
STATE GRANT AWARDS

During the course of the summer, we were notified that we were the recipients of two State grants. As I mentioned in my July report, the Agency of Education has given us a preliminary notification that we have qualified for a \$75K Innovation Grant that will be processed shortly. As a reminder, the proposal that was accepted is for equipment and personnel to add a Virtual Reality learning component to our technical and pre-technical programs in addition to including outreach and two-week shadow experiences for middle school students. I will be providing ongoing information about how we will be using the grant once we have the final authorization and guidelines for its use.

In addition to the AOE Innovation Grant, PAHCC has also made a successful proposal for enhanced safety and security at the center. I recently returned a signed agreement for an FY19 School Safety and Security Grant totalling \$21,677.90. This grant is a 25% matching grant. Our local contribution is for \$7,225.97. The purpose of the grant is to help us address safety and security measures that were highlighted last year during a VSBIT safety audit. We have identified three projects to fund with the money that will be made available. The projects are (1) a card access system for four external doors; (2) a blue beacon warning system that will alert people both inside the building and outside that we are in a “secure the building” response; and (3) a safety film applied glazing to reinforce windows around the entrance to the building. Two of these projects have already been undertaken at MUHS (the card access system and the blue beacon system). Addressing these projects will achieve several goals - adhering to recommendations from VSBIT (which will help us qualify for additional safety and security grants), following the recommendations by first responders for consistency in systems and procedures on our shared campus, and most importantly taking the appropriate precautions to enhance safety measures for our students and staff.