

Sauk Valley Community College
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Agenda Item 4.1.2

Topic: Grant Awards

Strategic Direction: Goal 2 – Increase Academic Achievement

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Presentation:

The College has received the grants below; faculty and staff associated with these grants will provide additional information detailing how each grant supports Sauk’s mission.

- **Adult Education**

The Adult Education and Literacy program was awarded \$277,580 for FY 21, a 20% increase. State funds are awarded by the Illinois Community College Board; federal funds are awarded by the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education. Sauk will focus on bridging students to college and career by providing the College and Career Success Course, the Health Careers Bridge Program, and the CNA Integrated Career and Preparation System program. Sauk’s faculty will provide quality instruction to prepare students for the High School Equivalency exams (GED) and instruct English language courses for ESL students.

Project VITAL was awarded \$60,963 for FY 21, a 20% increase. These funds are awarded by the Office of the Secretary of State. Project VITAL will use this additional funding to cover a higher percentage of personnel costs. Project VITAL will also be focusing on how to provide more virtual tutoring opportunities in FY 21.

- **CTE Education Pathway Grant**

Teacher shortages abound in Illinois and the nation. The PASS partnership has been working for two years to address this problem. The award of a \$249,000.00 grant from the Illinois State Board of Education will enable Sauk to continue this work and increase the momentum that has been started. This grant will be used to work with four partner districts: Fulton High School, Morrison High School, Dixon High School, and Rock Falls High School along with the Whiteside Area Career Center to grow students who:

- Are committed to working in the field of education,
- Enter college with a leg up on success, and
- Have roots in the community and a desire to return and serve in the area.

The investment in building and implementing a sustainable system for the pathway includes teacher training, planning, and collaboration; expanded credentialing and dual coursework options; systems-level coaching; web-based resources; and a focus on data, outcomes, and continuous improvement to the system to increase outcomes for students and communities.

This is a competitive four-year grant with 100% funding available in year 1 and 2, 66% funding in year 3, and 33% funding in year 4.

- **Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER)**

The College was awarded \$166,314 from the Illinois Office of the Governor to support efforts to enroll and retain low income, underrepresented, and first-generation students. Sauk is providing its GEER funds directly to eligible students to assist with costs associated with securing reliable internet service during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Students may apply for this assistance at svcc.edu/scholarships.

The GEER funding supplements the CARES Act funds provided directly to schools through the U.S. Department of Education. The College's award of \$166,314 was formula based and part of a larger \$108 million awarded to preK-12 public education and institutions of higher education and \$18 million specifically to Illinois Public Community Colleges.

- **TRIO**

Sauk's TRIO program has received a \$1.5 million grant. The renewal of this grant will allow TRIO to continue its work over the next five years. TRIO Student Support Services is a federally funded, student-oriented program that offers supportive services to help its participants achieve success. The program is funded through the Department of Education to assist students who are first generation, students who show a financial need, and/or students who have a documented disability. TRIO services are designed to help participants maximize their effectiveness as students and make informed decisions that lead to a successful graduation and/or transfer.