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Cal Poly Extended Studies Receives \$37,000 Grant

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The California State University Commission on the Extended University has awarded Cal Poly's Extended Studies program a \$37,000 grant to help identify existing educational voids in northern San Luis Obispo and southern Monterey counties.

The money, to be awarded in the 2002-2003 academic year, will help Extended Studies carry out a comprehensive study of the educational and workforce training needs of the two counties. Extended Studies will be working with area businesses, community organizations, local school districts and government agencies to assess current and future workforce development needs.

Once completed, the study will be the basis for planning and developing future programs.

"We are very pleased that the CSU commission has awarded this important planning grant to Cal Poly Extended Studies," said Dennis Parks, dean of extended studies at Cal Poly. "The grant will significantly assist Extended Studies in its mission to expand educational opportunities to these two areas."

The study will include the communities of Atascadero, Greenfield, King City, Paso Robles and Templeton.

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