

Summary of Proposals for Performance Improvement Funding

Clemson University

8C - Minority Recruitment: Previous Rating: 3

Amount Requested: \$65,000

This proposal is for a three part program designed to increase minority enrollment and retention. The three parts are a pre-college enrichment program (two week summer program for high school juniors), financial aid outreach (minority focused financial aid program), and a faculty advocates program (identification of faculty to serve as advocates for minority students). Costs for these programs are \$40,000, \$10,000 and \$15,000, respectively.

Recommended Amount: \$55,000.

The staff recommends that the institution see this project as a "pilot" and look at funding it from ongoing sources or private sources over a period of years.

The Citadel

8C - Minority Recruitment: Previous Rating: 3

Amount Requested: \$38,796

This proposal involves the implementation of a "College Success Institute" for at-risk minority students. The program will be for four weeks during the second summer session, preceding the freshman year, and will include one or two academic credit course(s) along with seminars specifically designed to aid the students in successfully beginning their college experience. Costs are projected as \$5,540 for personnel, \$1,176 for materials, and \$31,780 for student costs.

Recommended Amount: \$31,056.

The staff recommends that the institution offer this program as a 6 credit hour program and hopes that the Citadel, as part of its new minority recruitment effort, will find the resources possible for the remaining hours of credit.

Francis Marion University

6A - SAT scores: Previous Rating: 3

Amount Requested: \$29,595

This proposal will develop a program specifically designed to increase the SAT scores of high school students in the Pee Dee region. The program will provide training to 360 students across 12 high schools in order to improve performance on the SAT test.

Recommended Amount: \$25,000

The staff recommends that the institution offer this project as a "pilot" project and if successful, seek support from business and the surrounding school districts which also have an ongoing interest in the increase of SAT scores.

Lander University
3D - Accreditation: Previous Rating: 4
Amount Requested: \$16,400

This proposal is for the improvement of technological resources available to the visual arts program prior to a scheduled spring accreditation site visit. The additional equipment is viewed as very important to the accreditation of the visual arts program. The costs of this proposal are entirely for equipment to assist in the accreditation process.

Recommended Amount: \$10,621
The staff recommends partial funding for this proposal.

USC - Union
3A1, 3A2 - class size and student/faculty ratios: Previous Rating: 3
\$5,000

This proposal is for the employment of a consultant to (1) study the college's current performance and (2) develop an action plan for improving performance on indicators relating to class size and student teacher ratios.

Recommended Amount: \$1500.
The staff recommends partial funding for this proposal. In addition, as always, CHE academic affairs staff and existing resources at the U.S.C. Columbia campus could be contacted to assist with developing this plan of action.

State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education
System-wide Request: \$33,830

This proposal is for the lowest scoring institutions in the technical college system, those scoring below 80%, in a competitive application process administered by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education. Technical education projects will be given preference.

Recommended Amount: \$33,830.
The staff recommends that this System-Wide Request be fully funded.
