

Grants at KC

Kilgore College Faculty & Staff:

Kilgore College Workforce Development was awarded a \$21,000 Skills for Small Business (SSB) grant by the Texas Workforce Commission recently.

The SSB grant will provide tuition for approved employees of small business employers in the KC service area.

Employers seeking to access these funds should contact TWC directly to begin the vetting process. The grant period runs through January 2018.

After TWC approves an employer for participation in the grant, KC will be contacted and will begin working with the employer on the enrollment process.

Allocated funds can only be used for published KC tuition courses that relate to a company's purpose.

For more information on SSB, including an application and frequently asked questions, visit <http://ssb.texasworkforce.org>.

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Crain Foundation

The Crain Foundation of Longview is one of the largest private foundations in Gregg County, with assets of nearly \$40 million. Its funding priorities include child welfare, education, health, Christian work and secondary education.

In 2014, the Crain Foundation contributed approximately \$2 million to various causes, including the East Texas Oil Museum.

Recent Activity

- *KC submitted a US Department of Education Title III Part A grant application recently. The application requests \$2.248 million over a five-year period for online course and student services enhancements. The announcement of winners is expected in August.*
- *A Texas Workforce Commission representative reported recently that announcements of Jobs and Education in Texas grants are now expected to be made by mid-April. KC applied for funding for its automotive technology program.*

Current and Planned Pursuits

Kilgore College applied for a Texas Workforce Commission Dual Credit Equipment Only grant in March.

The application requests just over \$182,000 for the purchase of health career training equipment for labs at up to eight Rusk County high schools. If awarded, KC will work with the school districts to establish college-credit Certified Nurse Assistant programs at the schools.

Henderson High School already operates a successful CNA program. Under the proposal, it would add a second lab and potentially double the program's enrollment.

Awards are expected to be announced in August.

The College is also pursuing grant funding for:

- Texas Shakespeare Festival;
- workforce development;
- dual credit scholarships;
- improved technology;
- computer equipment;
- the student food pantry;
- the emergency medical services professions program;
- music;
- the campus police department; and
- the East Texas Oil Museum.

Surplus equipment items for the East Texas Police Academy and the Drafting and Design program are also being pursued.



Federal Grant Funds Cut

President Donald Trump promised to make broad cuts in federal grant funding and, so far, seems to be living up to expectations.

CNN outlines budget cuts in an article [here](#).

Specifically, the US Department of Education stands to lose or see dramatic cuts in 20 programs. These cutbacks will shrink the department's budget by \$9 billion or 13.5% when compared to the previous year.

Programs proposed for elimination:

- Supporting Effective Instruction
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant

Programs to be cut:

- Approximately \$193 million from TRIO and GEAR UP, programs that help prepare low-income, first generation and disabled students for college.