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Dear Colleagues,

In a time where undocumented communities are grappling with fear and uncertainty, a coalition of philanthropic funders announced today that **new funding is available for public colleges in California to create new programs to serve students and their families impacted by the expiration of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.** The California Community Colleges system has launched efforts over the last year to reassure students that campuses will remain safe, welcoming places for people from all backgrounds to learn, and I would like to pass along this funding opportunity shared with us by our colleagues at the Foundation for California Community Colleges as an extension of those efforts.

A coalition of funders, including the Chavez Family Foundation, Evelyn & Walter Haas, Jr. Fund, Grove Foundation, Hellman Foundation, James Irvine Foundation, Weingart Foundation and others have formed the Catalyst Fund. The California Campus Catalyst Fund is a multi-million dollar, three-year grant making initiative to expand support for undocumented students and their families across the state's three public higher education systems: California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California. Grants will focus on our grant support on campuses with *new* or *nascent* efforts to serve undocumented students and provide an opportunity for campus leaders to develop creative strategies to respond to the needs of large numbers of undocumented students and their families. Average grant amounts will be \$125,000 for the first twelve-month cycles. Initial applications are due May 1, 2018. To learn more about what the Catalyst Fund will support and how to apply, visit [CaliforniaCatalystFund.org](http://CaliforniaCatalystFund.org).

I encourage colleges and coalitions of colleges to consider applying to take advantage of these additional resources and protect those who are among our brightest students and hardest workers.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ELOY ORTIZ OAKLEY".

**Eloy Ortiz Oakley**  
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