Dickinson Grant Matching Funds

The College budget supports a modest pool of “grant matching funds” to offset a) mandatory cost-sharing (cost-matching) requirements on various external grants from federal and foundation sources, b) the costs of voluntary institutional cost sharing for faculty research grants, and c) in those cases in which the inclusion of such support will help ensure that a proposal will be awarded by an external funder.

Proposals that support student stipends, student summer room and board costs, and supplies for research that involves students are those most likely to be approved for grant matching support by the Provost. Other cost items, e.g. fees associated with grant applications, support for research equipment, reassigned times, and other costs associated with grants, will be considered depending on the nature of the item, and the demand for and availability of matching funds.

Faculty members should make informal requests for grant matching funds to the Corporate, Foundation & Government Support Office (CF&GS) (Glen Peterman, Cheryl Kremer, or Ben Sweger) for consideration by the Provost and Dean of the College on a case-by-case basis.

- Because the grant matching funds pool is limited, not all grant proposals with cost-share requests may or will necessarily be funded.
- Grant matching funds often must be committed well in advance of when they will be needed. The matching fund is therefore managed on a multi-year basis; commitments may not exceed the current year's funding.
- The funds are allocated and disbursed on a "first-come, first-served" basis.
- If your external grant is awarded, the project costs billed to grant matching may not exceed the original dollar amount of the grant matching commitment.
- If costs billed to the grant matching funds are *less* than originally anticipated for the original purposes of the grant match, i.e. the piece of equipment purchased was less expensive than the original bid price, then any unexpended funds must return to the grant matching pool.
- At the end of each grant, any allocated but unexpended grant matching funds return to the grant matching funding pool so it can be drawn in future years if necessary (when more grant proposals with cost-share commitments are funded than anticipated).
- The commitments to the Grant Matching Account are tracked by CF&GS, and expenses tracked by the Grants and Sponsored Projects (GaSP) staff (Ryan Vann). Allocations and expenses are reconciled on a periodic basis.
- The Corporate, Foundation & Government Support Office actively works with other funding sources on campus, e.g. the Research & Development Committee, the Associate Provost, and the Provost, to ensure that external projects are funded, as appropriate.