Organizational Culture is one of the four strategic pillars that will support COD's future growth. The Resource for Excellence program has been an integral part of COD’s culture by fostering innovation, creativity and initiative among faculty and staff at College of DuPage.

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RESOURCE FOR EXCELLENCE GRANT PROGRAM

Interns and faculty from COD’s Food Security Initiative installed five garden beds and planted crops at the Community Education Fuel Garden.
RESOURCE FOR EXCELLENCE
GRANT PROGRAM

Since 2013, the Resource for Excellence grant program has fostered innovation and a quick response to student needs by providing seed money to test new ideas, pilot new programs or methods, conduct research, or try new services.

THE RESULTS
- 128 projects have been proposed by faculty and staff, with 67 funded.
- 6,500 students, faculty, and community members have engaged in RFE programs
- 6 affinity groups have been represented since inception: Health Care; STEM; Scholarships/Student Affairs; Career/Tech/Certificate Programs; and Liberal/Cultural Arts.
- $971,710 in seed money has been awarded to faculty and staff.
- 12 projects have been renewed for two or three years of support.
- 5 projects have become institutionalized and/or self-sustaining in some form.

THE NEED
As funding tightens, faculty and staff seek support from Resource for Excellence grants to develop creative ways to address student needs and take advantage of new and exciting learning opportunities as they arise. Yet 48% of proposed projects can’t be funded, leaving many good ideas behind. Your support ensures that innovation, creativity and responsiveness continue to be the culture at College of DuPage.

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