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GRANT DEVELOPMENT DECISION QUESTIONS

Use the questions in this guide to help determine whether your idea has what it takes to make the transition from concept to funded project.

1. Is there a positive relationship between the goals and objectives of the proposed project and the College's vision and mission?

2. Do you have statistical evidence to substantiate the needs? What anecdotal evidence do you have?

3. How does this idea match NWACC's vision and mission? Which strategic goal is it aligned with? Does it match priorities identified in the Ends Report?

4. What is the project goal? What do we want to see happening in the future? What will the College and its students gain from this program? What specific goods or services will this program provide?

5. What impact will this project have on our local community? The State of Arkansas? The nation as a whole?

6. What are the objectives of this project? (Objectives are specific, time oriented, and measurable.)

7. What are the methods or strategies for achieving the goals and objectives? How will we accomplish what we propose to do?

8. What faculty and staff might work on this project? How much of their time will be spent on the project? Who will serve as the PI? What other resources are needed or available?

9. Are other community colleges or organizations providing a similar program or project? If so, how is ours different? Why are we the right ones to be launching this program or project?

10. Will we be able to accomplish everything from planning to evaluation within the grant period? What is a realistic timeline?

11. What is the projected cost? How will the project be sustained after the grant period? Is a match required? Is it in-kind or cash? Will NWACC be responsible for continuing the project after funding expires?

12. Will we have partners or collaborators? Will they share costs?

13. Have we identified a funding source? Do we have a copy of the funding source's guidelines? Has a solicitation or RFP been released? How does this program or project match the funding source's goals or missions?

14. What is the competition for this funding? What are the probabilities of being funded?

15. Do we have enough staff to devote time to writing a competitive proposal? Is there time to gather data and obtain signatures?