Goldman Sachs gives community college fund
Request for proposal

Goldman Sachs recognizes the vital role that community colleges play in extending educational opportunity to individuals who might not have had the opportunity otherwise to realize their potential and provide for their families. The commitment of the firm to these institutions has been realized through the 10,000 Small Businesses initiative, which has partnered with community colleges across the country.

Goldman Sachs is proud to announce that it has furthered its’ commitment to community colleges and has established the Goldman Sachs Gives Community College Fund. This Fund will award grants to help build community colleges’ endowments in support of need-based financial aid. Goldman Sachs Gives has had a long-standing commitment to need-based financial aid, having already supported scholarships at more than 200 colleges and universities globally. Your community college is invited to apply before the application deadline of September 30, 2015. Grant award recipient announcements will begin in the fall of 2015 and will continue over several months.

Established in 2007, Goldman Sachs Gives is a donor-advised fund, from which current and retired senior employees of the firm can recommend grants to non-profit organizations in support of underserved populations around the world. Goldman Sachs Gives is an important part of the Goldman Sachs’ tradition of individual philanthropy, reflecting the firm’s culture of teamwork and collaboration, of fueling great ideas, of advancing leaders, and of solving complex social issues globally. The firm has contributed $1.4 billion to Goldman Sachs Gives since 2010, demonstrating the firm’s commitment to philanthropy through diversified and impactful giving.

Suggested Criteria for Selection
It is recommended that community colleges interested in applying for grant funds from the Goldman Sachs Gives Community College Fund meet the following criteria:

— Community colleges with endowment size of <$20 million

— Community college demonstrates that it has a commitment of 1:1 matching of at least $50,000 in financial aid funds from public or private sources by the time of your college’s application submission, in order to maximize impact of GSG grant and to encourage partnership opportunities

Proposal Requirements

Submission Checklist
Please note: Grant submission must include the following items and be submitted in the following formats:

- Proposal Document
  Please provide a written proposal that addresses the following and describes how your organization would use grant funds from the Goldman Sachs Gives Community College Fund.
  - Background information and community college profile:
    - Name and Address for college
    - Contact Person for Proposal (name, title, telephone, e-mail, fax)
    - Describe the governance and reporting structure of your college
— Please explain your tuition and fee structure for your college’s services, if any
— Describe any current or past financial contributions by the Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., the Goldman Sachs Foundation, Goldman Sachs Gives, or any other Goldman Sachs affiliated organization
— Overall student enrollment as of date of submission (please denote full time and part time students)
— Proportion of net assets per each enrolled student (please distinguish between full and part time students)
— Percentage of students receiving need-based aid or percentage of student population under $30k in family income level (please distinguish between full and part time students)

— Proposal information including:
  — Brief statement summarizing your grant request (not to exceed 200 words)
  — Total requested amount in USD
  — Define your evaluation plans for measuring and tracking the grant’s impact on your students and school community (not to exceed 200 words)
  — What are your college’s mission, vision, history and long-term goals? Describe relevant accomplishments or record of achievement for your organization (not to exceed 200 words)
  — What programs, if any, exist at your college in the area of helping students complete their degree or move on to another 2-year or 4-year institution
  — Demonstration of experience in matching funds from public and private sources
  — Please note the size of your college’s endowment; what are the current sources of funding and how are funds used. Please be sure to include what percentage of your endowment supports financial aid and specific examples of how that financial aid is allocated to students
  — Describe your institution’s key program components and activities related to your need-based financial aid program and student recipients, including geographic scope and profile of targeted individuals who would benefit from the program
  — Proposed timeline for developing and implementing the activities proposed

— Financial Controls and Management of Grant Funds
  — Describe the financial controls in place to manage the receipt and disbursement of the grant funds requested to support this program
  — Describe the process you plan to utilize to monitor and report on the use of the grant funds (reports should include average scholarship size, number of students impacted, and student profiles, where available and authorized for distribution)

- Resumes or biographies of key program personnel (if relevant)
- List of Trustees and Board members and their affiliations
- Previous evaluations of program effectiveness (if available)
- Most recent audited financial statements
- Most recent tax form 990
Submission Information

- Format: Please submit all materials by email in Adobe PDF format
- Submission Address: GoldmanSachsGives@gs.com
- Deadline: September 30, 2015