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The largest of the three is the Title III grant, a five-year \$2.25M Improving Student Access and Success grant. It is part of the U.S. Department of Education funded Title III Strengthening Institutions Program. The grant program is faculty driven and has three parts. The first part focuses on student services, expanding and strengthening online services, and enhancing the college's First-Year Experience program. Part two of the grant helps increase student access and success in Distance Education courses. The third part strengthens institutional research and infrastructure support of data reporting systems.

The second grant is TRiO, a Federal Title IV Program that supports low income and first  are the first in their family to attend and graduate from college. The grant helps increase the retention, transfer, and graduation rates of participating students. The \$1.1M U.S. Department of Education grant runs over a five-

knows the funds will help a broad section of students at the college.

“These grants will help our students complete their educational goals, whether they earn a degree, transfer, take online classes, or learn new job skills. Low income and first generation students sometimes need a little extra help and the TRiO grant provides that. We also know that suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students, but it is also one of the most preventable. The QPR training will help save lives,” said Hindes.

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