

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Agenda Report
For the Trustee Meeting Date of July 21, 2009.

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ITEM TITLE:

Authorization to apply to the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) for \$188,100.00 in earmarked funds to purchase portable capital healthcare equipment.
Opportunity Number HRSA-09-163 ; Earmark Number 9585.

SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval to apply for \$188,100.00 in earmarked funds from the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) to purchase capital equipment necessary for a certification program in medical diagnostic microscopy. The grant application and supporting documentation must be received by HRSA in Washington, DC by close of business July 27th, 2009

ITEM SUMMARY:

On July 15th 2009, the Peralta College District learned that we had an opportunity to apply for \$188,100 in earmarked funds from HRSA. The Health Care and Other Facilities funding can only be used to pay for the construction of health care facilities and healthcare training facilities or to purchase capital equipment for health care facilities and healthcare training programs. The capital equipment must be portable and each individual item must cost no less than \$5,000. Additionally, the item costs may include sales taxes, delivery and warranty.

Merritt College would like to submit a proposal to purchase medical diagnostic microscopy equipment necessary to establish a certification program in medical diagnostic microscopy. Medical diagnostic microscopy is an emerging field for enhancement of medical diagnosis through the study of tissue and cell ultrastructure. Medical diagnostic microscopy promotes the use of ultrastructural study to resolve difficult diagnostic problems, encourage and facilitate training in ultrastructural pathology, and foster the development and application of new ultrastructural findings and techniques for patient care. Hospitals and pathology labs will need highly trained staff to process and prepare the tissue samples, to use special techniques to visualize and photograph tissue and cell ultrastructure, and identify and compare cell characteristics. With the equipment we purchase, we will be one of the first institutions in the nation to provide training in medical diagnostic microscopy.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The Peralta Colleges were first eligible to apply for earmarked funding from HRSA in 2008. That proposal resulted in a award of over \$240,000 to purchase portable capital equipment necessary for the development of a respiratory therapy program within five years from the award date.

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:

Without these funds, the College will not have the equipment necessary to provide instruction in medical diagnostic microscopy. The students would lose the opportunity to be trained for well paying employment in the health care field and our community would not have sufficient qualified individuals to fill the need for this emerging field.

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has identified Peralta Community Colleges as the single source recipient of Federal financial support for a "Health Care and Other Facilities" (HCOF) project. This funding was provided by the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 111 – 8). Before receiving Federal funds, the facility is required to submit an application for review and approval by HRSA.

This grant does not require that Peralta provide any matching funding for the purchase of the capital equipment for health care or pay for sales tax, delivery costs, or warranties.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THIS ACTION (E.G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY):

YES _____ NO X

COMMENTS:

WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING?

DID A BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE ITEM? YES _____ NO X

IF "YES", PLEASE INCLUDE THAT INFORMATION IN YOUR SUMMARY.

(****Board contract approval is subject to negotiation and execution by the Chancellor of the District-approved contract.)

PLEASE ACQUIRE SIGNATURES IN THIS ORDER:

DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:

Prepared by: _____ Date: _____
Kathleen Bauer, Project Director, Allied Health Department, Merritt College

DOCUMENT PRESENTED BY:

Prepared by: Kathleen A. Adams Date: 9/17/09
[Enter Name of College President or Vice-Chancellor or Manager,
and Title of Individual]

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW

____ Finance review required Finance review *not* required

If Finance review is required, determination is: ____ Approved ____ Not Approved

If not approved, please give reason: _____

Signature: Thomas Smith Date: 7-17-09
Thomas Smith, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

GENERAL COUNSEL (Legality and Format/adherence to Education Codes):

____ Legal review required ____ Legal review *not* required

If Legal review is required, determination is: ____ Approved ____ Not Approved

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Thuy T. Nguyen, General Counsel

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL

____ Approved, and Place on Agenda ____ Not Approved, but Place on Agenda

Signature: Elihu Harris Date: 7/17/09
Elihu Harris, Chancellor

