

## Awards for Innovation in Higher Education Grant

### Introduction

There are two innovation grants available from the State right now, one requires the District to submit a proposal and requires the college to submit a proposal.

If we as a District or a college decide to go forward with each, we can apply for a mini grant from the **College Futures Foundation** that will help us complete the work and submit a grant.

If we decide to move forward with either grant and want to apply for the mini planning grant, which we need to do because we don't have the capacity to write the grants ourselves, we need to apply by **November 10, 2016**. The mini grant would pay for grant writers, technical advisors, facilitators, release time, meeting expenses, and travel.

### Description

Due February 3, 2017

Available Funds: \$2.5 million

Time Limit: Not specified

College applies

Grant Focus: Focus of the grant needs to reduce the time it takes students to complete degrees and credentials or reduce the total cost of attendance for students, or both. Possible examples of strategies being discussed at Crafton and suggested by Innovation Grant.

#### Crafton Ideas

- Students register for Summer and Fall in May and/or develop ability for students to schedule out for three years (Schedule and catalogue done earlier).
- Articulated pathways
- Pathways program in transfer and CTE. Could use the Workforce Development Plan and LFMA draft pathways plans as guides.
- ???Maybe - Could also be used to pay for students who are not able to pay

#### Ideas from Innovation Award

- Redesign of curriculum and instruction, such as implementation of three-year degrees
- Programs that allow students to make progress toward completion of degrees and credentials based on demonstration of knowledge and competencies, including military training, prior learning, and prior experiences
- Programs that make financial aid more accessible, including increasing the number of students who apply for financial aid, or that reduce the costs of books and supplies