



**Wharton County
Junior College**

**Proposed Agenda Item
Board of Trustees Meeting**

Date of Board Meeting: 3/28/2017

Date of This Proposal: 3/6/2017

SUBJECT (item as it will appear on agenda):

Information Item: Funding from University of Houston for National Science Foundation grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review information item.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Wharton County Junior College is a subrecipient of a National Science Foundation grant awarded to the University of Houston to support the *teachHouston* project. The goal of *teachHouston* is to graduate certified high school teachers with STEM majors and education minors to create subject matter expert educators. Specifically, the grant funds two separate one semester credit hour courses at WCJC to introduce STEM majors to teaching through field experiences in local elementary and junior high schools. Both courses transfer to University of Houston and satisfy a graduation requirement for a minor in education. WCJC graduates who maintain a STEM major and seek a minor in education at University of Houston are eligible for up to \$25,000 each in scholarships; \$150,000 of total scholarship funds available for *teachHouston* will be set aside specifically for WCJC program participants.

Estimated Cost and Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): \$25,000

The grant covers the cost of course delivery, student recruitment, and program advising.

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:

Barbara Lynn, Education & Early Childhood Program Director

SIGNATURES:

Originator

Cabinet-Level Supervisor

Date

3-8-17

Date

PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:

3-8-17