



2025 - 2026 FACULTY AND STAFF GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name of Project/Program: _____ Date: 3/17/2025

Applicant's Name: Ebenezer Kofi Peprah

GCC Position: Adjunct Faculty Department: Social Science (Geography)

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Please check which category best describes your project:

- Arts & Culture Athletics & Fitness Career & Work Training College Operations & Facilities

- Humanities/Social Sciences Science & Technology Other

Amount requested: \$ 5000

Please attach a one- to two-page typed request that provides a comprehensive summary of your project/program and establishes the need. Please include the following:

- What do you propose to do? Who will be involved in the project/program? What are the benefits of this project/program to the students, college, and the community? How does this project/program support the College's Institutional Strategic Plan? Timeline for the project/program. How do you propose to use the funds requested? Please include specific budget information Please list any other sources of funding you have applied for and include dollar amounts if already awarded. How will the Foundation's support be recognized? How do you plan to evaluate this project's success? If your project/program is successful, how will it inform your practice moving forward?

Please email this completed and signed form along with your proposal to zjacobs@glendale.edu

Submission Deadline - Thursday, May 29, 2025, by 5:00 PM PST

Signature lines for Applicant and Chair of Department Head (Elizabeth Kronkeck)

Grant Review Committee comments and/or recommendations:

This grant was denied/approved on _____ The amount awarded is \$ _____

Glendale College Foundation Grant Application

Submitted by: Ebenezer Kofi Peprah, Adjunct Faculty Member

Department: Social Science (Geography)

Project Title: Housing Support Workshops for Community College Students

Funding Requested: \$5,000

Academic Year: 2025-2026

What do you propose to do?

Housing insecurity among community college students is a significant barrier to academic success. Many students at Glendale Community College (GCC) struggle with homelessness or unstable housing, impacting their ability to focus on their education.

Through **KAN Off The Street Inc.**, I have been hosting **Housing Support Workshops** to provide students with access to essential resources such as emergency housing, utility assistance, free cell phone programs, and financial aid opportunities. This grant will allow us to expand these workshops, improve outreach efforts, and ensure students receive timely support.

Who will be involved in the project?

- **Lead Organizer:** Ebenezer Kofi Peprah, Adjunct Faculty Member at GCC
- **Student Services & GCC Staff:** Collaboration with the Dean of Student Services and the Basic Needs Center
- **Guest Speakers & Community Partners:** Representatives from city and county resource agencies, housing assistance programs, and financial aid offices
- **Students:** Participants in need of housing and related resources

Benefits to Students, the College, and the Community

For Students:

- ✓ Increases access to emergency housing and financial support
- ✓ Helps students stay in school despite housing challenges
- ✓ Reduces stress and improves mental well-being

For GCC:

- ✓ Supports student retention and success
- ✓ Strengthens GCC's reputation as a leader in student support services
- ✓ Fosters partnerships with community organizations

For the Community:

- ✓ Strengthens relationships between GCC and local agencies
 - ✓ Encourages city and county leaders to prioritize student housing needs
 - ✓ Creates a replicable model for other colleges facing similar challenges
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Currently, this program has been operating without external funding. No additional grants have been awarded for this initiative. This grant will provide **the first dedicated funding source** to sustain and expand these workshops.

Foundation Recognition

The **Glendale College Foundation's** support will be recognized through:

- ✓ Acknowledgment in all workshop materials and presentations
- ✓ Inclusion in GCC's event promotions and social media campaigns
- ✓ A formal presentation to the Foundation Board showcasing the project's success

Evaluating the Project's Success

We will measure the effectiveness of the workshops through:

- ✓ **Student Attendance & Participation** – Tracking workshop attendance and engagement
- ✓ **Pre- & Post-Workshop Surveys** – Assessing knowledge gain and student feedback
- ✓ **Resource Utilization Rates** – Measuring how many students access the services provided
- ✓ **Student Retention Data** – Analyzing whether participants continue their studies at GCC

Long-Term Impact & Sustainability

If successful, this initiative will:

- ✓ **Become a regular offering within GCC's Student Services**
- ✓ **Expand partnerships with external agencies to increase student support**
- ✓ **Serve as a model for other community colleges looking to address student homelessness**

This grant will **lay the foundation for a long-term, sustainable program** that directly benefits the most vulnerable students at GCC.

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