



Innovation Fund Proposals

Proposals Funded

Proposal Name: Title IX Training

Department: Student Affairs/Human Resources

Funding Amount Approved: \$9,200.00

Summary: Innovation Fund dollars will be used to train all BMCC employees on compliance with state and federal Title IX requirements and civil rights compliance. Training will also be extended to other regional educational and institutional entities, creating additional revenue to support additional future training opportunities.

Proposal Name: Memorial Garden

Department: Student Affairs

Funding Amount Approved: \$2,500.00

Summary: Innovation Fund dollars will be used to establish a memorial garden to honor students and staff who have passed away. The garden will provide a place for students and staff to quietly reflect and remember those who have passed. On-going up-keep will be provided by the Facilities Department.

Proposal Name: Score Tables for Game Management

Department: Athletics

Funding Amount Approved: \$8,190.00

Summary: Innovation Fund dollars will be used to purchase two 12' Score Tables from All American Score Boards for the McCrae Activity Center. Tables include full back-lite graphics, possession indicators, and padded railing. This will provide a safer environment for athletics students and staff as well as a more professional look for the court-side area. These tables also provide space for additional sponsorship opportunities.

Proposal Name: DocuSign Electronic Signature Software

Department: Office of Instruction

Funding Amount Approved: \$5,500.00

Summary: Innovation Fund dollars will be used to purchase a one-year license for DocuSign Electronic Signature software, which will enable staff and students to digitally sign documents and forms for both internal and external use. This will move BMCC forward into a paperless and secure document era, and would reduce waste and expedite workflow for related documents.

Proposal Name: Feasibility Study

Department: Outreach and Recruiting

Funding Amount Approved: \$10,000.00

Summary: Innovation Fund dollars will be used to conduct a feasibility study on the existing tennis court location, which is unused and in a state of disrepair. The project would involve the development of a plan for the redesign of the space into a community garden and a field for intramural sporting activities. Funding for construction of the resulting design would come from a mixture of external and internal resources.

Proposal Name: The 21st Century Library

Department: Library

Funding Amount Approved*: \$24,500.00

Summary: Innovation Fund dollars will be used to purchase furniture, software, and equipment to modernize the offerings of the library. Project includes additional resources for A&P students, development of a "Network Nook," and development of an "Innovation Lab." This project makes use of the underutilized second floor of the library and provides access to modern technological resources to help foster student learning.

**Project only partially funded. The Innovation Fund will not fund Priority 5-Improved 2nd floor space. The committee does not feel that the remodel of the indicated space could be accomplished within the requested timeline and funding amount. Funding approved for Priorities 1-4 only.*

Proposal Name: Recognizing CTE Month – February 2017

Department: Office of Instruction

Funding Amount Approved: \$3,000.00

Summary: Innovation Fund dollars will be used to host a CTE recognition event. CTE students, industry partners, BMCC faculty and staff, and local media partners would be invited to an awards ceremony showcasing CTE student projects, current programs, bond investments, and faculty contributions. Event would promote CTE programs and serve as an excellent public relations and marketing opportunity for CTE programs and BMCC.

Proposal Name: Student and Mentor Connections

Department: Student Success Center

Funding Amount Approved: \$1,500.00

Summary: Innovation Fund dollars will be used to host a Career Mentor Connection Event. This event, which will differ from the traditional job or career fair, will be used to create individualized, one-to-one conversations between students and business professionals. The intended outcome will be to create mentorship opportunities for students in the industry and/or career pathway they are seeking. If the event is successful, consideration will be given to making it an annual event.

Proposals Not Funded

Proposal Name: Chromebook Classroom Equity Project

Department: Mathematics Instructional Department

Funding Amount Requested: \$6,000.00

Summary: Innovation Fund dollars were requested to purchase a small suite of Chromebooks for student use in BMCC math classrooms. If purchased, it would enable instructors to make effective use of online resources in the classroom. Currently students are allowed to bring and use their own devices, but some students are unable to afford the necessary devices. *The subcommittee felt that the Instructional Equipment Fund should be utilized for this and was within the scope of said fund.*

Proposal Name: Attend Campus Market Expo 2017

Department: Bookstore

Funding Amount Requested: \$2,263.22

Summary: Innovation Fund dollars were requested to fund expenses for the Bookstore Manager to attend the 2017 Campus Market Expo in Salt Lake City, UT. This conference would equip the Bookstore Manager with greater job knowledge, as well as access to the newest and most innovate technology available in the industry. Attendance would allow the Bookstore to evolve and adapt to the newest practices, products, tools, and delivery methods to better support students and staff. *The subcommittee felt that Professional Development and other General Fund travel monies should be utilized for this request.*

Proposal Name: Safety and Compliance Coordinator

Department: Administrative Services/Student Affairs

Funding Amount Requested: \$73,700.00

Summary: Innovation Fund dollars were requested to fund the creation of the position of Safety and Compliance Coordinator. This position would function as the lead compliance officer, educator, and training specialist for federal and state compliance, and would oversee development and implementation of educational opportunities for students and staff. The subcommittee felt that new positions were outside of the scope of the Innovation Fund if they were permanent positions as Innovation Funds are geared more for one-time funding.

Proposal Name: Human Services Program Needs Assessment

Department: Social Science Instructional Department

Funding Amount Requested: \$5,000.00

Summary: Innovation Fund dollars were requested to assess the need for resurrecting a Human Services program at BMCC. Evidence indicates that there are a high number of job openings in the Human Services field that remain unfilled due to a lack of qualified applicants. Study could potentially lead to development of a new degree program with a pathway to a Bachelor's Degree. In discussion with the Office of Instruction, a new degree program with a Human Services focus is not able to be accomplished in 2017. If the proposal were adjusted to more of a Behavioral Health focus and resubmitted for 2017, the Office of Instruction would support the proposal. The subcommittee felt that it was important for a needs assessment such as this one to be in line with the Academic Master Plan. As this area is not on the Academic Master Plan for 2017, the subcommittee felt that the proposal could be deferred.

Proposal Name: Expanding Opportunities for Learning through Agency-Guided Hands-On Courses

Department: Office of Instruction – Contract Out of District Grant County

Funding Amount Requested: \$5,000.00

Summary: Innovation Fund dollars were requested to increase access to new course offerings in cooperation with local, state, and federal agencies. It would add dynamic courses based on field work and scientific research in local forests, which are relevant to rural communities. Courses would employ a hybrid learning environment including classroom time and hands-on research in the field. As Innovation Funds come from General Fund monies, this proposal cannot be funded at this time as COD's cannot be supported with General Fund monies.

Proposal Name: Writing Center

Department: Tutoring (submitted by English Instructional Department)

Funding Amount Requested: \$79,000.00

Summary: Innovation Fund dollars were requested to establish a writing center to provide writing support to students in writing courses and any other courses requiring written essays, along with support for students preparing cover letters, resumes, and application essays. Funding would be used to employ additional professional tutors as well as a full-time Writing Center Director, who would support tutors and students across all locations. The subcommittee felt that new positions were outside of the scope of the Innovation Fund if they were permanent positions as Innovation Funds are geared more for one-time funding.