

## GRANTS

The District is committed to providing financial resources to support District and college efforts that meet the mission of promoting and providing higher educational opportunities for all students. Seeking external sources of revenues in the form of grants in order to bridge financial gaps created by a variety of factors provides additional critical support. Grants should be pursued as one strategy of overall District and college financial planning.

Funding from external sources is vital for the establishment of new and innovative programs and services enriching the District and/or college(s). External funding enables experimentation with improvements in curriculum design, teaching strategies, methods of instructional delivery and the creative use of technology and related practices in administrative and student services projects, as well as skill development and workforce training relevant to contemporary needs in the absence of general fund monies to support such efforts.

Grant opportunities expand the limits of the financial constraints under which the District and/or college(s) may operate. Because of the limits placed on most awards, plans for sustaining funding after a grant terminates or ends should also be included in the planning phase where applicable. Ideally, grant funds should be sought from funders that share the District and college mission and strategic goals and that will work as partners with the District and/or through the duration of the grant. Capacity for the District and/or the college(s) to properly steward, implement, and report on the funds is vital in the planning of all grants.

Communication and coordination are essential between District and college personnel for the successful launch and sustainability of grant projects. No District employee shall begin the local grant application process nor present him/herself as representing the District in pursuit of external funding without prior discussion and approval of the chancellor and/or the college president. Grant submissions must be consistent with and support the mission and strategic goals of the District and/or college(s).

Business Procedure 3.30: Grant Funded Projects must be followed in pursuing grants on behalf of the District and/or college(s).