

5. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

5.5.3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD'S INNOVATIVE BRIDGE AND TRANSITIONS GRANT

Grantor: Illinois Community College Board

Amount: \$210,000.00

Period: January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026

Type: Competitive

Matching Funds: None

Lead Staff: Dr. Kristen Jones, Vice President of Education

Purpose: Grant funds will provide students without a U.S. High School diploma and students with English as a Second Language wrap-around services to support enrollment, retention and completion of Integrated Career and Academic Preparation System (ICAPS) programs by decreasing transition barriers. The College will develop new SUPPORT (Serving Underserved Populations by Personalizing Opportunities Related to Transitions) services to aid students in gaining educational and workplace skills needed to be employed in career fields with immediate job openings in the county.

Recommendation: Accept the Illinois Community College Board's Innovative Bridge and Transitions Grant in the amount of \$210,000.00.