Future Ready Oregon: Expanding Opportunities for Students and Communities

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PCC Overview

- Largest post-secondary institution in Oregon 55,000 students a year.
- Four comprehensive campuses, ten centers and independent locations, including OMIC Training Center and programs at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.
- Support for student basic needs including integrated federal/state benefits support.
- Academic coaching and programming that support engagement, success & retention of students.

Students will receive \$1.1 billion in increased earnings over their working lives. This translates to a return of \$3.70 in higher future earnings for every dollar students invest in their education.



Career Pathways

PCC Formula Allocation: \$2.8M first year

Project Focus:

- Development of new Integrated Education and Training programs in advanced manufacturing and welding.
- Creation of new Career Pathways certificates in aluminum welding and Certified Nursing Assistant.
- Professional development for staff and state of the art equipment.
- Support to students for tuition, books and loaner laptops.
- Culturally responsive marketing.



Competitive Workforce Readiness Grants

First Round - Building Capacity for Workforce Programs

PCC Award: 300k

Project Focus:

 Partnering with CBO's and industry partners, redesigning manufacturing curriculum and outreach to better support underserved communities and create culturally-relevant, industry-aligned training, leading to good paying jobs.

Objectives:

- Collect feedback from CBO and industry partners on pre-college engagement strategies for priority populations
- Engage participants in current Opportunity Center programming related to career and college preparation. Collect feedback about their experiences and make changes to offerings.
- Collect feedback from CBO and industry partners on MMT curriculum and program delivery.
- Prepare to develop and launch new curriculum and programming during Phase II.



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CBO Leading with PCC as Partner:

- **Portland Fire and Rescue:** Partnering to increase Emergency Medical Technician training students taking EMT certificate training.
- Central City Concern: Increasing training in Behavioral Health. PCC providing guidance on improving Addictions Counseling pathways.
- Virginia Garcia: Expanding and diversifying pipelines to healthcare in partnership with Hillsboro schools and PCC. PCC providing seats in CTE Healthcare Pathways and exploring how to share faculty and increase clinical rotations for Nursing, Dental Hygiene & Medical Assisting



Credit for Prior Learning

PCC Award: \$90k

Project Focus:

- To expand the Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) program for priority populations by training more faculty in assessing CPL.
- Creating more Course Challenges by which students can receive credit for specific PCC courses.
- Developing a more comprehensive campaign to expand understanding of CPL to students.

