

## Request to Accept Open Textbooks Grant

### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends acceptance of the Open Textbooks for Rural Arizona Grant awarded through the US Department of Education in the amount of \$101,898.00 (Award Number: P116T210013).

### **Summary:**

The three-year federal grant is to facilitate collaboration and professional development related to Open Educational Resources (OER), develop high-quality OER textbooks and ancillary materials to address gaps in the existing marketplace, implement and expand the use of OER to reduce key barriers to degree completion by decreasing the cost of education, and utilize existing features of Learning Management Systems (LMS) for personalized learning and continuous improvement.

The grant project is a collaborative effort of the Arizona Open Textbook Consortium led by Yavapai College. Consortium members include Arizona Western College, Eastern Arizona College, Central Arizona College, Coconino Community College, Mohave Community College, and Northland Pioneer College. The total award for all participating institutions is \$801,218.00, for a 3-year term. As a sub-awardee, NPC receives \$101,898.00, with \$33,966.00 allocated for each grant year. There is no financial matching required for this grant.

In collaboration with the consortium members, the college will utilize grant funds to provide professional development opportunities and support faculty in the development and adoption of OER.

The grant has a budget/performance period that begins September 1st, 2021 and ends August 30th, 2024.

