

EQUIPMENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT APPLICATION
Fall 2019

Name of Person Submitting Request:	James Stewart
Program or Service Area:	Art Department
Division:	Arts and Humanities
Date of Last Program Efficacy:	Spring 2019
What rating was given?	Continuation
Equipment Requested	30 Shimpo VL-Whisper Pottery Wheels
Amount Requested:	\$39,000
Strategic Initiatives Addressed:	#1 - Increase Access #2 - Promote Student Success #3 - Improve Communication, Culture and Climate #6 - Provide Exceptional Facilities
Needs Assessment Resources (includes Strategic Initiatives):	https://www.valleycollege.edu/about-sbvc/campus-committees/academic-senate/program-review/needs-assessment.php

NOTE: To facilitate ranking by the committee, submit separate requests for each item; however, multiple items can be submitted as one request if it is required that the equipment is packaged together.

Replacement ☒ Additional ☐

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

Yes ☐ NO ☒

If yes, what are they? _____

1. Provide a rationale for your request. (Explain, in detail, the need for this equipment.)

The current pottery wheels are over 11 years old, and due to faculty design, the speed controls are exposed to water and frequently quit functioning. The parts are in constant need of replacement. Approximately 75 students, both program majors, and non-majors, use the wheels per semester.

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 most current EIS data indicates the FTES in the Art Department for 18-19 is 273.28. The student success rate is 73%, and the retention rate is 89%. While students remain in art classes, we also want to ensure their success by having working equipment. Working equipment and safety are necessary for studio and lab classes. This request is tied to the department goal in the 2019 EMP to improve the ceramics studio.

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

The new wheels are more reliable and will require less downtime. Having functioning wheels allows for students to have access to the pottery wheels and is tied directly to successful student outcomes for the projects.

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

The new wheels should be relatively maintenance-free, and the Department's budget can cover maintenance costs.

5. What are the consequences of not funding this equipment?

Not replacing the wheels means continued and frequent breakdowns of the pottery wheels. The old pottery wheels impact student outcomes and the Department's budget. At this time, the cost for repair is \$1,200 per year to keep the wheels working.

The vendor has offered the program a superb deal. They know the problem exists with our wheels and have offered to replace wheels with a superior model upgrade at a lower cost than last year's quote by \$10,000. The new wheels will not have the same problem our current wheels have. The vendor will also include 30 potters' stools with adjustable legs at no charge.