

CRITICAL COMPONENTS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS

Community colleges are an integral piece of the new higher education system in Kansas. They are uniquely structured and positioned to provide an accessible affordable option for individuals with varied educational and career goals. Among the community colleges' characteristics are flexibility, quick response time, close ties to business and industry and a nurturing learning environment.

The value that community colleges provide to individuals and families in Kansas is rooted in eight critical components that define these institutions of higher education and enable them to provide vital and effective services to the benefit of the citizens and businesses in our state. Beneficiaries include immigrants learning English and studying to become American citizens; adults attaining basic education and building literacy skills; seniors enriching life through learning; place-bound Kansans balancing education with multiple responsibilities in their home communities; and those who must keep pace with the changing demands of the workplace. Traditional students preparing for transfer to four-year institutions receive a solid foundation for continued success.

Eight Critical Components

As the new system is further defined and the Kansas community colleges are fully engaged in that definition, they value the support of the Kansas Board of Regents in preserving the following eight **Critical Components** that ensure continued success.

- Operating under the authority of locally elected boards of trustees and coordinated by Kansas Board of Regents as authorized by SB 345.
- Selecting, retaining, compensating or dismissing their chief executive officers;
- Setting their institutional budgets in response to the learning needs of the citizens being served;
- Determining and approving their own missions with emphasis on meeting community, area and regional needs to benefit the entire state;
- Maintaining existing service areas which form a statewide network for citizen and student access;
- Responding quickly and effectively to the training needs of area business and industry;
- Providing education that is accessible to all Kansans at a cost all citizens can afford; and
- Owning and administering campus property.

**BARTON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST
(Funding Range Under \$10,000)**

Grant	Path Intergenerational Grant
Funding Agency	Kansas Health Foundation
Summary	This grant will be used to purchase supplies to be used in 10 intergenerational projects using RSVP volunteers and children K-6 grades
Possible Services	Senior Volunteers will work with children primarily in the TLC after school program teach cooking, sewing, community gardening and environmental projects
Target Population	RSVP volunteers 55 and "better" and Children K 6 grades
Funding Range (Approximate)	\$1,500
Indirect Cost Reimbursement	None
Funding Period	1 year
Institutional Obligation	None
Cash	None
In-Kind	Existing RSVP grant
Personnel Required	1
Existing	1
New	0
Application Deadline	January 15, 2003

Presidential Review

I have reviewed this request and it is in concert with the mission and vision of Barton County Community College. I support the request and authorize the College to proceed with the preparation of the grant application.

President's Signature

Date