

May 26, 2022

TO: THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VALENCIA COLLEGE

FROM: DR. KATHLEEN PLINSKE

President

RE: SUBMISSION OF GRANT PROPOSALS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY REPORT FOR VALENCIA DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES April 2022





Grants Submitted 4/01/22 - 4/30/22

Total Submitted this month: \$62,000

Project Name: Duke Energy Foundation Powerful Communities: Accelerated Skills Training, Electric Powerline Technician Program (FY 2023)

Description: Building on the success of the prior year, Valencia seeks \$60,000 in scholarship support specifically for students in the AST Electrical Powerline Technician program. The Electrical Powerline Technician program has seen solid growth, increasing from eight students in 18/19 to 40 in 21/22. All funds will be used for scholarships, with an anticipated 14-18 students served.

Funding Agency: Duke Energy Foundation	Campus/Program: Continuing Education	Amount Requested: \$60,000
Funding Program: Powerful Communities: Workforce	Accountable Administrator: Joe Battista	Match (Yes/No): No
Development Grants		
Funding Category: Foundation	Project Director: Carolyn McMorran	Date Submitted: 4/28/2022

Project Name: State Farm Foundation Community Grants: Internship and Workforce Services Business Competition (FY 2023)

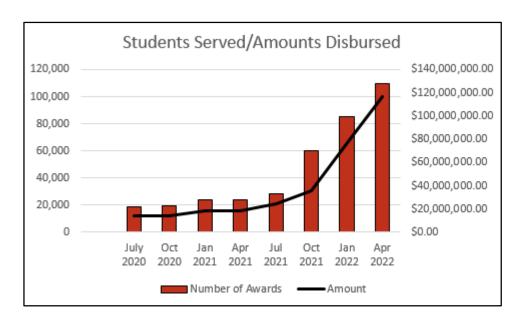
Description: Valencia received this award in two previous years and was invited to apply again. The project will be the same: sponsoring student awards in a spring 2023 business solution challenge. Valencia students enrolled in the Bachelor of Business and Organizational Leadership program will be invited 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: 4/28/2022

April 2022

Featured Sponsored Project: Department of Education Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Student Aid Funds

Due to the continuing impact of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, Congress approved the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) releasing over \$70 billion to colleges and universities nationwide. Part of this allocation was for direct Student Aid to be issued early, fast, fairly, and correctly. Valencia opted to use an additional \$35+ million in allocated Institutional HEERF funds to provide even more aid to students. In total, Valencia made 109,265 individual awards, totaling over \$116 million.



Number of applications received the first day when the final round of funding opened.

Top 1%

Over 5,000
universities, colleges, and technical schools received an allocation based on Pell Grants per institution.
Valencia was in the top 50 in the nation for amount of funds received.

70-75% response rate

Due to clear and concise repeated communication via multiple methods, and an easy application in the student portal, the response rate of Valencia students was double many other colleges, who averaged a response rate of 35%.

"Valencia received an unprecedented amount of funding. The successful distribution of funds would not have been possible without tremendous effort from Senior Leadership, OIT, Financial Services, Financial Aid, and many other teams who became involved as the project scope grew. All existing processes had to be rewritten. One of the biggest challenges was federal guidance that changed throughout the course of the funding cycle and was sometimes contradictory. Additionally, everyone was dealing with their own transitions due to the pandemic. It was a herculean effort by Valencia College."

Daniel Barkowitz, Asst. VP, Financial Aid and Veteran Affairs

Due to the large allocation amount, Valencia has already been federally audited **TWICE** with **ZERO** findings.

