

Barton Community College Strategic Plan Project Charter

Purpose (The why of the project/current state):

Barton is experiencing a decrease in state aid, resulting in a greater need to identify opportunities to strengthen and expand Barton's already high-performing grant efforts. With an average success rate of 85.4%, the college is well-positioned to pursue a greater volume and broader range of grant opportunities. This project aims to understand current capacity, identify areas where additional submissions are reasonable, and ensure that grant-seeking activities continue to align with institutional needs and priorities.

Artifacts: (The evidence being used):

Number of applications submitted: Used to understand current activity levels and determine whether additional applications can be supported.

Number of awards received: Helps monitor annual success rates and measure growth in awarded opportunities.

Overview (Summary of what will be done):

The Grants Office plans to pursue an increased number of Federal, state, local, and corporate grant opportunities. By examining trends in recently awarded submissions, the project will help determine where strategic expansion is most likely. The goal is to increase the total number of applications while maintaining strong success rates and growth in awarded dollars.

Project Addresses Strategic Initiative:

5.1 - Increase funding sources through federal, state, local, and private grants to support institutional goals and priorities.

Goal (Desired result/the data point you want to move):

The goal is to increase Barton's grant application average grant rate by 1% per year over the next three years. Current performance benchmarks include FY24 at 85.71% (18/21), FY25 at 86.95% (20/23), and FY26 at 83.33% (15/18), producing an annual unweighted average success rate of 85.33% and an overall success rate of 85.48% (53/62). The goal is to build upon these strong results and achieve measurable, incremental increases in annual success rates.

Project Description or Scope of Work:

Strategically expand Barton's grant-seeking efforts by pursuing a mix of federal, state, local, and corporate funding opportunities. These efforts include identifying aligned programs and coordinating with campus stakeholders to strengthen proposals.

Starting Date:

- January 2026

Milestone Dates:

Present dollar amount history and project charter to President’s Staff in March/April 2026
Conduct an annual review of improvement in FY26–FY28.

Impact (How the goal is reflected in a defined population):

Increased grant funding enhances Barton’s ability to deliver high-quality programs and services that support the students, employees, and communities the college serves.

RACI (Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, Informed) Chart:

[See RACI Chart Spreadsheet](#)

Plan for Sustainability (Where will project “live” after implementation):

- The Grants Office currently manages the grant application process. This project charter is a continuation of their ongoing efforts.

Additional Relevant Information:

The current and future grant landscape may affect the number of grants available to meet the relevant needs of the college, which could impact grant success rates.