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3	Beth Kronbeck	Social Sciences Division Chair	Social Sciences	Verdugo	Team Internships: City of Glendale Commission Report on the Status of Women and Girls	Humanities/Social Sciences	\$ 2,500.00	In order to help complete the Team Internship course of creating a Commission Report on the Status of Women in Girls in the City of Glendale, 5 discipline experts will be paid \$500 to assist students for 6 weeks while they compile their research.
4	Dr. Nove Deypalan	Music Director, Conductor, Glendale Youth Symphony and Choir	Visual & Performing Arts	Verdugo	Expanding Experiential Learning Through Youth Orchestra & Choir Performance, Collaboration, and Community Engagement	Arts & Culture	\$ 5,000.00	This proposal seeks funding to support enhanced musical learning experiences for students in the Glendale Youth Orchestra and Glendale Youth Choir during the 2026–2027 academic year. The project will integrate guest clinicians, collaborative performances, student workshops, and community-centered concerts designed to deepen students’ artistic growth, professional preparation, and sense of belonging through the performing arts. Funding from the Glendale College Foundation will support faculty-led programming aligned with GCC’s mission by fostering student engagement, experiential learning, equity of access, and community enrichment through high-quality musical experiences.
6	Jeanette Farr-Harkins	Professor of Theatre, Department Chair	Theatre Arts	Verdugo	Documenting Students at Edinburgh Fringe Festival	Arts & Culture	\$ 11,600.00	This project seeks funding to support two professional documentarian filmmakers/editors in creating a 30-minute documentary and two short marketing reels about GCC Theatre Arts students participating in the 2027 International Collegiate Theatre Festival at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The documentary will capture interviews, behind-the-scenes footage, and the development of a new play created specifically for Glendale Community College’s participation in the festival. The project will provide students with hands-on experience in documentary filmmaking and international theatre collaboration while also serving as a long-term instructional, recruitment, and marketing resource for the college.
7	Jeanette Farr-Harkins	Professor Theatre Arts, Department Chair	Theatre Arts	Verdugo	Theatre Arts: Free Tickets for Students	Arts & Culture	\$ 9,750.00	This proposal, Theatre Arts: Free Ticketing for Students seeks continued support for the Theatre Arts Department’s supplementary ticket pricing initiative, providing free or reduced-cost tickets to GCC and local high school students in order to expand equitable access to live theatre and foster a more inclusive and engaged arts audience. The program supports cultural enrichment, student recruitment, and community connection while strengthening student learning through increased audience participation. By removing financial barriers to the arts, the project advances Glendale Community College’s Institutional Strategic Plan Prioritizing Inclusion, encouraging creativity, empathy, critical thinking, and a stronger sense of belonging across campus and the surrounding community.
8	Armenuhi Andzhu	Programs and Services Analyst	International Student Office	Verdugo	International Student Activities Funding	College Operations & Facilities	\$ 8,000.00	Foundation funding is being requested in support of the international student population at GCC and to administer the yearly International Education Week program. The First Friends program will foster connection amongst students and provide an organic method for future student recruitment, while regular programming provides critical support and onboarding services to all international students. International Education Week highlights internationalization efforts on campus (such as study abroad programs), fosters international and cultural understanding, and prepares Americans and international students alike to live and work in a global environment.
9	Amy Oliver	Associate Professor of Photography	Photography	Verdugo	Photography Speaker Series & Frames for Student Exhibit	Career & Work Training	\$ 3,000.00	We propose to have professionals in the field of photography come to our classes to show their work and inspire the students. These talks will be targeted to our capstone courses: Fine Art Photography, Documentary Photography, and Commercial Photography. We also propose to have funding to provide all photography students participating in the photography exhibit in the GCC gallery with frames for their work.
10	Alenjandro Arellano	Classified Council President	Classified Council	Verdugo	Classified Council Professional Development Series	Career & Work Training	\$ 3,000.00	Requesting consideration for funds to develop a members-only professional development series to augment employees’ work-based skills at GCC campuses, to strengthen campus operations and support systems. The Council will coordinate these efforts with HR/Professional Development to ensure the offerings are distinguished from and augment regular Professional Development offerings.

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11	Eva Janečková	Biology instructor	Biology	Verdugo	Molecular analysis of Mendelian traits in pea plants (<i>Pisum sativum</i>) and developmental profiling of California sea hare (<i>Aplysia californica</i>)	Science & Technology	\$ 3,240.00	This project expands ongoing pea plant research inspired by Gregor Mendel’s foundational work by incorporating molecular analyses, such as RT-qPCR, to investigate the gene expression underlying classical Mendelian traits. In parallel, it introduces a second research component focused on the molecular characterization of <i>Aplysia californica</i> (California sea hare) across early developmental stages. Through these interdisciplinary, hands-on research experiences, students will apply modern molecular biology techniques while connecting classical genetics with contemporary scientific approaches.
12	Alexandra Evans	Student Equity Counselor / Psychology Instructor	Student Equity	Verdugo	Black Scholars/BSU Scholarship	Arts & Culture	\$ 5,000.00	I am requesting that The Foundation support a \$5,000 contribution to the Black Scholar/BSU scholarship to support inclusion, minimize anti-Black racism and historical “sundown” town stigma, and increase the success of Black students at GCC. The support from The Foundation will increase belonging, acknowledgment, and intentionality for Black student success, thereby eliminating achievement gaps and increasing Black student enrollment, persistence, retention, and success rates.
13	Asmik Oganessian	Professor of Chemistry	Chemistry/Physical Science Division	Verdugo	GCC STEM Fellowship Program	Science & Technology	\$ 8,500.00	The GCC STEM Fellowship Program will employ outstanding GCC STEM alumni who have completed their bachelor’s degrees to serve as mentors, laboratory leaders, research guides, and academic support fellows for current students. By bridging the gap between peer tutoring and professional mentorship, the program will strengthen student engagement, retention, transfer success, and STEM identity while providing valuable leadership and teaching experience for participating fellows preparing for advanced academic and professional careers.
14	Kevin Mack	Study Abroad Director	Instructional Services	Verdugo	Study Abroad 2027 Programs	Humanities/Social Sciences	\$ 48,000.00	This application is asking for essential financial support for the four 2027 study abroad programs. These funds are used either to offset student costs or to offer education experiences that would otherwise be unaffordable. The \$48,000 requested, or \$12,000 per program, reflects the rapidly-rising costs of travel abroad. New Zealand/Australia (Winter); Armenia, Bali, London (Summer)
15	Brittany Hampton	Ethnic Studies Instructor	Ethnic Studies/ Social Sciences Division	Verdugo	Student Research Symposium at Glendale Community College 2027	Career & Work Training	\$ 3,953.00	The Student Research Symposium at Glendale Community College provides a high-impact platform for students to present their original research, develop critical academic and communication skills, and engage in meaningful scholarly inquiry. This project seeks to expand and enhance the Symposium by increasing student participation, strengthening presentation quality, and improving access to resources that support undergraduate research. Through these efforts, the Symposium promotes student success, fosters a culture of academic excellence, and strengthens connections between the college and the broader community
16	Eva Janečková	Biology instructor	Biology	Verdugo	US Mendel School of GCC: Mendel Day and Mendel Contest 2027	Science & Technology	\$ 3,620.00	The US Mendel School at Glendale Community College proposes to organize Mendel Day 2027, an interdisciplinary celebration honoring Gregor Mendel through an invited keynote lecture, scientific and artistic expressions, and community engagement in the Mendel Contest 2027. The project integrates classical genetics while providing students with meaningful opportunities for scientific communication and creative exploration. Through these activities, Mendel Day promotes student success, interdisciplinary learning, and public appreciation for science and art.
18	Emily Babette Gross	Faculty/Instructor	Studio Arts	Verdugo	Baja California Art and Ecology Field Studies Program, Summer 2027	Arts & Culture	\$ 11,000.00	Through the \$16,000 requested via the Foundation Grant, the Studio Arts department will kickstart our inaugural Art and Ecology Baja Field Studies Summer Program while having the ability to offer student scholarships, hire student workers, acquire art materials and equipment, and offer ancillary stipends for adjunct faculty to scout the location for future course planning. The grant will make this exciting and transformative educational experience more accessible to students who would find the tuition and travel fee a financial barrier. In summation, the grant will help establish the partnership between Studio Arts and the existing Baja Field Program while benefiting student enrollment, equity, and educational experiences.
19	Rebecca Hillquist	Instructor / Department Chair	Graphic Design	Verdugo	Check Out Laptops for Students Without Computer Resources in the Graphic Design Department	Arts & Culture	\$ 7,481.37	Purchase of 6 MacBook Air computers to support students lacking the financial resources or access to alternative computers for completing assignments within the Graphic Design program at GCC. Coordination and management in collaboration with GCC Graphic Design Instructors and the IT Department.

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21	Meg Chil-Gevorkyan	Associate Dean	Career Education	Verdugo	Career Ed Café	Career & Work Training	\$ 3,000.00	The Career Ed Café is a cross-campus engagement initiative that brings faculty, staff, K–12 partners, and industry representatives into Career Education program spaces to experience labs, curriculum, and student work firsthand. Through a series of interactive, hosted events, the project aims to increase awareness of career pathways, strengthen partnerships, and promote student engagement by connecting programs, people, and workforce opportunities.
22	CHRIS J CICUTO	ASSOCIATE DEAN, ATHLETICS	ATHLETICS	Verdugo	Athletics Operational Support	Athletics & Fitness	\$ 18,000.00	This project strengthens athletic outreach, promotion, and game-day operations through social media support, community engagement, announcers, and student-athlete photography. It increases visibility, enhances the student-athlete experience, and supports equitable opportunities for men’s and women’s sports programs. The project also helps build stronger connections between athletics, the college, alumni, and the community.
23	Janelle Qamaruzzaman	DSPS Counselor	DSPS	Verdugo	DSPS: Integration, Inclusion, and Innovation	Career & Work Training	\$ 15,000.00	This proposal helps to integrate and include DSPS students via innovative work and professional development. Through integration and inclusion, DSPS students are able to access success at GCC and achieve their goals. By means of professional development, DSPS events, a presence on campus (swag), and a dedicated sensory/space room that is consistently accessible, DSPS faculty and staff are able to provide much needed innovation for student success in seeking equality of opportunity.
24	Emilia Ovasapyan	Career Counselor	Student Services/Continuing Education	Garfield	Career Café	Career & Work Training	\$ 4,000.00	Career Café is a weekly career readiness program designed to support non-credit students, particularly immigrants and adult learners, as they navigate educational and career opportunities in the United States. Through workshops, guest speakers, career guidance, and a welcoming café-style environment, the program helps students build confidence, develop workforce skills, and connect their previous education and experience to career pathways in the U.S.
26	Geri Ulrey	Professor and Chair of Film, TV and Media Arts	FTVM	Verdugo	FTVM Documentary Program Development and Growth Support	Career & Work Training	\$ 16,000.00	FTVM Documentary Program Support will strengthen GCC’s emerging Documentary Film Production Program by funding guest speakers, community collaborators, filmmakers, curators, materials, travel, and specialized documentary production equipment. The project will support students in foundational, advanced, field-based, and Planet Story Lab courses by giving them access to professional mentorship, community-based learning, and industry-standard field production tools, including underwater documentary equipment.
27	Jann Vendetti & Shelley Thai	Adjunct Instructor or Biology & Professor of Biology	Biology	Verdugo	Transformative student research opportunities in Biology at GCC	Science & Technology	\$ 5,500.00	This proposal requests supplemental funding for two GCC courses in Biology; one at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, the other as part of GCC’s unique Biotechnology program. Both are unique and potentially transformative for students, who work on publishable research projects, which they present at one or more scientific conferences. Both courses prepare GCC students for research opportunities at 4-year colleges and universities, develop their laboratory skills and techniques, inspire their scientific interest, build their confidence to do hands-on research, and equip them for careers in the biological sciences.
28	Nayeli Garcia	Academic Noncredit Counselor	Continuing Education - Career and Counseling Center	Garfield	Dream Big Program	Career & Work Training	\$ 11,000.00	The Dream Big Club provides a supportive student community at both the Garfield and Verdugo campuses, helping nontraditional, historically underserved, and marginalized students successfully transition into credit classes and persist in credit coursework. Through peer mentoring, culturally responsive support, and collaborative student services, the program promotes student connection, academic success, and long-term educational achievement across campuses. Funding will support the continued expansion and sustainability of the Dream Big Club model through institutional partnerships and campus-wide collaboration.
29	Mécheneau Sarah	French Associate Professeur	Language Arts	Verdugo	French Summer Schools	Arts & Culture	\$ 25,000.00	This project would allow GCC to send students to France for the third consecutive year to participate in the Summer Schools in France program offered by Villa Albertine and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy. The program provides community college students with a rare opportunity to study abroad at a French university and earn EU-recognized credits, while strengthening GCC's growing partnership with our French partners. With continued Foundation support, we hope to expand this program and move closer to the goal of hosting a dedicated summer school at GCC.

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30	Andrea Havlin	Adjunct Welding Instructor	Welding Technology	Verdugo	Shaping Our Future in Keeping with "Current" Industry Trends in Welding and Fabrication (puns intended)	Career & Work Training	\$ 3,000.00	This project requests funding to foster industry connections and network with global welding educators, students, professionals, and suppliers. While at the expo, I plan to take advantage of tradeshow promotional pricing to purchase a xTool 3-in-1 laser welder/cutter/cleaner system. This investment will bring cutting-edge manufacturing technology that will have immediate impact on our program. I am incredibly grateful to the Foundation for sponsoring my trip last year. I came in under budget, gained valuable technical insights, and built a fantastic global network. I want to keep that momentum going.If the equipment purchase is not within the budget, I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to attend the tradeshow with reduced grant funding.
31	Christopher Herwerth and Izabela Bayajyan	Professor of Engineering, Adjunct Instructor of Architecture	Engineering, Architecture	Verdugo	Architecture and Engineering Student Collaborative Project Learning	Career & Work Training	\$ 5,000.00	The Architecture and Engineering Student Collaborative Learning Project will give architecture and engineering students the opportunity to visit professional construction and design sites to experience how their coursework and designs are actually implemented in industry. Students spend time visiting jobsites and developing and building projects to present to professionals in order to have direct experience in their future career pathways.
33	Yvette Marthell	Adjunct Faculty Member: Photography	Art	Verdugo	GCC Photography Student Access to SPE West Regional Conference 2026	Arts & Culture	\$ 5,000.00	This project will provide travel and conference support for up to five Glendale Community College photography students and the faculty lead to attend the Society for Photographic Education West Regional Conference at California State University, Sacramento, November 5–8, 2026. SPE has been transformative for me as both an educator and artist because it brings students, faculty, artists, and leading voices in photography together across regional and national communities, and this project would give GCC students access to that same powerful professional and educational experience. By visiting a university campus, engaging with contemporary photographers and educators, and participating in conversations about visual literacy, image ethics, artificial intelligence, and creative practice, students will gain a broader perspective on transfer, degree pathways, career possibilities, and their place within the larger field of photography.
34	Sydnee Risk	Instructinal Designer	Library and Learning Resources	Verdugo	GCC Reel Impact: Documentary Film Series at Glendale Community College	Arts & Culture	\$ 8,000.00	We propose to host a community documentary film screening series on the campus of Glendale Community College, featuring two locally produced independent films — SPEAK! and Far East Deep South — each followed by a live panel discussion with the filmmakers. The series is designed to celebrate art and independent filmmaking, build community, and spark meaningful dialogue around diversity, identity, and social justice, while creating an engaging and welcoming campus experience for current students, local high school students, and the broader Glendale and surrounding communities. If successful, this will become an annual series expanding each year to feature additional locally produced documentaries, possibly including some prescreening music from student and local bands, establishing GCC as a cultural destination that champions LA's independent film industry and the city's rich and diverse communities.
35	Alexandra Christy	Academic Senate Budget Representative/Noncredit ESL Instructor	Academic Senate/Noncredit ESL	Garfield	Senate Innovation Grant (SIG)	College Operations & Facilities	\$ 7,500.00	The Senate Innovation Grant is an award for faculty (adjunct or full-time, Verdugo and Garfield campuses) to carry out an innovative idea that benefits the students, institution, and community at Glendale Community College. The award money can be spent on student trips, exhibitions, guest speakers, classroom materials, workshops or other purposes that fuel an inventive concept.
36	Jennifer Krestow	Professor of Astronomy & Physics and Planetarium Director	Astronomy/Planetarium	Verdugo	A Conversations with the Stars Astronomy Lecture Series.	Science & Technology	\$ 3,200.00	The GCC planetarium would like to host a monthly astronomy lecture series titled, “A Conversation With the Stars.” These lectures are planned as relaxed, informative evenings where professional astronomers discuss their cutting edge research in an engaging and accessible manner. Following the lecture, a Q&A session gives our visitors that chance to personally engage with these professionals.
37	Arpi Amirian	Classified Professional Development Coordinator/Programs and Services Specialist SE	Professional Development / Student Equity	Verdugo	Healthy Boundaries: Building Sustainable Workplace Practices	Career & Work Training	\$ 3,565.00	The Healthy Boundaries: Building Sustainable Workplace Practices program is a 16-week cohort-based initiative that helps participants develop practical skills for setting and maintaining healthy boundaries in personal and professional settings through guided learning, reflection, and group discussion. By strengthening communication, clarifying expectations, and reducing burnout, the program improves employee well-being and workplace effectiveness, which in turn supports students through more consistent, responsive, and supportive interactions with college staff and contributes to a healthier campus environment that enhances student success.

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38	Andra Verstraete	Director, Transfer Center, Career Services and Student Employment	Transfer Center	Verdugo	Transfer Center Campus Tours	College Operations & Facilities	\$ 9,000.00	The Transfer Center is requesting \$9,000 to provide eight university campus tours during the 2026–2027 academic year. These tours will give students firsthand exposure to transfer destinations, helping them build confidence, explore educational opportunities, and make informed decisions about their academic futures. The program will especially benefit first-generation and historically underrepresented students by increasing access to experiences that support successful transfer outcomes.
40	Andrineh Dilanchian	Adjunct EOPS/CARE Counselor	EOPS	Verdugo	Back-to-School Support for CARE Families	Career & Work Training	\$ 10,000.00	Back-to-School Support for CARE Families will provide school supplies, educational materials, backpacks, and hygiene essentials to the children of our single-parent student households before the start of the school year. By reducing financial barriers and supporting educational readiness, the project promotes student success, persistence, and family well-being.
41	Michael Harnett	Professor of English, Humanities, and Educational Psychology, and Scholars Program Director	English/Scholars Program	Verdugo	Scholars Program Conference Travel Fund	Career & Work Training	\$ 3,500.00	This funding project provides financial support to students doing research and presenting it at research conferences, defraying the travel and conference-fee expenses. In doing so, it overtly and implicitly encourages students to take on and pursue the valuable set of skills that research and conferences involve.
42	Michelle Stonis	Assistant Professor of History / Co-Director, Pulitzer Center Campus Consortium	History / Social Sciences Division	Verdugo	GCC's Pulitzer Center Campus Consortium - Travel to Washington Weekend and Campus Event	Humanities/Social Sciences	\$ 4,000.00	I propose traveling to Washington, DC, in October 2026 with our GCC student fellow to attend the Pulitzer Center’s Washington Weekend, where students and advisors from around the country convene. After the Washington Weekend event, our GCC Pulitzer Center Fellow will present her reporting and experience in Washington, DC, at two GCC events: the Board of Trustees meeting in November 2026 and a campus-wide event the same month.
44	Paul Sherman	Associate Professor of Music	Music	Verdugo	Additional Uniforms for the Growing Marching Band	Arts & Culture	\$ 7,031.00	As the GCC Marching Vaqueros continues to grow and become an increasingly visible part of campus life and athletic events, additional uniforms are needed to support student participation. Funding will allow us to purchase uniforms in a wider range of sizes, ensuring that all students can be properly fitted and represented while strengthening school spirit and community engagement.
45	Ranell Holmes	Director of Enterprise Applications	IT Services	Verdugo	IT Governance	Science & Technology	\$ 5,000.00	This grant supports professional development in AI governance for Ranell Holmes, Director of ERP & Enterprise Applications at Glendale Community College, through an AI governance course at UCLA Extension and attendance at three industry conferences: EDUCAUSE Annual Conference, AfroTech, and South by Southwest (SXSW). The goal is to build the institutional expertise GCC needs to develop responsible AI program as the college navigates AI adoption across teaching, operations, and enterprise systems. Insights and frameworks gained through this experience will be brought back to GCC through formal deliverables, directly advancing the college's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan objectives around AI literacy and equitable technology governance.
47	Tiffany Ingle	Faculty Development Coordinator		Verdugo / Garfield	Innovation Expo Grant Program	Other	\$5,000	We will offer these mini-grants for the participants in the innovation expo to scale their work or further their work.
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