



ATTACHMENT 1
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
California College Promise Innovation Grant Program Overview
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In October of 2011, Senate Bill (SB) 650 (Lowenthal) was signed into law by Governor Brown enacting the College Promise Partnership Act (CPPA). This allowed the Long Beach Community College District and the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) to enter into a partnership, as specified within the bill, to provide participating students with an “aligned sequence of rigorous high school and college coursework leading to capstone college courses,” focused curricular pathways and the coordinated delivery of student support services. The bill also authorized the Long Beach Community College District to provide priority registration to participants meeting specific criteria and allowed the district to receive state apportionment, with certain restrictions. The success of this collaboration was demonstrated by a dramatic increase in the number of students completing college-level (non-remedial) English and mathematics courses and the number of former LBUSD admitted into California State University Long Beach.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1741 (Rodriguez) was signed into law in September of 2016 by Governor Brown establishing the *California College Promise Innovation Grant Program*. This provides financial support to districts interested in implementing new or expanding existing College Promise programs. Generally speaking, College Promise programs are partnerships, which align local K-12 school districts, community colleges, and public university segments to provide clear pathways for students to follow in order to achieve their educational goals. In addition, a successful program should also improve college readiness, access, and the overall success of its participants.

The 2016-17 Budget appropriated one-time funding in the amount of \$15 million, to be distributed by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, to applicants selected to participate in the *California College Promise Innovation Grant Program*. Multi-college districts submitting an application on behalf of more than one college were eligible for up to \$1,500,000 in funding. Six districts are recommended for award at this level. Multi-college districts submitting an application on behalf of a single college and single-college district applicants were eligible for up to \$750,000 in funding. Eight districts are recommended for award at this level.