

Grants at KC

Kilgore College Faculty & Staff:

Kilgore College was recently notified that it has received a grant to continue to serve as a Comprehensive Lead Agent in the Texas School Ready program.

The grant will fund KC Lead Agents – one coordinator and two coaches – to directly partner with early childhood programs in East Texas, providing professional development, coaching, child progress monitoring and classroom curriculum and materials.

These services and materials have been proven to have a positive impact on the instructional practices of early childhood teachers and the school readiness of the children in their classrooms.

The award to Kilgore College is “not to exceed \$499,620” over two years.

Texas School Ready is a comprehensive preschool teacher training program combining a research-based, state-adopted curriculum with ongoing professional development and progress monitoring tools. The goal of Texas School Ready is to help children be better prepared for school. More info at www.texasschoolready.org.

Currently, KC serves 40 child care centers, 70 classrooms and 1 Head Start program in 10 counties.

Featured Funder

The Roy H. Laird Memorial Hospital Foundation, Inc. was established in 1996 to promote, foster, facilitate, and support the delivery of health care services to the indigent and general public in the City of Kilgore, Texas and its surrounding area, in the name of Roy H. Laird, deceased.

The second mayor of Kilgore, Roy H. Laird, founded Roy H. Laird Insurance Agency in 1931. The hospital was established in 1951 and was named for Laird, who died only months before it was opened. It was through his efforts that the hospital project was made possible.

The Foundation partners with local 501(c)(3) entities in Rusk and Gregg Counties within the City of Kilgore to support health care for all. The Foundation will consider funding projects that focus on the following areas: medical rehabilitation, mental health, health care for the uninsured and under-insured, health screening, emergency health care, health-related education and other health-related projects.

Current and Planned Pursuits

Kilgore College is developing a proposal for the Texas Higher education Coordinating Board's Nursing Innovation Grant program, with a due date of mid-July.

The grant program is limited to nursing programs and the purchase and facilitation of simulation equipment that can reduce clinical hours in hospital settings. In the proposal, KC will request funds to convert an existing skills lab to a simulation lab and money to purchase mid-level simulation equipment.



The College is also working on proposal for two East Texas private foundations, with one foundation to be presented two funding targets – a dual credit transition and mentoring program and the KC wireless network. Additional associate-degree nursing upgrades will be the target of the other proposal.

The College is also pursuing grant funding for:

- the Texas Shakespeare Festival;
- workforce development;
- the East Texas Police Academy;
- the KC Police Department;
- dual credit scholarships;
- improved technology;
- computer equipment;
- the student food pantry;
- physical therapist assistant program equipment;
- the emergency medical services professions program;
- music;
- diesel technology; and
- the East Texas Oil Museum

Agency to Fund Grants for Coal Communities

The U.S. Economic Development Administration, part of the Department of Commerce, has announced a new appropriation of \$30 million in Economic Assistance Act funds for the Assistance to Coal Communities grant.

The EDA will award ACC 2017 funds on a competitive basis to assist communities severely impacted by the declining use of coal through activities and programs that support economic diversification, job creation, capital investment, workforce development and re-employment opportunities.

Applications are made with the assistance of a regional office. For Texas, the regional headquarters is located in Austin.

Kilgore College and the East Texas Workforce Board and East Texas Council of Governments have discussed the possibility of an application to the program to assist KC programs that prepare students for careers in in-demand technical career fields, such as process technology, welding, and instrumentation and electrical controls.

Dallas power company Luminant laid off 132 workers last year when it shut down the Oak Hill lignite mine at Martin Lake.