Overview of Services and Resources

Presentation to Plymouth State University

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GRC Mission

To improve members’ success in securing competitive grants from federal and private sponsors.

We do this in six ways:

* GRC Web Site
* Staff Services
* Publications
* Funding Opportunity Database
* Resource Library
* Advocacy
GRC Website
http://www.aascu.org/grc/

- GRC members each receive a personal access code that can be shared with staff and faculty –
- Please contact OSP for username & password
- The first time you log onto the site you will be prompted for this information

• Contains current grant information and a searchable funding database of grant opportunities
• Provides access to the GRC Funded Proposal Library and many other resources
GRC Staff Services

- A team of two GRC staff members is assigned to each member campus so you’ll always have at least two people who know your campus and on whom you can call for help.
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- The Washington-based GRC staff works closely with the federal agencies and private foundations in order to help our members position themselves to succeed in this very competitive world of grant funding.
Need Help? Call GRC!

What We Can Do

• Answer grant-related questions you might have

• Attend Washington, DC-area meetings

• Obtain funded proposals

• Promote networking among research administrators, federal/private program staff, and grant recipients

• Perform custom grant funding searches
### Member Campus Visits

- We present agency program overviews and budget updates, tailored to member requests.
- We also offer proposal development workshops and mock proposal review sessions.
- There is no fee or honorarium for workshops at member institutions; campuses cover travel only.

### Meetings with Faculty

- Either during our campus visits, or when faculty are in Washington, we can meet with them to help determine funding possibilities.
- We can also help faculty develop their good ideas into proposals.
- And we can help faculty prepare for meetings with program officers.

**There’s More...**
GRC hosts two annual meetings in Washington, where attendees hear directly from—and meet individually with—the federal agency and foundation program officers who administer grant programs and influence funding decisions

- The February **External Funding Conference (Feb. 20-23, 2013)** represents a major outreach event for government agencies, foundations, and, increasingly, executive branch officials to provide specific information on the upcoming year’s national priority programs and funding trends.

- The August **Proposal Development Workshop (Aug. 21-23, 2013)** is focused more on the review process and includes reviewers whenever possible, strategies for revising declined proposals, and awardee- and member-led problem solving workshops.
The GRC annual web conference series provides an additional forum for members to receive specific guidance on the development of competitive grant proposals.

• Web conferences usually involve federal or foundation staff sharing program information with our members, and are initiated by GRC staff, GRC member institutions, and in some cases federal and private program officers.

• GRC can also schedule webcasts and video conferences between federal staff and individual campuses.
What We Publish

• **GrantWeek** (Mondays) is GRC’s e-newsletter containing in-depth articles on program details, pending legislation and federal appropriations, proposed changes to agency rules, and member spotlights.

• **Bulletin** (Tuesdays and Fridays) synopsizes hundreds of funding alerts from Grants.gov, the Federal Register, and Federal Business Opportunities (FBO)

• **Deadlines** (monthly on the 10th) announces programs with competitions closing in the next three months.

What We Monitor

• Daily: Grants.gov, Federal Register, FBO, LISTSERVs, and funding agency websites

• Latest deadlines, program priorities, and pending legislation

• Outcomes of proposed policy revisions

• Technical assistance workshops and agency briefings
GRC and Social Media

The GRC recently unveiled pages on Facebook and LinkedIn. These social media tools, along with a pending new website, will include new ways for GRC members to interact with the GRC staff, and with each other, including discussion boards, commenting capability on *GrantWeek*, photos, videos and a blog.

• These tools will be designed for members to receive quick feedback from several perspectives.

• One of GRC’s greatest resources is the knowledge of our members. We hope to provide a way that members can reach out and build relationships with one another.
# The GrantSearch Database

Contains almost 1,600 funding opportunities that are **cyclical**, make **multiple awards**, and are **national/regional**. **Great for building a contact list of possible funders**

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The Faculty Alert System

- Provides monthly email grant notifications to faculty for their specific funding interests.

- Faculty members select academic areas of interest and types of support they are most interested in receiving.

- Criteria can be changed or adjusted anytime, to ensure members are receiving notices that best fit their needs.

- Currently, approximately 40 schools and 1300 faculty are enrolled.
FOUNDATION CENTER

http://foundationcenter.org/
GRC Resource Library
Growing all the Time

- Funded Proposals
- Event Recording Archive
- Sample Administrative Policies
- Limited Submission Funding
- Funding and Proposal Writing Guides
Since 2007, GRC has convened three national task forces charged with improving grant systems and processes to increase members’ competitiveness and efficiency:

- **Efficiency and Compliance Task Force**
- **Community and Economic Development Task Force**
- **Health Research and Education Task Force**

We have support from senior federal government personnel and from member institutions’ presidents, provosts, vice presidents for research, deans, and faculty, in addition to sponsored research administrators.

We have negotiated substantial member discounts with Cayuse (40 percent) and In4Grants (25 percent) to give members access to the same systems and tools used by some of the largest research institutions in the country.
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