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RCC wins Master Recycling initiative grant

The Solid Waste Agency of Josephine County has awarded Rogue Community College a \$37,345 grant to fund the first year of a proposed three-year recycling project.

The grant will enable RCC to create a 'living laboratory' of recycling activity at RWC, according to Jeanne Howell, RCC associate dean.

"The first year of this project will bring the Master Recycler program to Josephine County," Howell said. The Master Recycler program, which has been established in several Oregon counties, provides information to the public on waste prevention and recycling and helps achieve waste reduction goals.

An AmeriCorps volunteer, supported by the grant, will coordinate recycling activities on campus and organize Master Recycler classes. The AmeriCorps volunteer position is funded September 1 through July 31, 2010. Salary for a student worker dedicated to recycling activity also was funded, as was a golf cart to move recycling bins around campus. Additional bins will be placed on campus to encourage recycling.

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