

## Community-Based Learning

### Faculty Resources – Community Engagement Project Funding Full Overview

## **Community Engagement Project Funding**

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The Bonner Center for Community Engagement invites faculty members on continuing appointments to apply for up to \$500 to support community-based projects linked to specific academic courses. Applicants are asked to provide course objectives, a description of the community-based project, anticipated outcomes for both the community and the students, a budget proposal, and a letter of support from partnering agency.

Community projects must be hosted by a local 501(c)3 non-profit organization or a governmental agency in Rome-Floyd County, Georgia. Further, projects must target issues related to at least one of the following four areas: education, environment, human need, and public safety. In compliance with the Bonner Foundation's regulations, please note that the following activities are prohibited when accessing project funds:

- Service on behalf of a political organization or campaign
- Service involving religious proselytizing and evangelism (i.e., church youth groups, activities meant to teach or convince a specific religion, Bible studies)
- Pure, scientific research in a laboratory
- ROTC or military service
- Service primarily benefiting a family member

A committee including the Dean of Student Work & Experiential Education, Bonner Center Director, Center for Teaching Excellence Director, two faculty members, and two students will review applications from faculty for the use of these funds. Applications will be reviewed in March for summer courses, in June for fall courses, and in November for spring courses. Under usual circumstances, no more than a total of \$1,200 will be awarded in one term.

Recipients of the grants will be asked to evaluate their community-based projects and submit a detailed report to the Bonner Center for Community Engagement. The one- to two-page document should explain how the project related to the achievement of course objectives and what outcomes were experienced by both the community and the students. Additionally, the report should include a detailed listing of expenditures. Deadlines for these reports will be set the end of the first month of the semester following the completion of the projects.

The attached rubric will be used in determining the eligibility of receipt of funding.

Project Funding Request forms should be submitted on or before Monday, June 1, 2009 for the Fall 2009 term and on or before Monday, November 2, 2009 for the Spring 2010 term.