

March 4, 1998

MEMORANDUM

TO: Basic Skills Directors

FROM: Randy Whitfield

SUBJECT: Special Project Applications for "Pathways to Employment"

Basic Skills special project applications were recently distributed to all colleges. This letter is to encourage you to consider applying for special project funds to implement the "Pathways to Employment" model at your college. This model is an integrated program designed specifically for welfare recipients, but open to anyone, that includes instruction in Basic Skills, Human Resources Development (HRD), and Occupational Extension. These three elements must be in the special project plan, not as separate entities, but as integrated programs.

Basic Skills received additional funding from the federal government for its programs during the 1997-1998 program year, funds which were reallocated, upon request, to colleges in January. Because of the great impact the "Pathways to Employment" program could have for welfare recipients, some of the additional funds for 1998-1999 will be used to support special projects based on the "Pathways to Employment" model.

Please consider applying for a special project grant to implement "Pathways to Employment" whether or not you are already applying for a another special project grant. Since this proposal will require collaboration with Human Resources Development (HRD) and Occupational Extension, we are extending the grant application deadline for the "Pathways to Employment" grants to April 22, 1998. The grant applications must be received in our office on or before April 22 to be considered (not postmarked). Other special project grant applications still must be postmarked by April 1, 1998.

Please contact me at 919/733-7051, ext 721, if you have any questions.

CC-98-076

c: Presidents
Senior Continuing Education Administrators