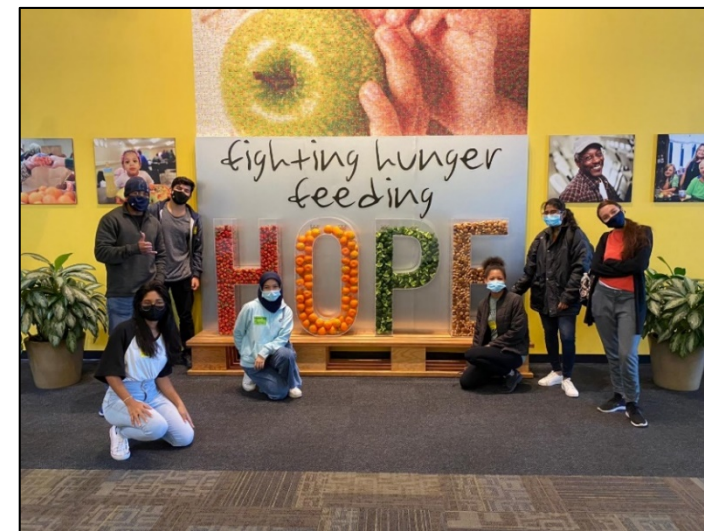
Technical Certificates Earned	16
Business Specialist	4
Computer Aided Design	2
Guest Services Specialist	3
Plant Science Specialist	5
Robotics Applications Technician	2

Adjusting to the Pandemic

This year, Valencia participated in an abbreviated one-semester CCI Program. Strict COVID protocols were adopted, and many of the program components were done in a virtual or socially distanced manner. Despite these challenges, participants earned academic certificates, gained relevant experience in their professional fields, volunteered in the local community, and had a rich cultural experience in Orlando.

Volunteering


Participants volunteered at least 50 hours at organizations such as Second Harvest Food Bank, Foundation for Foster Children, United Against Poverty, Fleet Farming, A Gift for Teaching and Coalition for the Homeless. Participants also volunteered their time at several events for both Valencia and UCF.



*"My virtual classes were great! My professors and Valencia staff were always there to help me complete my studies successfully and get on the Dean's List."
- Farah, CCI participant from Indonesia*

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 Grants Submitted 7/01/21 - 7/31/21		Total Submitted this month: \$1,720,601	
Project Name: FL DEO Florida Job Growth Grant Accelerated Skills Training in New Robotics Technology (FY2022)			
<p>Description: Valencia College is requesting Florida Job Growth Grant Fund workforce training funds for the 'Accelerated Skills Training in New Robotics Technology' (Robotics Technology) project to promote growing industry needs aligned with changing technology to support Florida's targeted industries: Manufacturing and Logistics and Distribution Operations. This project will develop a 14-Week Robotics Technician training program. Program development is a direct result of partnerships between Central Florida businesses and Valencia to address workforce development needs related to challenges currently found in the manufacturing and distribution sectors. The Covid-19 global pandemic underscored issues with the supply chain, while increasing demand for remote capabilities resulting in significant changes to the Central Florida employer landscape. One of the ways manufacturers and distribution organizations address the growing issues around getting product to customer is to increase efficiencies within their current systems by adding robots. Finding skilled technicians for machines and now robots will continue to be a major challenge for manufacturing and distribution employers for many years. Grant funds support program start-up costs including an instructor for one year, scholarships for two years (approx. 120 students), and equipment.</p>			
Funding Agency: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity		Campus/Program: Continuing Education	Amount Requested: 1,713,601.00
Funding Program: Florida Job Growth Grant		Accountable Administrator: Joe Battista	Match (Yes/No): No
Funding Category: State		Project Director: Carolyn McMorran	Date Submitted: 7/1/2021

Project Name: Florida Humanities Community Project Grant: Valencia Voices (FY 2022)


Description: Building upon existing work of interviewing faculty, staff, and students about their immigration experiences in Osceola County, Valencia seeks funding to bring these narratives to life through exhibits and forums to open lines of communication within the community, build understanding of the immigrant story, and celebrate cultural diversity. Valencia will host exhibits both at the Osceola Campus and at the Osceola Historical Society, our project partner. An online version will be created for the Humanities Digital Venue. The Valencia Voices project aims to record and share personal stories of immigration within a community deeply influenced by changing demographics. Funding will support presentation and technology needs of the project, room rental at Osceola Historical Society, and printing for promotional material.

Funding Agency: Florida Humanities Council	Campus/Program: Osceola Campus	Amount Requested: \$5,000
Funding Program: Community Project Grants	Accountable Administrator: Melissa Pedone	Match (Yes/No): Yes
Funding Category: State	Project Director: Mark McMeley	Date Submitted: 7/20/2021

Project Name: State Farm Foundation Community Grants: Internship and Workforce Services Business Competition (FY 2022)

Description: Valencia received this award last year and was invited to apply again. The project will be the same: sponsoring student awards in a spring 2022 virtual business solution challenge. Valencia students enrolled in the Bachelor of Business and Organizational Leadership program will be invited to participate in the challenge where they will be required to present key information concerning a business-related issue or unmet need, along with a solution in front of an audience and judges within a limited amount of time. Three winners are selected by the judges based on a pre-determined criteria. Funding supports awards for student competitions, plus a small amount for materials.

Funding Agency: State Farm Foundation	Campus/Program: College Wide	Amount Requested: \$2,000
Funding Program: State Farm Corporate Responsibility	Accountable Administrator: Isis Artze Vega	Match (Yes/No): No
Funding Category: Foundation	Project Director: Michelle Terrell	Date Submitted: 7/26/2021

	Grants Awarded 7/01/21 - 7/31/21		Total Awarded this month: \$1,891,725
Campus/Program	Agency/Opportunity Name	Project	Amount
Continuing Education	AACC AWMH Metallica Scholars Initiative	AACC AWMH Metallica Scholars Program: AST Renewal Funding (FY 2021)	\$ 50,000
College Wide	National Science Foundation Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Education and Human Resources (IUSE: EHR)	NSF IUSE Engaged Student Learning Level 3: Successful Engagement - Active Learning in Mathematics (FY2021)	\$ 1,226,725
College Wide	Helios Education Foundation Community Investment Program	Helios Education Foundation, CFEED Collaborative Use Enhancement & Integration (FY21)	\$ 615,000

July 2021
Health and Human Services
Suicide Prevention Grant

The SAMHSA
(*Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration*) Suicide Prevention grant fosters infrastructure development to better support student **mental health awareness**, as well as increase behavioral health crisis **response services**.

Grant efforts focused on **QPR Gatekeeper** trainings, college-wide **incident tracking**, and development and implementation of a **student campaign**.



Through Spring 2021:
Number of unique **16,346**
students exposed to mental health awareness messages via skill shops, self-care calendars, self-care corner, and social media.

“A few months ago, a student called into the Virtual Advising Center (VAC)...The conversation started normal enough, she answered questions that I asked her relating to financial aid and course work. In the middle of answering my question the student started to cry...**Based on the [QPR] training** I received, I started **listening** for signs of self-harm. The student started to put herself down and started using language of self-hate. While the student was talking, I used Skype to message my manager to contact the on-call counselor... I knew that **keeping her focus on all the good** she has done was a step towards empowering her to focus on what life has to offer...I am happy that I was **able to help** the student based on the [QPR] training I received.”

– QPR Gatekeeper

The West Campus Grant Team



The development of a Counseling Support and Counseling Referral Form, which went “live” March 25, 2020, has provided students and faculty with greater access to student support. Located in Atlas alongside our BayCare Health System link, these forms connect our students to Valencia counselors, either for an appointment or immediate assistance. Additionally, the Counseling Referral Form has been added to the Valencia Atlas online faculty/staff portal and allows our Valencia community to connect students with mental health resources as appropriate.

1168

Since its inception, # of students who received mental health counseling or related services and case management as a result of the new online forms, including referrals by a faculty or staff member.

2628

of students who requested counseling support services.

All records were accessed and managed within our Valencia internal database via the 14 Valencia College Counselors, resulting in 3796 students in total receiving Valencia based mental health services.

- As of Spring 2021, we have established **partnerships** with:
- Samaritan Resource Center
 - Rollins College
 - College of Central Florida
 - University of Central Florida's Lavender Council
 - Community Health Centers of Florida

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 June 2021



	Grants Submitted 6/01/21 - 6/30/21		Total Submitted this month: \$4,120,728
Project Name: DOS Community College Initiative Subaward NOVA: Community College Initiative Program (FY 2022)			
<p>Description: This is the annual subaward from Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), primary recipient of U.S. Department of State funding to administer the Community College Initiative (CCI) program. This project develops an innovative partnership between Valencia and NOVA to reach under served and underrepresented populations and supports the college’s overall efforts towards internationalization. As with previous years, Valencia will host 16 international students for a fully immersive educational and cultural experience. Funding covers a full time Program Coordinator, tuition, and educational and cultural programming/materials.</p>			
Funding Agency: Department of State	Campus/Program: Continuing Education	Amount Requested: \$241,312	
Funding Program: Community College Initiative	Accountable Administrator: Joe Battista	Match (Yes/No): No	
Funding Category: Federal	Project Director: Talia Popovski	Date Submitted: 6/1/2021	
Project Name: AACC AWMH Metallica Scholars Program: AST Renewal Funding (FY 2021)			
<p>Description: Funding will be spent as the previous year, providing scholarships to low-income students participating in the Accelerated Training Skills programs of Welding, Heavy Equipment Operator, Mechatronics and the newly added Commercial Driving License/CDL. Funds are leveraged from other sources, including CareerSource Central Florida to cover full program costs. Students are able to attend at any location, including the new Mid-town site opening over the summer of 2021. Approximately 20 – 25 students will be served with this funding.</p>			
Funding Agency: American Association of Community Colleges and All Within My Hands Foundation	Campus/Program: Continuing Education	Amount Requested: \$50,000	
Funding Program: Metallica Scholars Initiative	Accountable Administrator: Joe Battista	Match (Yes/No): Yes	
Funding Category: Foundation	Project Director: Joe Battista	Date Submitted: 6/3/2021	

Project Name: Gene Haas Foundation: AST CNC Scholarships (FY 2022)

Description: To address the national skills gap in the manufacturing workforce, GHF seeks to build skills in the machining industry by providing scholarships for CNC machine technology students and NIMS credentials. The broad goal of this project is to support students enrolled in Valencia College's Continuing Education CNC Machining program to build skills and obtain credentials. GHF sets each grant award amount after application, but scholarships should range between \$500-\$2,500. In 2020, 24 students received GHF scholarships. This project will result in CNC students receiving scholarships supporting their progression through their program, and covering costs, such as tuition; books; student's personal NIMS credentials via their own NIMS accounts; and student's small personal tools required by training program.

Funding Agency: Gene Haas Foundation	Campus/Program: Valencia Foundation	Amount Requested: Funding agency determines award amount based on availability
Funding Program: Scholarship Funding for Postsecondary Programs	Accountable Administrator: Geraldine Gallagher	Match (Yes/No): No
Funding Category: Foundation	Project Director: Ken Lockhart	Date Submitted: 6/4/2021

Project Name: FL DOE: Legislative Funding for Horizon Scholars Program (FY 2022)

Description: This funding reflects the annual appropriation from the State of Florida to the state Take Stock in Children agency, who then distributes to local agencies. Valencia College maintained Gold Level status this year due to consistently meeting or exceeding stated goals for Orange County students, despite the impact of the pandemic. The program is approaching nearly 500 students and this funding will support primarily personnel as required by the agency, along with limited travel and other costs in support of the program.

Funding Agency: Florida Department of Education	Campus/Program: Valencia Foundation	Amount Requested: \$253,477
Funding Program: Take Stock in Children	Accountable Administrator: Isis Artze Vega	Match (Yes/No): No
Funding Category: State	Project Director: Kelly Astro	Date Submitted: 6/24/2021

Project Name: FLDOE Career Pathways Entitlement, under Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V): Perkins V - Career Pathways Entitlement (FY 2022)


Description: This is a non-recurring grant opportunity funded through Reserve Funds (The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, Section 112 (c)) to aid Florida College System institutions whose postsecondary allocations were impacted by the removal of students classified with awaiting limited access and general freshman programs of student from the postsecondary formula calculation. This project supports Career and Technical Education programs in alignment with the findings from the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment. This project will result in responding to the needs of students in CTE programs, including special populations, and supports their success in CTE programs leading to high skill, high wage, in-demand occupations. Funding will support equipment.

Funding Agency: Florida Department of Education	Campus/Program: College Wide	Amount Requested: \$718,431
Funding Program: Career Pathways Career and Technical Education	Accountable Administrator: Isis Artze Vega	Match (Yes/No): No
Funding Category: State	Project Director: Anjela Madison	Date Submitted: 6/28/2021

Project Name: FL DOE Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V), Career and Technical Education: Perkins 2021-2022 (FY 2022)

Description: Perkins V reauthorized the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. Perkins V functions as a federal education program that serves as a supplemental source of funding for career and technical education (CTE) at both the secondary and postsecondary levels across the United States. Funding will support CTE programs, including mini-grants to faculty, which will include the cost of industry certifications as a new initiative this year; student outreach and career planning; Career Pathways program; and equipment. Personnel costs include a Perkins Director, 18 Career Program Advisors, and 9 other positions (5 full time, 4 part time) to support CTE programs.

Funding Agency: Florida Department of Education	Campus/Program: College Wide	Amount Requested: \$2,857,508
Funding Program: Perkins V	Accountable Administrator: Isis Artze Vega	Match (Yes/No): No
Funding Category: State	Project Director: Anjela Madison	Date Submitted: 6/28/2021

	Grants Awarded 6/01/21 - 6/30/21		Total Awarded this month: \$3,121,774
Campus/Program	Agency/Opportunity Name	Project	Amount
College Wide	Florida Department of Education Fall 2021 Enrollment Campaign	FL DOE Fall 2021 Enrollment campaign (FY 2022)	\$ 61,774
College Wide	National Science Foundation Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP), Bridges to Baccalaureate Alliances (B2B)	NSF LSAMP B2B Alliances CFSA Paths (FY 2021)	\$ 1,500,000
Valencia Foundation	IME Becas Higher Education Scholarship Program	IME Becas: Higher Education Scholarships (FY 2021)	\$ 10,000
Osceola Region	Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) YouthBuild	DOL YouthBuild: Greater Orlando-YouthBuild Plus (FY 2020)	\$ 1,500,000
Valencia Foundation	Orlando Magic Youth Foundation Standard Grant	Orlando Magic Youth Foundation: Support of Horizon Scholars Program (FY 2021)	\$ 50,000

June 2021

**Featured Sponsored Project:
NSF Louis Stokes Alliance for
Minority Participation (LSAMP)**

LSAMP is an alliance-based program with the goal of diversifying the nation's STEM workforce by increasing the number of degrees awarded to populations historically underrepresented in STEM disciplines. Valencia College was recently selected by NSF for an additional three years of continuation funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 based on the successes of the 2017 and 2013 prior awards. Valencia will lead the project with alliance partners College of Central Florida, Polk State College, and Pasco-Hernando State College.



LSAMP Scholar with STEM advisor Arlene Willis during 2021 graduate event.

Prior Award Highlights:

- 144 LSAMP students alliance-wide completed at least 30 hours of engagement during most recent reporting period. Facilitated first virtual Summer STEM Institute (July 2020) – a week-long program with 30 students from Polk and Valencia participating.
- Hosted first virtual STEM Summit (April 2021) with 145 unique attendees alliance-wide.
- 15 students accepted to NSF REUs (Research Experiences for Undergraduates) for summer 2021 and are receiving stipend support through LSAMP grant.
- 14 VC students served as LSAMP Workplace Scholars and completed research at-home and 10 students served as Peer & Career Scholars and mentored other students during Summer 2020 – Spring 2021.
- College of Central Florida STEM Club was awarded club of year; CCF started the club through LSAMP.

“In the beginning I did not really have any goals, but towards the end as a workplace scholar I realized that I accomplished a lot of things that I never thought I would have been able to complete as a community college student.” – LSAMP Scholar

“I gained a community of peers, I gained research experience, I also gained an experience that I will never forget of conducting research at home during a pandemic.” – LSAMP Scholar



Top Photo: Damika Sanders (LSAMP Implementation Coordinator) distributes supplies to students for the 2020 Summer STEM Institute. *Bottom Photo:* Presenter from Audubon Center for Birds of Prey during 2021 STEM Summit.

