



THE FOUNDATION
at MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2020 Enhancement Grants Program

Application
Instructions



General Description

The Foundation launched the Enhancement Grants Program in 2002 to assist faculty, staff and students by providing funding for the development and implementation of innovative projects that support the MCCC Mission. Since the program's inception, The Foundation has awarded over \$300,000, funding 242 worthy projects. The Foundation seeks to finance projects not normally covered by the College budget or by other internal sources of funding. The grants program puts an emphasis on spurring creative and innovative ideas, which have a visible and substantive impact on campus and/or in the community.

Funding

- Total amount available: \$20,000
- Applications may be submitted for amounts from \$250 - \$3,000

Funding for the Enhancement Grants Program is provided through unrestricted gifts to The Foundation at Monroe County Community College and through gifts designated to the Enhancement Grants Program.

Criteria and Expectations

Projects should promote one or more of MCCC's Strategic Plan Goals:

- **Students Access and Success**
 - Improve Academic Advising
 - Student Driven Scheduling
 - Improve Academic and Non-academic Support Services
- **Relevant and Innovative Education**
 - Relevant Programming
 - Experiential Learning
 - Collaboration and Civility
 - Shared Governance
 - Portability of Courses
 - Coordinated Partnerships
- **Create a Student-Focused Environment**
 - Comprehensively Assess the Campus from a Student-Focused Perspective
 - Align Organizational Structure
 - Develop New Training and Professional Development Practices
 - Adapt the Physical Environment



The Foundation at MCCC supports initiatives in the following categories:

Enhancement Grants Program applications are required to conform to one of three criteria. Applicants are asked to select the one criterion that best fits their initiative and justify how the project, if funded, will achieve the overarching objective:

- I. Community Engagement – An initiative under this criterion builds bridges between the campus community and the greater community, strengthening ties and providing value to both.
- II. Campus Innovation – An initiative under this criterion improves the quality of campus life for students, employees and guests through new and creative endeavors.
- III. Educational Enrichment – An initiative under this criterion enhances learning opportunities for students through unconventional or unique course materials, technologies, equipment, programs, experiences, or other means.

Applications featuring one or more of the following components will be given preference:

- Applications of a **creative and innovative nature** will be given the highest preference.
- Projects not normally covered by the College budget or by other internal sources of funding.
- Initiatives where the grant will have a visible and substantive impact.
- Is cross-collaborative between divisions, campus groups, or outside community interests.

The Foundation at MCCC does not support the following:

1. Professional development for faculty and staff and/or for faculty and staff stipends.
2. Incentives or gifts.

Visit www.monroecc.edu/foundation/about/enhancement for a list of recently funded projects.

Enhancement grant recipients will be required to complete a Final Report to The Foundation and to disseminate the results of the project as defined in the project's Dissemination Plan.

NOTE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE THOROUGHLY COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO AN AREA SUPERVISOR OR DEAN BEFORE THE GRANT DEADLINE TO QUALIFY FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION. APPROVED APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED BY THE SUPERVISOR/DEAN TO THE AREA VICE PRESIDENT BY THE DEADLINE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION.

Evaluation of Grant Applications

A review committee will read the grant proposals and select the grant recipients. Applicants may be interviewed and will be notified within two weeks of the due date of the application if their grant will be funded.



Deadlines

Application Forms Released.....	February 28
Application Deadline.....	April 6
Final Submission by Area Vice President with Administrative Approvals.....	April 13
Announcement Ceremony.....	April 30
2019 Funding Becomes Available.....	July 1
2019 Funding Must be Expended.....	June 30, 2021

Questions

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Submission Checklist

Before emailing your final application, please complete the following checklist to ensure your application is ready for submission.

- Part I Project Narrative – A Word or PDF document limited to no more than five (5) pages describing your project according to the application instructions.
- The Application Packet is attached.
 - Part II Application Form – Your form has been thoroughly completed with all relevant information filled in. *(Please attempt to fill in digital form and save rather than printing and completing the application by hand)*
 - Part III Budget Report – Preliminary budget estimates are provided. You do not need to sign this form until closure of the grant.
- Administrative Approvals – All applications must be submitted via email to an area Supervisor or Dean for his or her review by the application deadline. If approved, the Supervisor or Dean will forward the application to the appropriate Vice President for final review and approval. The Vice Presidents are responsible for submitting all approved applications directly to The Foundation office for funding consideration.



Part I — Project Narrative

Please submit your completed project narrative in a Word document.

Limit five (5) pages, double spaced, 12 point font.

1. Project Title (200 words or less)
Brief Description of Project.

2. Enhancement Grants Funding Category
Identify the funding category that best fits your application (Community Engagement, Campus Innovation, or Educational Enrichment), and describe why your application meets that objective. Preference will be given to applications that clearly and convincingly explain why the initiative is creative and innovative. Include if the project, or any aspect of it, is a new initiative.

3. Statement of Need and Goals
 - A. Need: Describe the underlying issue, problem or question to be addressed by this project. What is the significance of this issue, problem, or question? How was the need identified? Is there supporting data?
 - B. Goals: Describe what you hope to accomplish and the steps you will take to accomplish the goals.

4. Target Group and Benefits
What subject area or group will be the focus/target for your project? Briefly summarize the benefits for the target group and discuss how your project will improve and enhance learning and list the intended student learning outcomes.

5. Objectives
How does the project address the College's Strategic Plan priorities? What is the lifespan of the project: Will it have a long-term effect?

6. Methods and Procedures
What specific activities will be involved in the project?

7. Assessment Plan
How will you determine whether or not this project is successful or creates the impact you wish? Describe the information you will collect to verify the degree to which the project has met its goals and objectives.

8. Dissemination Plan
Describe a plan for sharing your project with others. Who will receive the information? How? When?

9. Other Funding
List any previous funding through the college budget, Foundation or external funding sources, and describe any internal (college budget) or external (fundraising) sources of funding that you intend to pursue this year for this project.