THIS MESSAGE IS FOR THOSE STAFF/FACULTY WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL TO
THE GREAT LAKES EDUCATION PHILANTHROPY’S DASH GRANT PROGRAM.

ISSUE
For many low-income students an unforeseen expense for something like a car repair or medical bill can
create a financial emergency that threatens their college hopes. While typically not large expenses, they
can be enough to force these students into a tough choice: stay in college or pay the bill. According to
Great Lakes, “when colleges quickly pay these unforeseen, emergency bills on behalf of students,
significantly more low-income college students stay enrolled and on track for graduation.”

SOLUTION
Great Lakes is offering the Dash Grant to four-year colleges after seeing success with similar grants at
two-year colleges. The sponsor’s goal is to help grant recipients establish an emergency grant program on
their campuses that can improve the graduation rate of their low-income students. Applicants should
demonstrate their commitment to promoting student success on their campuses and show how an
emergency grant program would fit in with related efforts. Applicants should also describe plans for
interdepartmental collaboration to ensure effective and efficient student support from the time an
emergency grant application is received until the time the expense has been paid on behalf of the student.

NOTE: According to the sponsor’s guidelines, applicants are required to “run this program from its
Student Services or Student Affairs office or department (not its Financial Aid Office).”

Great Lakes is looking to partner with four-year colleges committed to embedding a robust emergency
grant program into their student success strategy. Applicants will be asked to demonstrate readiness to:
• Contribute 10-15% of emergency grant funds for student expenses up front at the start of each school
  year
• Educate faculty and staff about the availability of the program
• Train staff to efficiently review applications and make student-centered decisions
• Develop seamless coordination between Student Services, Financial Aid and Bursar’s Office to pay
  emergency expenses quickly
• Track enrollment of all grant recipients to determine if program increases retention rates

Great Lakes is dedicated to helping participating colleges quickly implement their emergency grant
programs — and providing ongoing support to assure success for the duration of the grant.
Their assistance includes:
• Funding an Implementation Period that can be used to provide staff training and resolve challenges
  before the program begins
• Sharing a wealth of best practices learned through our emergency grant program at two-year colleges
  so you can be up and running faster
• Providing a proven, turnkey online application and reporting system at no cost — including training
• Regularly convening a learning community of grantee peers who can share challenges and best
  practices
• Equipping you with funds to make grants and a mechanism to measure the impact of those grants

LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER INSTITUTION:
Eligible institutions may submit only one application for this grant opportunity.
DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: MARCH 23, 2017 AT 12:00PM CST.

Because of the above restriction, Research and Sponsored Programs is requesting that all those interested in applying to this foundation submit an abstract for their project to Deborah Lundin by Thursday, March 2. This will enable us to ensure that the university does not submit more than the allotted number of applications for our institution. If the number of abstracts we receive exceeds the number of applications we are allowed to submit, we will advise the relevant faculty and staff on how a selection will be determined. For more information on the Great Lakes Education Philanthropy program, please visit the following link: https://community.mygreatlakes.org/community стратегия скиллинг даш--emergency-grant.html.