

Grants at KC

Kilgore College Faculty & Staff:

A local private foundation has awarded Kilgore College a \$25,000 grant to expand The Zone Tutoring Lab, located in the Student Support Building.

The Zone offers free tutoring and computer-use services to all Kilgore College students. Peer tutors are available for Math, Science, Reading, English, Social Studies, Speech and most Core Curriculum courses.

Expansion of The Zone will allow KC to double the number of computers available to students.

Funds from the foundation grant will be used to renovate a first-floor room currently used to house media materials. It will also allow for the purchase of new computers, the installation of a network switch, network cabling, electrical work, and the installation of a student check-in desk.

The new space will bring the number of computer stations available to students in The Zone to approximately 40. Work is expected to begin soon and be complete by the middle of the Spring semester.

"We are grateful to this local foundation for their interest in and support of student success at Kilgore College," said Dr. Mike Jenkins, vice president for student development. "The additional lab space will serve students in a variety of ways."

Featured Funder

The National Endowment for the Humanities

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is an independent federal agency created in 1965. It is one of the largest funders of humanities programs in the United States. Over these five decades, NEH has awarded more than \$5.3 billion for humanities projects through more than 63,000 grants.

Because democracy demands wisdom, NEH serves and strengthens our republic by promoting excellence in the humanities and conveying the lessons of history to all Americans. The Endowment accomplishes this mission by awarding grants for top-rated proposals examined by panels of independent, external reviewers.

NEH grants typically go to cultural institutions, such as museums, archives, libraries, colleges, universities, public television, and radio stations, and to individual scholars.

Learn more at www.neh.gov.

Habenicht Grant Proposals to be Accepted

Proposals for mini-grant funding from the Habenicht Fund of the Kilgore College Foundation will be accepted beginning February 5. The deadline for submission is February 19.

Kilgore College faculty and staff may apply for funds in the Habenicht grant program to be utilized for institutional purposes. A completed grant application is required. The total amount awarded in Habenicht grants is typically \$15,000 annually. There is no application minimum, however the average award is between \$1,000 and \$6,000 per project.

Proposals must be submitted using the [application form](#) and be authorized by a dean or vice president. Forms should be submitted to [Leah Gorman](#), Director, Alumni - Scholarship & Foundation Relations.

The Habenicht grant program was established in memory of Harold Habenicht, a certified public accountant who was an original member of the Kilgore College Foundation Board of Directors.

Habenicht grants are funded from a percentage of the funds in the Partner in Excellence fund. Applications will be reviewed by the Kilgore College Executive Leadership Team and recommendations on awards will be presented during a meeting of the Kilgore College Foundation Board of Directors.

Each employee or department may submit only one application annually. Awards granted by the KCF Board may go to one or multiple applicants

Funds will be made available at the beginning of the Foundation fiscal cycle, which begins in October of each year. Habenicht funds awarded must be expended during the fiscal year, which ends September 30.

Individuals, programs or offices selected for Habenicht grant funding should be prepared to deliver an oral and a written report to the Kilgore College Foundation Board of Directors at some point during the fiscal cycle.

Title III Implementation

The college is seeking bids for renovation of a computer lab and a classroom used for Instructional Television courses as part of its Department of Education Title III project.

Once a bidder is selected, work will begin to establish a design studio for online course content recording. The existing computer lab will become a "collaboration and training" area for faculty to work in groups and receive training on the use of online instructional materials.

"I am pleased that a good number of faculty members have expressed enthusiasm about our faculty innovation center and the potential to design and redesign online courses for improved student success," said Dr. William Stowe, Distance Learning Specialist/Title III Activity Director.

With Title III funds, KC will be designing or redesigning for online delivery 50 core curriculum, computer networking and criminal justice courses using industry best practices for student success. Implementation of technical equipment and planning for the activities is receiving consultation assistance from The University of Texas at Tyler.