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Re: Status of OER Grant Proposal – 2018/19

Dear Dr. Ferguson:

Congratulations! We are pleased to notify you that your proposal for the Colorado Open Educational Resources Grant Program has been shortlisted for an annual award of **\$20,000.00** for the 2018-19 cycle pending final approval by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHÉ).

The application pool was extremely competitive and the number of applications submitted, as well as the caliber of those applications, demonstrates the level interest in OER as an innovative and promising practice for addressing affordability and student success in higher education. A total of 28 proposals were submitted for consideration during this grant cycle, amounting to approximately \$1.3 million dollars in total requests for \$550,000 dollars of available funding. In this preliminary year, OER Council has attempted to fund as many projects as possible in an effort to continue the momentum around the OER movement in Colorado and foster the growth of OER throughout the state. We look forward to having you as a partner in this Open Educational Resources work in the state of Colorado.

Notes and Next Steps – Action Required

Your award status will be considered pending until the below items are fully addressed. Revised materials are required to be submitted by January 18, 2019.

- **Revise the scope of work from your initial proposal**
 - Scale down project for year one funding
 - Eliminate ENG 120 and ENG 121 from project/budget proposal, or consider alternative forms of funding for this portion of your project; based on the feedback and guidance from the OER Council's review, materials for other course identified in project have fewer existing and adoptable materials
- **Provide the CDHE with an updated budget plan which aligns with the award amount list above**
- **Re-sign agreement page from the RFP acknowledging aforementioned revisions**
- **CCHÉ will give final approval, informed by the OER Council's recommendations, at their February 2019 meeting**

As you enter into revisions to the scope of work from your original proposals, do not hesitate to contact the CDHE staff for clarification. We are happy to work with you in the next couple of weeks to make the necessary revisions to your program proposal and budget based on your award amount and the



recommendations of the OER Council. CDHE staff are available by phone to help; if you would like to set up an appointment, please let us know. Our goal is to have agreements in place no later than the end of January, so that we may begin transference of funds for project during the months of February and into March of 2019.

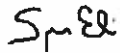
As a reminder, funds must be spent and accounted for within the program timeline, which completes with your final report in May of 2020. Please see the below table for other important upcoming dates.

Event	When	Where	Who
<u>Colorado Statewide OER Conference</u>	May 30-31, 2019	Lowry Conference Center (Aurora, CO)	Faculty, staff, grant recipients, and others interested in OER
Progress Report due to CDHE	July 15, 2019	Electronic Submission	Grant recipients
Final Report due to CDHE	May 15, 2020	Electronic Submission	Grant recipients

Again, on behalf of the OER Council and the Department of Higher Education, we extend congratulations and are excited to have you as a partner in this exciting work!

Thank you,

Sincerely,



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