

BUDGET NEEDS ASSESSMENT APPLICATION

Fall 2019

Name of Person Submitting Request:	Sandra Moore and Danielle Graham
Program or Service Area:	Psychology Department
Division:	Social Science, Human Development, and Kinesiology
Date of Last Program Efficacy:	2017
What rating was given?	Continuation
Amount Requested:	\$5,000
Object Code:	5809, Other Expenses and Fees
State specifically how this budget will be used:	Student Travel to 100th Anniversary Western Psychological Association Conference
Strategic Initiatives Addressed:	Goal 2: Promote Student Success and Goal 3: Improve Communication and Culture
Needs Assessment Resources (includes Object Codes & Strategic Initiatives):	https://www.valleycollege.edu/about-sbvc/campus-committees/academic-senate/program-review/needs-assessment.php

Note: To facilitate ranking by the committee, please submit separate requests for each general area of budget augmentation needed. Do not request a lump sum to encompass many different areas.

One-Time ☒ Ongoing ☐

Does program or service area have an existing budget? Yes ☐ No ☒

Are there alternative funding sources? (for example, Department, Budget, Perkins, Grants, etc.)

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, what are they: Psych Club and possibly ASG/ICC

1. Provide a rationale for your request (Give a detailed explanation of why this budget increase is needed.)

Given SBVC's emphasis on more investment in students and enhancement of the educational environment, the Psychology Department seeks to expand the opportunities for students to learn about psychology, research, and important information on current directions in psychology. Students pursuing a transfer degree in Psychology or who just want to transfer to a 4-year university need exposure to educational opportunities and different career paths in psychology. A small budget is requested to partially fund taking students to the 100th Anniversary Western Psychological Association Conference. ASG/ICC is not a guaranteed funding source. They may contribute some money, but they cannot fund the entire conference. The Psychology Club has and will do fund raising, but the Club will not be able to raise enough money for the conference just through fundraising.

2. Indicate how the content of the department/program's latest Efficacy Report and/or current EMP supports this request and how the request is tied to program planning. (Directly reference the relevant information from your latest Efficacy Report and/or current EMP in your discussion.)

The information, experience, and networking at the conference will aid students in transferring successfully. This will help students in achieving their career goals. In previous years, some of our SBVC have had posters accepted and presented them at the Western Psychological Association Conference. This provided a great opportunity for students to interact with psychologists from many different universities. Psychology continues to be one of the most popular majors at 4-year universities. Psychology AA-T degrees **represented approximately 47% (74 degrees) of the AA-T degrees awarded** in 17-18 according to the Office of

Research, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness. Psychology AA-T Degrees (74) **awarded in 17-18 represent an approximately 620% increase** over the number of degrees awarded in 13-14 and a 47% increase over the number of degrees awarded in 16-17 (EMP). The decline in transfer degrees awarded in 18-19 reflects the loss of a full-time faculty member in Fall 2018 and subsequent cancellations of some advanced classes in Fall 2018. This budget will increase this success and assist in the success of the students after transfer. Travel to this Conference helps students understand the importance of obtaining the transfer degree and transferring to a 4-year institution.

3. Indicate any additional information you want the committee to consider (*for example, regulatory information, compliance, updated efficiency, student success data, or planning, etc.*).

According to 2011 U.S. Census poverty rates in San Bernardino city: (<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/06/0665000.html>), the per capita money income for 2007-2011 was \$15,762 and persons living below the poverty level in 2007-2011 was 28.6%. The costs to attend annual psychology conferences would likely prohibit our students from attending. Offering this experience to our students might change the course of their academic careers and lead to successful transfer to a CSU or UC, many of which attend these conferences. Students will have the opportunity to interact with the CSU and UC faculty members and students, one on one at the conference as well as learn about the research taking place at these campuses.

4. Indicate any related costs (including any ongoing maintenance or updates) and department/program plans to support those costs.

The regional psychology conference put on by Western Psychological Association happens each year in April and costs \$75 for each student to attend. The conference location varies each year with an average hotel cost of about \$280 a night for the 3 nights/4 days of the conference. Air travel may also be required costing approximately \$350 per student. The cost for 6 students to attend the WPA Conference in Portland, OR in April 2018 was approximately \$5,500. In Spring 2020, the WPA will celebrate 100 years as an organization in San Francisco. The April 2020 estimate is shown below, we hope to have some of the costs covered by this budget and the other costs covered by our psychology club fundraising and ASG/ICC.

Estimated Travel Costs Per Student

Total = \$1149.00

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Registration	\$75.00
Hotel	\$420.00
Hotel costs are based on 3 nights at \$140 per person for 2 people per room	
Transportation	\$350.00
Food	\$304.00

Estimated Travel Costs for a Group of 8 Students

Total = \$9,192.00

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Registration	\$600.00
Hotel	\$3360.00
Transportation	\$2,800.00
Food	\$2,432.00

A budget of \$5,000.00 being requested this year specifically for Student Conference Travel to the 100th Anniversary WPA Conference. This will not cover the costs of the entire conference, but it will help supplement fundraising efforts.

5. What are the consequences of not funding this budget request?

If this request is not funded, the Strategic Initiative Goals of Promoting Student Success and Improving Climate and Culture may not be met in terms of course success and transfer rates. Attending a professional conference will enhance student learning in psychology courses required for degree and certificate programs. Students will not get an opportunity to meet and interact with students and faculty from institutions they want to transfer to if they are not supported in attending this conference. Students also will not get an up-close opportunity to see why the transfer degree and transferring is important for them. The College will lose an opportunity to invest in students' future goals and to enhance the educational environment.