

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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## Best Practices in Grant Development

The Department of Resource Development, Management and Compliance (RDMC) recently hosted a virtual workshop, *Best Practices in Post - Award Grant Program and Fiscal Compliance* for South Texas College faculty and staff. Presenters included Scott Scala, M.Ed., Grant Professionals Certified President and Senior Consultant of SCALA and ASSOCIATES, LLC and Myra Ochoa, Grant Systems Management and Compliance Officer I. South Texas College Staff and faculty were engaged in learning about the topics listed below.

- ✓ Best practices for staff roles and responsibilities specific to the post-award grant program and fiscal management
- ✓ Uniform Guidance Requirements and policies of Post-Award Program including fiscal best practices
- ✓ Effective stewardship of budgets and overall funds
- ✓ Common sources of compliance issues specific to program/fiscal
- ✓ Potential consequences of ignoring risks
- ✓ Grant compliance strategies that focus on program/fiscal accountability
- ✓ The Grant and Contract Compliance Process
- ✓ Organizational procedures regarding post-award grant program and fiscal management

For more information go to

<https://admin.southtexascollege.edu/grants/>.

Participants offered valuable feedback as listed below from surveys.

*"The content and resources were useful/relevant....  
I will apply what I learned for my current role"*

*"The presenters were very knowledgeable and effective"*

*"The session allowed for active learning"*

*"The session provided me with new information and skills"*

## Funding Corner

Board Approved Grants  
(June, July and August 2021)

**Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Reskilling Support Fund, \$112,500**---This award helps provide students with support for tuition and fees for courses in workforce credential programs, Computer Information Sciences, Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology, Emergency Medical Technology, Medical Sonography, and Nursing occupations.

**Texas Pioneer Foundation, High School Equivalency Grant, \$150,000**---This award serves low-income residents for GED preparation, Academic Success, College Connections, Job Readiness, CPR/AED Certification and related skills training.

**Texas Workforce Commission, Apprenticeship Expansion Grant, \$202,898**---This award is for the expansion of Registered Apprenticeship Programs to create work-based learning opportunities.

**Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Carl D. Perkins Basic Grant, \$2,163,618**---This award focuses on improving the technical achievement of Career and Technical Education students.

**Texas Workforce Commission, Information Technology (IT), Registered Apprenticeship Expansion, \$199,467**---This award helps students that are enrolled in the Registered Apprenticeship Expansion Program for Computer Network Support Specialist, Information Records Clerk, & Computer User Support Specialist occupations.

**Rio South Texas Education and Community Development Foundation, Postsecondary Career Pathways, \$116,330.08**---This award will recruit, 72 individuals without high school diplomas for training programs, EKG, Phlebotomy Technician, Microsoft Office Specialist, Robot Operator, CNC Machine Operator Assistant, & Production Operator Assistant leading to industry certifications.

**US Department of Education, Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund--Supplemental Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education, \$10,136,521** This award supports the unmet needs related to recovery from disruptions in the finances, day-to-day operations, instruction, and student supports due to coronavirus

**Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, OER Course Development and Implementation Grant, \$76,145.25**---This award will support the enhance the quality in online course offerings and reduce the costs of educational materials for students through matching grants to support open educational resources.

**U.S. Department of Education, Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, American Rescue Plan Act, \$3,873,690**---Funds will be used to assist students with cost of attendance, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

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## Next Level Grant Development Training

Since January of this year, Grant Development Officers, Nohemi Marroquin, and Grace Gonzales have participated in Next Level Grant Development Training from the Grant Professionals Association. This quarter's training focused on best practices for developing a competitive edge in grant writing. Staff members or participants was engaged in subject topics, *Staying Mission-Focused*, *Measuring Program Outcomes*, *Identifying Stakeholders/Requirements*, *The Process of Measuring Program Outcomes*, *Measurement Instruments*, *Effective Methods for Demonstrating Impact* and the *S.M.A.R.T. (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timebound) Objectives Model*. By participating in this training, staff develop new skills to integrate what they learn onto their work to support the college when developing grant proposals. For more information go to the [Grant Professionals website](#).

## MADISSAR Institutional Grant Awardees Announced

South Texas College is pleased to announce this year's recipients for the Making a Difference in Student Success and Retention internal college grant award. **The Business and Technology Division, Electrician Technician Program (ETP) was awarded \$7,046** to help fund a Multism Software Program for students enrolled in the ETP program. The software will enable users to learn about electrical theory concepts using a modern approach for tactile, visual, and audio learners. The simulator system allows students understand the concepts learned in the classroom that are essential for comprehension and understanding.



**The Culinary Arts Department was awarded \$23,850** to help fund the Culinary Arts Student Success Mentoring Program. This program will utilize a hybrid model of both group and individual mentorships for students who will be connected with program faculty, alumni, and industry leaders. Students will be in contact with those who have successfully navigated both their education and entry into the industry. The program was developed to meet program objectives of increased graduation rates and improved post-graduation success. MADISSAR funds help support the college's Key Performance Indicators, #3 Progress, and #4 Completion. This grant is designed to help supplement new or existing programs, services, and activities. For more information on the MADISSAR institutional grant please go to [southtexascollege.edu/grants/madissar.html](https://southtexascollege.edu/grants/madissar.html) or send us an email.