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**Resource
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for
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Welcome Back to the Funding Flash!

With “grant season” soon upon us and potential changes in Washington DC as a result of the recent election, it is time to identify if any upcoming funding opportunities that might be appropriate to fund one of your projects under development. Remember, it is never too soon to start preparing a proposal; even if the funder you’ve targeted doesn’t come through, the planning you do will help you prepare for something else in the future. To assist you in the never-ending search for new resources, CCHAP will send out periodic Funding Flashes to provide a broad funding overview as well as release Funding Alerts when specific grant opportunities applicable to healthcare education become available.

FEDERAL GRANT UPDATE:

As was true this time last year, most federal agencies do not have an approved budget for the current fiscal year (October 1, 2007 – September 30). With a few exceptions, we expect agency budgets to be approved in January, which will allow agencies to release the bulk of their grant announcements soon thereafter.

The following chart reviews grants CCHAP has identified as related to healthcare education, noting whether or not we expect the program to continue into the next federal year. We encourage you to check the website for any grants of interest so you can begin preparations now.

FEDERAL GRANT	COMMENTS/UPDATE <i>(The number in parentheses is the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance tracking number for the grant)</i>
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Dept. of Health and Human Services)	
Occupational Safety and Health Training Grant	(93.263) At this time, the agency expects this program to continue In 2007; applications due in August
Department of Labor	
Community-Based Job Training Grant/High Growth Job Training Initiative	(17.261) The agency expects to continue the program in the coming Year. The agency will be determining the focus of the 2007 program in March/April 2007.
Department of Education	
Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE) Grant	(84.116) The agency expects the program to continue in 2007 with release of guidelines in January; check their website for posting.
Tech-Prep Grant	(84.353) No 2007 competition; 2006 vocational education legislation did not include Tech Prep program, so no new monies will be authorized for program; last funding (for 5 year project period) was in 2005.
Distance Education Program Waiver	(No catalog number) No expectation of program continuing in 2007; depends on Congressional reauthorization of the Higher Education Act,

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	which is 2-3 years overdue now; agency expects it may be another 2 years before the Act is reauthorized.
Department of Agriculture	
Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant	(10.855) Expect program to continue; watch their website or grants.gov for funding announcement.
Department of Commerce	
Public Telecommunications Facilities Grant	(11.550) No information on future of program as agency is waiting for budget to pass in January; applications usually released in Nov/Dec of each year...this year the release will be delayed at least until January; no major changes to the program expected.
HRSA	
Nurse Education, Practice and Retention Grant	(93.359) Applications releasing now; program expected to receive funding next year for 2008; changes over the last year include limiting grant to producing registered nurses; agency indicates many proposals denied because focus not on RNs or on programs producing associate degree nurses transitioning to bachelor degree RN programs.
Nursing Workforce Diversity Grant	(93.178) Funding announcements for this program will be released within 2 weeks; program expected to continue next year; look for release of '08 applications next October.
Quentin N. Burdick Programs for Rural Interdisciplinary Training Grant	(93.192) Program cancelled; the geriatric program may be revived, but that is uncertain; watch the HRSA website.
Allied Health Projects Grant	(93.191) No 2006 competition; watch the HRSA website in case program is revived in 2007.
National Center for Health Workforce Analysis Grant	(93.300) Program cancelled.
Improving EMS/Trauma Care in Rural Areas Grant	(93.952) Look for applications now and then early next year for 2007 funding. The program is not expected to receive funding next year for 2008 projects.
Bioterrorism and Curriculum Development Grant	(93.996) The agency is nearing the end of their previous 3-year funding cycle and entering a new cycle. However, the next round of funding is not expected to include new projects. Instead, with reduced funding, the focus will be on earlier projects, including "lessons learned" and sustainability of projects. Program no longer includes curriculum development but centers on continuing education.
Indian Health Services Grants	(93.970) Health Professions Recruitment Program for Indians: Expect a continuation of this program. (93.971) Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship Program for Indians: The agency expects the program to continue in 2007; applications due in February 2007 for fall term; Contact agency in December to find out if there are any Changes to the program in 2007.

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Corporation for National And Community Service And Learn America Higher Education Grant	(94.005) Competition every 3 years; next competition in 2009; look for funding announcement in late 2008 or early 2009.
National Library of Medicine Information Systems Grants	(Agency # is PAR-05-012; no catalog number) Agency expects program to continue next year, however, program is now called "Knowledge Management and Applied Informatics"; 2007 deadlines are January 25, May 25, and September 25.

OPPORTUNITY TO FUND NEW COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND FOUR YEAR INSTITUTIONS:

The Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, has extended the submission dates for **Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program for Underrepresented Students**. The program seeks to fund partnerships between community colleges and colleges or universities to develop programs that prepare associate degree students with academic potential for admission and successful completion of undergraduate degree programs in biomedical and/or behavioral science-related subjects. Students eligible to participate in the program must be from groups underrepresented in the biomedical science research fields and/or populations disproportionately affected by health disparities.

Award amount: up to \$200,000 per year for up to five years

Due dates: January 18, 2007 and May 18, 2007

Link for full announcement: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-039.html>

OREGON HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIPS PROJECT (OWHP) PHASE II FUNDING UPDATE:

In Oregon's most recent collaborative statewide strategic initiative, all 17 community colleges joined together to submit an unsolicited proposal to the Department of Labor Employment & Training Administration to expand OWHP's 10 current projects, launch 7 new projects, and link the efforts of 17 regional coalitions representing 17 community colleges, 57 employers, 23 workforce system providers, 54 K-12 schools, and 13 statewide partners. \$7,000,000 of funding has been requested, with nearly \$10,000,000 in leveraged resources provided by the partners.

If funded, the outcomes will include participation of 11,825 students in the healthcare pipeline and produce 2,730 credentials. The proposed Phase II expansion is also designed to facilitate student access and success, address barriers faced by non-traditional students, and ensure access to industry mandated professional continuing education in some of Oregon's most isolated regions.

Dr. Frank Toda, President of Columbia Gorge Community College and member of the OWHP statewide Project Management Team, presented the proposal to the Department of Labor ETA staff in Washington DC on September 19. As Oregon's liaison to DOL for the Phase II proposal, Dr. Toda maintains regular communication with the Department. As of November the proposal is still being reviewed by DOL, and has strong support from the entire federal delegation.

WE'RE LISTENING:

CCHAP conducted an on-line evaluation last June and July, which gave us important information about which activities have proven most helpful to healthcare education programs across the state. The following table is an overview of resource development priorities identified in that survey. Please let us know if you have different needs than those indicated here, as we are using this data to plan CCHAP's future resource

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development activities. The entire evaluation report, which offers additional details and analysis, is available upon request.

Priority Needs:	Rank	% Yes
Having the time to adequately prepare	1	51%
Matching programs to funding opportunities	2	49%
Tracking grants that are going to be released	3	43%
Convening partners for planning	4	38%
Identifying appropriate funding sources	5	35%
Acquiring knowledge about local, state and federal funding priorities	5	35%
Understanding foundations and how to better access funding from them	7	30%
Clarifying and prioritizing grant opportunities	8	29%
Funding for grant seeking activities	9	25%
Interpreting RFPs and knowing how to respond appropriately	9	25%
Getting institutional buy-in	11	23%
Getting staff buy-in	12	16%
Locating experienced grant writers	13	13%
No needs	14	8%

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