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PROBLEM SOLVING

“TRANSFORMING PASSION INTO ACTION”

Guilford College CPPS ChangeMaker Grants Program**

Purpose -- The ChangeMaker Grants Program is designed for Guilford College students, staff and faculty members wishing to engage issues of social concern as related to our Core Values of Community, Diversity, Equality, Excellence, Integrity, Justice and Stewardship.

Objectives -- At the end of this program, ChangeMaker participants will be able to:

- Navigate the process of social change and innovation
- Utilize the PPS Model to conduct a research project
- Develop or strengthen academic and practical skills

Target Participants -- Individual or small groups of passionate human beings who aspire to use creative, strategic and research-based ideas to make positive social change including:

- Guilford College students
- Guilford College staff
- Guilford College faculty
- Community agencies/organizations (*only* in project collaboration with a Guilford College student, staff or faculty member)

Program Offerings

- Project funds of up to \$1,000 for project related expenses to be utilized in the academic year in which they are awarded
- Project and administrative support
- PPS Model training
- Academic and practical skills training
- Post-project support

Program Criteria -- The CPPS is eager to support a diverse range of ChangeMaker projects that are designed for and can operate within any social context or community. ChangeMaker projects may have broad aspirations, such as engaging a national or international issue *or* they may have focused aspirations such as engaging a Guilford College or Greensboro specific issue.

All ChangeMaker participants and projects must meet the following criteria:

1. Students must be currently enrolled and in good academic standing in order to apply for ChangeMaker project funding.

2. ChangeMaker group project applications should involve two or more students and may include faculty or staff participants as well. Individuals from community agencies/organizations may be invited to participate in a ChangeMaker project at the invitation of project members and with the approval of the CPPS.
3. ChangeMaker projects must engage a clearly identified, research-based social, political or economic issue.
4. ChangeMaker project's issue has relevance to one or more of Guilford College's Core Values: Community, Diversity, Equality, Excellence, Integrity, Justice and Stewardship.
5. ChangeMaker projects should seek outcomes that are measurable, significant and possessing positive social impact.
6. All ChangeMaker participants must participate in CPPS ChangeMaker academic and practical skills training sessions.

ChangeMaker Participant Accountabilities

- Participate in ChangeMaker Orientation (Orientation Topics: Project Administration, PPS Model Training)
- Participate in occasional *PPS Learn Shop* sessions over the course of the project and prior to the project end date (Academic and Skills Training). *PPS Learn Shops* are 1 hour, interactive sessions that equips the project group with project-related, practical skills.
- Participate in regular, in-person project update meetings
- Submit eight to ten (8-10) high quality project photos over the course of the project
- Prepare and present a PPS ChangeMaker presentation to be delivered to a public audience in coordination with the CPPS

Application Process -- ChangeMaker Projects are not limited to any particular size or time limit. Applications are accepted year round. Please review the application process below.

Step 1: Attend a ChangeMaker Grants information session to learn more about the program and previous projects and to answer any questions that you may have. You may also learn about the program directly from CPPS staff.

Step 2: Meet with your project group to prepare application materials in advance of submitting the PPS ChangeMaker Application. For groups, it is recommended that the group meet two (2) weeks prior to the final submission of the project application. The two (2) weeks will allow your group time to gather and prepare accurate application materials.

Step 3: Complete and submit the PPS **ChangeMaker Grants** application online.

Step 4: Promptly respond to any application communication, email or telephone call from Mark when received. The CPPS team will review your project application and will notify your project group of a decision within two to three weeks.

***Please note that projects that are being undertaken primarily under the direction of a Guilford center, program, or department, are eligible for PPS Partnership Grants. The Partnership grants offer funding to support values-based projects directed by college staff and faculty but do not require the mentorship and oversight that are associated with ChangeMaker grants.*