Grants at KC

Kilgore College Faculty & Staff:

The National Endowment for the Arts recently approved the award of a $10,000 Art Works grant for the Texas Shakespeare Festival. Funds will assist TSF with its Roadshow Educational Tour.

The NEA’s Art Works grant category focuses on the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and the strengthening of communities through the arts.

“The arts are for all of us, and by supporting organizations such as the Texas Shakespeare Festival, the National Endowment for the Arts is providing more opportunities for the public to engage with the arts,” said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. “Whether in a theater, a town square, a museum, or a hospital, the arts are everywhere and make our lives richer.”

“We are very proud at TSF to be producing arts education and outreach that’s receiving this sort of national acknowledgment,” said TSF Roadshow Director Matthew Simpson. “This grant allows us to make a deeper impact, to reach more students in our area, and to spread the word of the incredible resources available at TSF and Kilgore College.”

Featured Funder

The Kresge Foundation

The Kresge Foundation, established by Kmart founder Sebastian Kresge in 1924, is one of the nation’s largest private foundations. The foundation’s two main higher ed grantmaking areas are focused on “college access” and “strengthening institutions.” It has provided funds for colleges awarded a Title III Strengthening Institutions grant. However, Kresge’s recent domestic emphasis is primarily on cities, with increased focus in its home of Detroit, MI.

Recent Activity

• Kilgore College received a $20,000 grant from the Kilgore Economic Development Corporation for the establishment of a career and technical education computer center at Kilgore High School. A grand opening for the event has been scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 18, at noon. Grant funds were used to equip the center for career testing of KHS students.
Current and Planned Pursuits

**Walmart Foundation Community Grant** – The College has applied for a Walmart Foundation Community Grant to fund the purchase of groceries, personal hygiene products and school supplies for its new student food pantry. An announcement concerning the application is expected in January or February. The maximum award in this grant program is $2,500. Kilgore College applied for the maximum amount.

Faculty, Student Opportunities

**Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Invites Applicants**

The U.S. Department of Education has opened the latest round of its Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad competition. The program is intended to promote, improve, and develop modern foreign languages and area studies at varying levels of education. The program provides opportunities for faculty, teachers, and undergraduate and graduate students to conduct individual and group projects overseas to carry out research and study in the fields of modern foreign languages and area studies. The competition will support both Fulbright-Hays GPA short-term and short-term projects. Find more information [here](#).

**Science Foundation Opens Community College Student Program**

The National Science Foundation invites community college student teams with a novel, scientific approach to a real-world problem to compete in its Community College Innovation Challenge. The competition asks student teams to submit projects in one of three themes: Maker to Manufacturer, Energy and Environment, and Security Technologies. A faculty mentor and community and/or industry partner are required to enter. The entry comprises a written portion and a 90-second video. Learn more [here](#).

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**Grants Workshops**

Fred Peters will conduct a Grants @ KC workshop on February 17, 2017, from 1:30-3 pm. No reservation is required.

Additionally, Peters will conduct a daylong Grants Project Intensive, with interested faculty and staff who wish to pursue grant funding for a special project. The Project Intensive will be open first to anyone who previously attended a Grants @ KC workshop. The Project Intensive will be scheduled from 9 am to 3:30 pm on Friday, March 3. One-hour appointments can be scheduled throughout the day by contacting Peters in advance.

During the Project Intensive, research on possible funding sources for grants will take place and Peters will work with each faculty/staff member to develop outlines for grant proposals.

Both sessions will take place on the second floor of the Randolph C. Watson Library in the Conference Room (206).