

2024-25 FACULTY AND STAFF GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

| Name of Project/Program: | | Dat | Date: | |
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| Applicant's Name: | | | | |
| GCC Position: | | Department: | Department: | |
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| Please check which category Arts & Culture | ory best describes your pro Athletics & Fitness | oject: Career & Work Training | College Operations & Facilities | |
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| Amount requested: \$ | | | | |
| Please attach a one- to two-page typed request that provides a comprehensive summary of your project/program and establishes the need. Please include the following: What do you propose to do? Who will be involved in the project/program? What are the benefits of this project/program to the students, college, and the community? How does this project/program support the College's Institutional Strategic Plan? Timeline for the project/program. How do you propose to use the funds requested? Please include specific budget information. Please list any other sources of funding you have applied for and include dollar amounts if already awarded. How will the Foundation's support be recognized? How do you plan to evaluate this project's success? If your project/program is successful, how will it inform your practice moving forward? Please email this completed and signed form along with your proposal to ziacobs@glendale.edu | | | | |
| Submission Deadline – Thursday, May 30, 2024 by 5:00 PM PST | | | | |
| Applicate's signature Chair or Department/Head Signature Print name of Chair or Department Head | | | | |
| Grant Review Committee comments and/or recommendations: | | | | |
| This grant was denied/approved on The amount awarded is \$ | | | | |

Healthy Snacks Project Proposal

What do you propose to do?

The Math Division would like to provide free healthy snacks and bottled water to students while they study in the Math Discovery Center (MDC). This would provide hungry students with food to eat at the MDC as well as during short five to 10-minute breaks between classes.

Who will be involved in the project/program?

The Math Division along with the support of the MDC staff will carry out the day-to-day operations of storing, replenishing, and monitoring the snacks and water. GCC CARES will help provide logistical support in purchasing these items.

What are the benefits of this project/program to the students, college, and the community?

Food insecurity is an issue facing many Los Angeles County residents. A <u>recent USC study</u> found that "food insecurity had increased in 2023, with 3 in 10 (30%) households experiencing food insecurity." This represents a 6% increase from the previous year. Furthermore, in 2022-2023 the California Student Aid Commission found that 66% of college students had reported experiencing food insecurity (up from 39% in 2022-23). As these statistics demonstrate, food insecurity is a growing problem for college students. Even more worrisome, the <u>Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health</u> reported that food insecurity is associated with lower college graduation rates as well as lower chances of obtaining a bachelor's or advanced degree among college students. GCC's fantastic CARES Program does a wonderful job of addressing this issue. The Healthy Snacks Initiative seeks to provide additional access to free healthy food for GCC students where they study.

Math is a challenging subject and being hungry only makes it harder for students to learn the material. Students would be able to stop by the MDC to get tutoring and food before they leave for their next class with no appointment needed, assuring that they do not need to go to their next math class hungry.

Nearby colleges have similar programs campus-wide (e.g., <u>Lancer FREEats at PCC</u>). This project would serve as a pilot and would collect and share data so that the College could determine if it wanted to expand the Healthy Snacks Project. In addition, it further demonstrates to the community GCC's commitment to fighting food insecurity.

How does this project/program support the College's Institutional Strategic Plan?

The Healthy Snacks Project helps to combat food insecurity and ensure that students' basic need for food is met supporting A.2 by cultivating a nurturing college climate. In addition, providing free healthy snacks helps to support D.6 by lowering the costs of being a student. Finally, it supports the overall Goal E (Ensure Student Learning); as mentioned above, food insecurity is associated with lower college outcomes.

Timeline for the project/program.

Fall 2024

 Food and bottled water acquired on a regular basis with the logistical support of GCC CARES • Food and bottled water will be replenished in the MDC for student consumption twice per week (Monday & Wednesday)

Winter 2025

- Food and bottled water acquired on a regular basis with the logistical support of GCC CARES
- Food and bottled water will be replenished in the MDC for student consumption twice per week (Monday & Wednesday)

Spring 2025

- Food and bottled water acquired on a regular basis with the logistical support of GCC CARES
- Food and bottled water will be replenished in the MDC for student consumption twice per week (Monday & Wednesday)

Summer 2025

- Remaining funds will be spent by June 30, 2025 to purchase food and bottled water
- Food and bottled water will be replenished in the MDC for student consumption twice per week (Monday & Wednesday) until the supply is exhausted.

How do you propose to use the funds requested? Please include specific budget information.

Healthy snacks would be purchased at regular intervals throughout the year, ensuring they are distributed weekly throughout the academic year. This practice would also safeguard against storing large amounts of snacks that could expire before they are distributed. Snacks would come in s variety of items ranging from oat bars, cereal bars, fruit snacks, chips, and protein bars.

Budget

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2,000 bottles of water (approximately 50 bottles per week) – $800 10,000 snack items (approximately 250 snack items per week) – $9,200 Total for 2024/2025 Academic Year -- $10,000
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Please list any other sources of funding you have applied for and include dollar amounts if already awarded.

No Funds have been awarded for the 2024/2025 academic year.

How will the Foundation's support be recognized?

All Healthy Snacks promotional information as well as the Healthy Snacks sign next to the food will include the Foundation's logo.

How do you plan to evaluate this project's success?

Student contact hours in the MDC will be tracked as well as the usage of the snacks provided.

If your project/program is successful, how will it inform your practice moving forward?

If the Healthy Snacks Project is successful, the Math Division will include funding for this in their Program Review. In addition, this project will be brought to the Learning Assistance Taskforce in the hopes of a campus-wide adoption.